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2022-1316 Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 1107 E. Second St.,
Lima, OH

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Involves: Quincy Pritchett and Deputy Izak Ackerman
Case Title: Officer-Involved Critical Incident Quincy Pritchett & Deputy Ackerman
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Investigative Request

On Tuesday, June 21, 2022, Lieutenant Brett Rider of the Allen County Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting incident. The incident reportedly occurred on 6/21/2022, in the area of 1107 E. 2nd St., Lima, OH, and resulted in the injury of Deputy Izak Ackerman (Ackerman) and the death of Quincy Pritchett (Pritchett).

Preface:

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the 6/21/2022, officer-involved shooting in Allen County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Every fact and detail are not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which this document is derived be read in order to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for the majority of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.

This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.



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Investigative Team

BCI Special Agent (SA) Chris Hamberg (Hamberg) was assigned as the lead SIU case agent. SA Hamberg received assistance in the investigation from SA Dave Horn, SA Tiffany Vollmer, SA Tyler Price (Price), SA Ryan Emahiser and Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Scott Stranahan (Stranahan). BCI SA Dave Hammond (Hammond) of the Crime Scene Unit processed the scene of the incident by documenting, preserving and collecting possible evidence. BCI SA Price of the Cyber Crimes Unit conducted an extraction and analysis of cell phones recovered from the scene and vehicle. The investigation was supervised by SAS Stranahan. Additionally, various personnel from the BCI crime laboratory performed scientific analyses on submitted items of potential physical evidence.

Summary of Process

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during the course of this investigation, by the investigative team, in an effort to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Recorded interview(s) of the one deputy who discharged weapon
- Recorded interviews of the officers who were involved in the incident, at the scene or otherwise deemed to potentially have relevant information
- Neighborhood canvass of the area surrounding the scene
- Recorded interview(s) of the involved subject and other subjects directly involved in the incident
- Interviews of the civilian witnesses to the incident
- Interviews of the first responders or medical personnel
- Interviews of family members or associates of the decedent
- Special Agent attendance to post mortem examination (autopsy) of the deceased
- Obtained and reviewed post mortem examination (autopsy) and toxicology reports
- Obtained and reviewed police report of prior law enforcement contacts with the subject
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on the involved subjects, to include criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.
- FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) checks on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine if reported stolen)
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) trace on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine ownership history)
- Review of all available dash cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available body cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available surveillance video which captured any portion of the incident



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- Review of Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) data for all equipped police vehicles
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting and collecting)
- Processing of involved vehicle(s) for potential evidence
- Bloodstain pattern analysis
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident
- Review of 911/phone communications related to the incident
- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident
- Review of Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) communications relative to the incident
- Review of the department's reports, photographs and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement
- Obtained search warrants for the subject's phone and performed an analysis of the data present
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
 1. Firearm identification testing of involved firearms, casings and bullets
 2. Firearm operability testing
 3. Gunshot residue testing (GSR)
 4. Fingerprint analysis
 5. DNA
- Obtained search warrant to analyze electronic evidence, to include:
 1. Cellular phones
- Reviewed data obtained from aforementioned items of electronic evidence
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officers involved in the shooting, to include training and disciplinary records (if any)
- Reviewed firearm qualification and training records for involved officers
- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the officer(s) who discharged their weapons
- Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding use of force for prosecutorial review
- Enhancement of audio/video recordings through the assistance of the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission
- Reviewed medical records of those injured, obtained through patient consent
- Reviewed EMS records pertaining to their response and the treatment administered
- Performed records checks, including LEADS and NCIC off-line search, for the vehicle(s) involved in the incident



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Incident Summary/Overview

On June 21, 2022, Deputy Ackerman was on routine patrol and was assigned to work on the east side of the county and was in the city of Lima, around E. 2nd St. and Taft Ave., at approximately 0230 hours. That portion of the city is known for drugs and other illegal criminal activity. Ackerman noticed a vehicle approximately a block ahead of him that made a left turn and then another left turn, which Ackerman deemed suspicious. Ackerman attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the Buick LeSabre (vehicle), when the vehicle fled. A short pursuit took place and ended in an alley north of 1107 E. Second St., Lima, OH. The male driver, Quincy Pritchett (Pritchett), took off running on foot. Ackerman ordered Pritchett to stop and get on the ground. Pritchett refused and continued running when he fell to the ground. Ackerman attempted to handcuff Pritchett in the dark; in the process, Ackerman was shot on the left side of his chin. Ackerman then pulled his duty weapon from his holster and shot in the direction of Pritchett's body. (It should be noted that Ackerman was shooting in the dark when he was shooting, and he stopped shooting when he could no longer feel Pritchett's body moving. It should also be noted that Ackerman's ballistic vest contained a fired bullet.)

