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Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 3171 Legion Lane, Columbus,
OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Case Opening
Date of Activity: 04/20/2021
Activity Location: Bryant, Ma'Khia – Home – 3171 Legion Lane, Columbus, OH
43232, Franklin County
Author: SA Matthew Collins, #151

Narrative:

On April 20, 2021, at approximately 1700 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Matt Collins (SA Collins) received a notification from BCI Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Kevin Barbeau (SAS Barbeau), indicating agents were possibly being requested to respond to an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI). The incident was said to involve members of the City of Columbus-Division of Police (CPD). At approximately 1715 hours, SAS Barbeau confirmed that request.

SA Collins responded to 3171 Legion Ln, Columbus, OH. While enroute, agents were made aware that there were individuals who'd planned to organize a protest in the downtown Columbus area. However, it was learned those individuals planned to move such event to the area of Legion Lane. SA Collins arrived on scene at approximately 1822 hours.

When he arrived, SA Collins witnessed there was crime scene tape already placed and a large perimeter was established, as well as an inner perimeter. SA Collins being the first Special Investigations Unit (SIU) agent on scene, made contact with the CPD officer-in-charge (OIC) at the scene at the time. With reports of a large crowd potentially arriving in the area, SA Collins believed it would be best to quickly identify and speak with as many witnesses and secure evidence as quickly as possible. SA Collins explained to the OIC that he was going to need a list of officer's names who were present during the incident and/or who immediately responded to the incident. SA Collins further advised he was going to need a list of any witnesses who were currently in CPD cruisers and the cruiser numbers.

SA Collins spoke briefly with BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) SA Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb). SA Holcomb indicated that he was aware the incident occurred outside, near the street, in front of 3171 Legion Ln. However, it was unknown if any of the events took place within the yard of that said property or inside the residence. SA Holcomb and SA Collins discussed there had not yet been a lead SIU agent assigned. SA Collins advised he would make contact at 3171 Legion

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Ln in order to see if consent to search could be obtained, or if agents would need to obtain a search warrant for such search. While speaking with SA Holcomb, SA Collins noticed there were individuals moving inside the residence of 3171. SA Collins made contact at 3171 Legion Ln and learned Angela Moore (Moore) was inside with a female CPD officer. Moore indicated that she would be providing consent for agents to obtain evidence from her property. SA Collins learned that some parties involved were the foster children of Moore. SA Collins later interviewed Moore. Please refer to that Investigative Report for further.

SAS Barbeau advised SA Collins that he, SA Collins, was going to be assigned as the lead or case agent.

SA Collins was told the shooting incident involved a subject, Ma'kiah Bryant (Bryant), and a member of CPD. The incident resulted in the death of Bryant.

SA Collins was made aware there was a male subject in a CPD patrol vehicle (#9201) and it was not yet known if he was the biological father of Bryant, or what his relationship to her was. SA Collins later interviewed that subject, Myron Hammonds, who identified himself as the biological father of Bryant. Please refer to that Investigative Report for further. Furthermore, SA Collins was advised that the deceased, prior to the incident, was in the custody of the Franklin County Children's Services.

As additional witnesses were identified, agents on scene were tasked with conducting interviews with those subjects. SA Collins was told there was a neighbor, John Ballard, who was believed to be a witness to some portion of the events. SA Collins interviewed Ballard. Please refer to the Investigative Report for further.

SA Collins and SAS Justin Root canvassed the area for external surveillance cameras on buildings or houses. There were cameras located at three residences (3159; 3177; 3183). Those residences were on the same side of the street as the incident location (3171 Legion). The views of the cameras were obstructed by buildings and the designs of the houses, therefore there was no view/s possible of the incident.

There were two (2) camera views discovered at 3171 Legion Ln. There was a Ring Doorbell camera at the front door and there was a camera above the garage which faced northeast, covering the driveway area. There was also a surveillance camera above the garage of 3160 Legion Ln. The camera appeared to face in a southwestern direction. Contact was made at that location and the video was obtained.