



Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



2023-1809

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 3110 E. Livingston Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio 43227 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Officer Zachariah West (W)

Date of Activity: 08/29/2023

Activity Location: Harshman, Wannemacher, Tipton & Lipperman – 4683 Winterset Drive, Columbus, OH 43220, Franklin County

Author: SA Ryan D. Scheiderer, #89

Narrative:

On August 29, 2023 at approximately 1349 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) obtained a recorded statement from Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Officer Zachariah West (Officer West) regarding the shooting incident involving officers from CPD, deputies from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO), and Antwan Lindsey (Lindsey) that occurred on July 08, 2023 at 3110 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio (Franklin County). Lindsey was fatally shot by officers during that incident. The contact with Officer West took place at his attorney's office and his attorney, Lathan Lipperman, was present. Officer West signed a Criminal Investigation Notification (CIN) form affirming his decision to provide a voluntary statement. The following is a summation of the contact with Officer West and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording. (*It should be noted that during the interview, Lindsey was referred to as "suspect" by the officer and that verbiage may be used throughout the summary when trying to quote the officer or document what an officer stated they heard or thought regarding the incident*)

Officer West, Badge #2787, has been with CPD for approximately ten-and-a-half (10.5) years and his assignment on July 8th was 14A5. On that date, Officer West was working a "Parks Patrol" special duty assignment from 1600 – 2400 hours with Officer Robert Kemp (Officer Kemp). At approximately 1930–2000 hours, Officer West heard radio traffic from Dispatch advising "Shots fired, officer down" at the incident location. While responding to that location, Officer West heard Dispatch advise "Disregard, officer is ok, suspect is down". That was followed by additional information from Dispatch advising the suspect was still shooting at officer(s). Information coming from Dispatch was conflicting about the status of the situation.

Officer West and his partner, Officer Kemp arrived at 3110 E. Livingston Avenue and parked in the roadway. They started walking towards the front of the apartment building and were told

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by other officers to stay away. Officer West and Officer Kemp made their way to the rear (north) of the apartment building and set up a security perimeter. Officer West explained that he did not know where Lindsey or the involved-deputy were located at that time. Officer West heard a single gunshot in the area and then heard verification that Lindsey was inside the building. A "barrage" of gunfire occurred and as Officer West and Officer Kemp attempted to enter the building, they encountered [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who was running out of the building. Upon entering the lower-level hallway, Officer West observed several officers standing around Lindsey, who was laying on the ground, at the south end of the hallway. When they arrived, Officer Kemp began assisting with first aid on Lindsey and Officer West maintained security because he wasn't sure if there was another "shooter" or "suspect".

Officer West clarified that at some point, Dispatch did advise the involved-officer was a deputy sheriff. Officer West never personally observed anyone discharge a firearm during the incident, and only heard gunshots. Officer West clarified he was not sure where the "involved-deputy", [REDACTED] [REDACTED], was located at any time during the incident. Officer West stated he believed Dispatch originally advised there were two (2) "suspects" on scene. Officer West was not able to determine if it was police or Lindsey shooting when he heard the "barrage" of gunfire. Officer West observed Officer Kemp and another unidentified officer administering first aid to Lindsey until Medics arrived and took over. Officer West didn't have any additional information.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: CPD Officer Zachariah West Audio Interview 8.29.2023
Attachment # 02: CPD Officer Zachariah West CIN 8.29.2023

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Criminal Investigation Notification

1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is not a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

Zachariah West

Printed Name of Interviewee

8.29.23 150 pm

Date / Time

Signature of Interviewee

Ryan Scherzer
BCI Agent (Printed)

BCI Agent (Signature)