



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 45 Great Southern Blvd.,
Columbus, OH 43207

Investigative Activity: Case Opening
Date of Activity: 08/09/2023
Activity Location: Scene – 45 Great Southern Blvd, Columbus, OH 43207, Franklin County
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Narrative:

On Wednesday, August 09, 2023 at approximately 0747 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Sergeant Terry McConnell of the Columbus Police Department (CPD) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 45 Great Southern Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43207.

The shooting incident involved a subject, Austin Huntzinger (Huntzinger), and members of the Columbus Police Department. Sgt. McConnell advised CPD encountered Huntzinger in a shopping center parking lot after receiving calls of a male with a gun attempting to rob people. Upon arrival, CPD Officer [REDACTED] and Ofc. [REDACTED] encountered Huntzinger outside of a vehicle, brandished and discharged a firearm. Both CPD officers discharged their firearms, striking Huntzinger. Huntzinger was later pronounced deceased at Grant Hospital. Ofc. [REDACTED] was also shot in the right leg during the exchange of gunfire. He was transported to Grant Hospital and is expected to survive.

BCI Special Agent Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) responded to assist, arriving at approximately 0841 hours. Also responding from the BCI Special Investigations Unit were Special Agents Matt Collins, SA Jim Mulford, SA Jimmy Poole, SA John Butterworth and SA Craig Call. Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence.

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