



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



2022-1115  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – SR 339 near mile marker 3,  
Belpre (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** Deputy [REDACTED] (S), Devon Lee Taylor (S)  
**Date of Activity:** 06/07/2022  
**Activity Location:** Washington County Sheriffs Office – Business – 205 Putnam Street,  
Marietta, OH 45750, Washington County  
**Author:** SA Shane R. Hanshaw, #102

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, June 07, 2022, at 1143 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Shane Hanshaw (Hanshaw) interviewed Washington County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO) Deputy [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] relative to the Officer–Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on Thursday, May 19, 2022. The interview took place at the Washington County Sheriff’s Office located at 309 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Marietta, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information regarding the activities that occurred on State Route 339 in Washington County. Also present during the interview was Attorney George Cosenza and Deputy [REDACTED]’s wife. Prior to conducting the interview, SA Hanshaw advised Deputy [REDACTED] that the investigation was a criminal investigation and read a Notice of Criminal Investigation form to Deputy [REDACTED] in the presence of his attorney. Deputy [REDACTED] stated he understood the Notice of Criminal Investigation form, signed the form, and agreed to participate in the interview. The interview was audio recorded.

Deputy [REDACTED] was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the May 19, 2022 officer–involved shooting which occurred in the area of State Route 339 in Washington County, Ohio. Reportedly, Deputy [REDACTED] did discharge a firearm multiple times during the course of the incident.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader’s overall understanding of the information obtained during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the

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full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

At the onset of the interview SA Hanshaw identified himself as a BCI Special Agent and began by asking some preliminary questions. Deputy ██████ stated his radio call sign on May 19, 2022, was ██████ Deputy ██████ is currently working as a road deputy and normally works from 1800 hours to 0600 hours. Deputy ██████ was working his normal shift when the incident occurred. He has been employed by the Washington County Sheriff's Office since 2008.

During the incident, Deputy ██████ wore his standard police uniform consisting of tactical dress uniform (TDU). Deputy ██████ was carrying his department issued duty weapon, two additional 17 round magazines, and a Taser. Deputy ██████ duty firearms and magazines were collected by the BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) when the scene was processed. Deputy ██████ was wearing a body worn camera. The contents of the body worn camera were later collected to be reviewed by BCI. Deputy ██████ was driving a marked police utility vehicle, vehicle number ██████ equipped with a working spotlight, emergency lights, and siren. Deputy ██████ stated his vehicle is not outfitted with a vehicle camera.

Deputy ██████ stated he is a certified defensive tactics training instructor; however, the department outsources the training to another individual. Deputy ██████ has 18 years of military experience.

Deputy ██████ stated he wears reading glasses for convenience, but is not required to wear them. Deputy ██████ said he has no physical disabilities that would prohibit him from completing his job duties. Deputy ██████ stated he was well rested at the time of the incident and was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his ability to perform his duty. Deputy ██████ said he had not consumed any alcohol in the last 24 hours prior to the OICI.

Deputy ██████ stated he has never been involved in an OICI and has had no previous complaints files against him for excessive force issues.

At this point of the interview, SA Hanshaw asked Deputy ██████ to begin with his account of the incident. Prior to beginning, Deputy ██████'s attorney asked him to step out of the room momentarily to speak with him. Upon returning to the room, Deputy ██████ stated on the date of the incident, he noticed a vehicle that he targeted on his radar traveling 83 miles per hour in a 60 mile per hour zone. Deputy ██████ said he conducted a turn on the vehicle on State Route 339. Deputy ██████ said the vehicle exited into the parking lot of the Silver Moon diner. Deputy ██████ said the vehicle pulled in facing the diner and he pulled in facing the vehicle. Deputy ██████ said the driver whipped around and was facing his police vehicle and then speed off. Deputy ██████ said he initiated his lights and siren. Deputy ██████ said under the advice of

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his attorney he was not going to go into a play by play of the incident unless I had any further questions about that portion of the incident.

SA Hanshaw advised Deputy ██████ that he did have additional questions; however, he did not have to answer the questions. Deputy ██████ said he was willing to listen to SA Hanshaw's questions and decide if he was going to answer them. SA Hanshaw advised Deputy ██████ that he would ask questions based on the contents of the body worn camera. SA Hanshaw also advised Deputy ██████ that if SA Hanshaw said something that was not correct, to stop him and correct any incorrect thing that SA Hanshaw said.

SA Hanshaw said that based on the body worn camera it appeared that Deputy ██████ activated his lights and siren, radioed to his dispatcher, and pursued the vehicle after clocking the vehicle at a high rate of speed. Deputy ██████ indicated that was accurate.

During the pursuit Deputy ██████ said he advised his dispatcher that the driver of the vehicle had caused a crash with another vehicle. Deputy ██████ said he advised his dispatcher to send an ambulance to the location of the vehicle.

After the crash, Deputy ██████ said the fleeing vehicle went off the right side of the road. Deputy ██████ said this location was the end of the pursuit. Deputy ██████ said at this point he exited his vehicle and approached the front of the fleeing vehicle because the side curtain airbags were down and he could not see into the vehicle from the side.

Deputy ██████ said as he walked around the front of the vehicle, the driver of the vehicle pointed a pistol at his face and a strobe. It should be noted when the driver of the fleeing vehicle, Devon Taylor, was removed from the vehicle, a plastic pistol was found between his legs and Taylor was wearing a head band light around his head.

When asked what occurred after that, Attorney Cosenza advised Deputy ██████ that it was not a good idea to continue. At that point Deputy ██████ said he reacted to what he saw and stated the contents of the body worn camera would constitute the rest of his statement.

At approximately 1208 hours, SA Hanshaw concluded the interview with Deputy ██████

The interview was audio recorded. The Notice of Criminal Investigation form and audio recording was attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

#### **Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: Deputy ██████ recorded interview

Attachment # 02: Notice of Criminal Investigation Dep. ██████

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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).

[Redacted] \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Interviewee

6-7-22 \_\_\_\_\_  
Date / Time

[Redacted] \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Interviewee

S.A. Shane Henshaw \_\_\_\_\_  
BCI Agent (Printed)

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