



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



2025-0883

Officer Involved Critical Incident – I-75 NB / Mile Marker 14,
Evendale, Ohio (Hamilton County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Officer Jerry Barnell (W)
Date of Activity: 03/19/2025
Activity Location: – IR 75 NB (MP 14), Evendale, OH
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On March 19, 2025, at approximately 0540 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Dave Hornyak interviewed Glendale Police Officer Jerry Barnell relative to the officer-involved critical incident that occurred earlier that morning on I-75 in Evendale, Ohio. The interview took place on I-75 near mile marker 14. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by Officer Barnell. Officer Barnell confirmed that he was attending the interview voluntarily. The interview was audio recorded.

The details below summarize what the author believed to be the pertinent portions of the recorded interview and are not a verbatim account. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed.

Regarding the incident, Officer Barnell advised the following:

Officer Barnell responded to back up Evendale police officers who had discovered a crash and unoccupied vehicle that had been involved in a pursuit. He located a subject on Glendale Milford Road who was believed to have been involved in the pursuit. He had a hand on the subject; however, the subject was able to break free and ran away. The subject ran into the tree line near I-75 and Aviation Way. The subject was subsequently taken into custody by other officers approximately 10-15 minutes later.

Officer Barnell paired up with a Hamilton County Sheriff's Office deputy, who had a canine (Corporal Shane Wiseman). He then heard a Lockland police officer key up on the radio and broadcast that he was out with a subject on I-75 near the 14-mile marker. He and Cpl. Wiseman began to respond to the location of the Lockland police officer. As they were

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responding, the Lockland officer said over the radio, "He has something in his hands. He's not complying." He advised the Lockland officer over the radio that they were approximately 100 yards away from him. Shortly after that, the Lockland officer said "step it up" over the radio.

Officer Barnell stated that just before they arrived at the Lockland officer's location, he heard multiple gunshots. He then heard Cpl. Wiseman announce over the radio that shots had been fired. He saw the Lockland officer walk away from the involved subject. He stated that he observed the involved subject face down on the ground, so he approached him to commence first aid efforts. He said he believed the subject was breathing upon his initial contact with him. He stated that he did not see any blood or holes in the subject's clothing. Another officer arrived and cut and removed the subject's clothing, and at that time, he saw a gunshot wound on the subject's chest. He noticed that the subject was not breathing, so he started chest compressions.

SA Hornyak asked Officer Barnell if he saw any weapons around the subject. He stated that his focus was rendering aid, so he did not observe any weapons. He clarified that he heard the Lockland officer announce that the subject had something in his hand during his initial radio traffic.

The interview concluded at 0547 hrs. The audio recording is attached below. Also attached is the Glendale PD incident report that was obtained by BCI.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2025-03-19 / Off. Jerry Barnell interview

Attachment # 02: Glendale PD Incident Report

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.

Exhibit 2



Glendale Police Department Daily Log Report

Glendale
301 E Sharon Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45246
513 771 7645

Print Date: March 22, 2025

Daily Log Number	Date	Location
33362	03/19/2025 02:44 AM	EVENDALE DR & GLENDALE MILFORD RD
Event Type	Description	
Mutual Aid	Susp Person/Veh (Field Initiat	
Narrative		

Daily Activity Narrative

ON 3/19/25 AT APPROXIMATELY 0244 HOURS AN EVENDALE OFFICER LOCATED THE CAR FROM AN EARLIER WEST CHESTER PURSUIT ON EVENDALE DRIVE SOUTH. I ADVISED I WOULD BACK HIM UP TO CLEAR THE CAR. I SEEN A MALE, BLACK WALKING ON GLENDALE MILFORD ROAD HEADED WEST NEAR IR 75 NORTH. I STOPPED AND TRIED TO TALK TO THE SUBJECT AND HE WENT OVER THE GUARD RAIL AND I GRABBED HIS GREY SWEATSHIRT AND HE BROKE FREE. I ADVISED OVER THE RADIO THAT I WAS IN A FOOT PURSUIT OF A MALE BLACK WEARING A GREY SWEATSHIRT BLACK PANTS RUNNING WEST IN THE WOODS TOWARD IR 75. OTHER UNITS RESPONDED AND THE SUBJECT WAS CAUGHT A FEW MINUTES LATER SOUTH OF THE WOODS ON GENERAL ELECTRIC PROPERTY.

EVENDALE ADVISED ALL THE CAR DOORS WERE OPEN AND OTHER SUSPECTS MIGHT BE OUTSTANDING. HAMILTON COUNTY K9 OFFICER RESPONDED TO MY LOCATION AND ASKED ME TO FOLLOW HIM AND CHECK FOR OTHER SUSPECTS. I ADVISED DISPATCH WE WOULD BE CHECKING THE AREA AND STARTED IN THE WOODS AND CREEK BETWEEN AVIATION WAY AND IR 75.

AT APPROXIMATELY 0309 HOURS A LOCKLAND OFFICER ADVISED A MALE WAS WALKING ON NORTH IR 75 AT THE 14 MILE MARKER AND THE K9 AND I WALKED UP AND OVER THE GUARD RAIL. WE TRIED TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THE SUBJECT WAS WALKING IN RELATION TO OUR LOCATION. I HEARD OVER THE RADIO THAT THE SUBJECT HAD SOMETHING IN HIS HANDS AND NOT COMPLYING. AT 0311 HOURS I HEARD OVER THE RADIO TO STEP IT UP AND WE STARTED TO RUN TO HIS LOCATION. I ADVISED OVER THE RADIO THAT WE WERE 100 YARDS NORTH OF HIS LOCATION. I WAS ABOUT 40 YARDS AWAY WHEN I HEARD MULTIPLE SHOTS. I SEEN THE SUBJECT LAYING FACE DOWN AND WALKED UP AND TRIED TO ADMINISTER FIRST AID BY ROLLING HIM OVER ON HIS BACK AND TRYING TO FIND WHERE HIS WOUNDS WERE. I DID NOT SEE ANY BLOOD AND I TRIED TAKING HIS VEST OFF. I DID HEAR THE SUBJECT SIGH AND I ASKED WHERE HE WAS SHOT AT? THE SUBJECT NEVER REPLIED AND I FINALLY WITH HELP OF ARRIVING OFFICERS WAS ABLE TO REMOVE HIS VEST AND CLOTHING. OFFICERS OBSERVED A GUNSHOT WOUND IN THE CHEST AREA AND I WAS HANDED A CHEST SEAL FROM A SHARONVILLE OFFICER. I PLACED THE SEAL ON THE WOUND AND NOTICED THAT THE SUBJECT WAS NOT BREATHING. I STARTED CPR AND THE SUBJECT RESPONDED AND I PAUSED AND THEN HE WENT UNRESPONSIVE AGAIN. I CONTINUED CPR AND THEN A CINCINNATI OFFICER TOOK OVER. I STAYED ONSCENE UNTIL BCI INTERVIEWED ME AND WENT BACK IN SERVICE AT 0610 HOURS.

Officer

Barnell, Jerry

Officer Badge

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