

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



2022-1356 Officer-Involved Critical Incident - Unknown, Jayland Walker (S)

Investigative Activity:	Interview with Law Enforcement
Involves:	Lieutenant Dave Olszewski (O), Euclid Police Department (O),
	BCI (O)
Activity Date:	7/5/2022
Activity Location:	Euclid Police Department –
	545 East 222 nd Street, Euclid, Ohio 44123
Authoring Agent:	SA Charles Moran #67

Narrative:

On July 5, 2022, at 1312 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chuck Moran (Moran) and SA Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) interviewed Euclid Police Department (EPD) Lieutenant (Lt.) Dave Olszewski (Olszewski).

SA Moran asked Lt. Olszewski about what he recalled from the police officer candidate interview with Dupre Whatley (Whatley) that occurred on June 29, 2022. Lt. Olszewski was part of the interview team (EPD Chief and four captains) speaking with Whatley. During the interview, Whatley mentioned that his "best friend" had been killed by the police a few days prior. Lt. Olszewski knew about the incident in Akron but did not know any details.

Lt. Olszewski stated, "This isn't verbatim, but he made several statements along the lines of uh, that, he didn't blame the police for the shooting um, also he couldn't understand why, why he had a gun. Um, I believe he said his you know, he didn't know his friend to even know how to use a gun. Um, and he mentioned something about his best friend's girlfriend dying in a car accident like a month prior to that, that um, that could have had something to do with his emotional state during the uh, during the incident."

SA Moran asked about Whatley's appearance as he spoke about his friend, Jayland Walker. Lt. Olszewski said Whatley "began to tear up" while talking about his friend.

SA Momchilov asked Lt. Olszewski if Whatley mentioned if Jayland Walker asked him any questions about police tactics. Lt. Olszewski said Whatley talked about that he told either his friend or his younger brother (unsure which one specifically) "how to act around the police."

SA Moran asked Lt. Olszewski about the statement that Whatley made about Jayland Walker owning a gun or about how he did not know how to use a gun. Lt. Olszewski said he did not recall anything else about that statement Whatley made.

The audio-recorded interview with Lt. Olszewski ended at 1317 hours.

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Before Lt. Olszewski left the room, he told agents that he often multitasks during the interviews, and he was handling paperwork and other items related to two new officers that were recently hired, so he was not focusing on exactly what Whatley said during this portion of the interview.

Attachments:

The audio-recorded interview with Lt. Olszewski was attached to this report.

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