Decedent

A review of the computer criminal history (CCH) for Pritchett [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The warrant was for Failure to Appear for the original noted charge of "Obstruct Police." The warrant entry was dated March 29, 2022. [REDACTED] The agency issuing the warrant was listed as the Independence Police Department (Cuyahoga County). [REDACTED] A second entry for an outstanding arrest warrant was entered by the Allen County Sheriff's Office in Lima, Ohio. The warrant was for a Traffic Offense which was listed as an OVI (Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated). [REDACTED] and was in reference to case number 22TRC03148. The date of the warrant was listed as May 31, 2022. [REDACTED] The pick-up radius for his warrant was listed as "In State Pick Up Only" (meaning within the State of Ohio). [REDACTED] [REDACTED] For further details, please refer to the CCH that is attached to the case file.

Autopsy Report

The **Preliminary** autopsy report for the decedent Quincy Pritchett was obtained from the Lucas County Coroner's Office. A review of those documents revealed the following information:



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The cause of death for Pritchett was determined to be “**Multiple gunshot wounds.**” The manner of death was ruled **homicide**. The toxicology report was not completed at this time and is pending. Once the toxicology report is finalized, the report will be attached to the case file.

Physical Evidence

The BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to respond to the scene of the shooting in order to document and preserve any items of potential evidence. SA Hammond responded and processed the scene, to include photographing and mapping the area; as well as the search for, documentation and collection of items of possible evidence. Detailed crime scene reports were completed with the below information only summarizing some of the more significant findings.

Gunshot residue (GSR) was collected from both of Pritchett's right and left hands. Portions of suspected lead from a fired bullet was collected from Pritchett's right, middle finger. A Taurus 9mm handgun located on Pritchett's left, upper-chest area, magazine capacity of 15 rounds, was found to have one unfired cartridge of Tul Ammo in the chamber and 12 additional cartridges (four Hornady, four FC and four Tul cartridges) in the magazine that was an assortment of hollow-point (with red-tip plastic) and round-nose jacketed bullets. The Taurus 9mm handgun had possible bullet and some fragment on the front grip/handle. Suspected blood was noted on the right side and slide of the weapon. A total of 9 Winchester fired cartridge casings (this is the ammunition that the Allen County Sheriff's Office utilizes) and 2 fired cartridge casings (FC & Hornady) which were consistent with that found in the Taurus handgun located in the area of Pritchett's body. One fired bullet was also located in the grass in close proximity to Pritchett's left side. A fired bullet was recovered from Ackerman's external bulletproof vest, in the upper left-hand portion. Ackerman carried a Glock 17, 9mm with a streamlight flashlight attached to it. The weapon was found to have a 17 capacity count for the magazine; with one unfired cartridge Winchester in the chamber and three unfired cartridges in the magazine.

Various items of potential evidence were submitted to the BCI Laboratory for analysis. The actual reports should be consulted as the following synopsis does not include many of the details from the full reports.

The BCI Firearms Section performed an analysis of the officers' firearms, as well as the firearm-related evidence collected from the scene, vehicles and autopsies (casings and bullets). By comparing evidentiary cartridge casings/projectiles to known standards from each weapon, identifications were able to be made as to which casings/projectiles were fired from each firearm. Of the casings/projectiles recovered, the following identifications were made:

It should be noted that the laboratory results have not been finalized and are still pending. Once the test results are finalized, they will be attached to the case file.



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Witnesses

Agents canvassed the neighborhood and due to the time of the critical incident being approximately 0235 hours, nobody observed the shooting incident take place. Some neighbors were awoken to gunshots being heard. One neighbor observed a sheriff's cruiser with the emergency lights on, following another vehicle, when the vehicles went down the alley; and, a few minutes later, someone yelled, "Stop," when approximately five to six gunshots were heard. Another neighbor heard cars squealing down the alley and heard someone yell, "Freeze," followed by two gunshots of a smaller caliber gun and another five to seven gunshots of a larger caliber handgun. It should also be noted that there were no video surveillance cameras in the neighborhood.

Officer Interviews

The following paragraphs are extremely abbreviated versions of each officer's account of his or her actions pertaining to this incident and/or discharging their weapon. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of each interview.

It should be noted that no other officer was present when the shooting incident occurred. The following is summary of Ackerman's account of the incident. After the small pursuit ended, Ackerman turned off his siren, exited his cruiser with his weapon drawn and was getting ready to give verbal commands to the driver (later identified as Quincy Pritchett), when the driver exited the vehicle and took off running southbound through a backyard. Ackerman stated he pursued Pritchett for approximately 20 yards, when Pritchett fell to the ground. Ackerman stated he circled back around to the southwest of Pritchett. Ackerman stated his left hand was on the portable radio mic and the Glock 17 (that had a streamlight TLR-1 flashlight attached to it) was in his right hand. (It should be noted that the area was completely dark and there were no street lights or any type of lights where the shooting incident occurred.) Ackerman stated he utilized the streamlight to illuminate the area and was giving verbal commands to Pritchett to show his hands. Ackerman told investigators that Pritchett was lying on the ground in the prone position, leaning over and was "bridged" on the right side, which had obstructed Pritchett's right hand and arm slightly. Ackerman said that Pritchett's left hand and arm were extended out and upward, and no weapons were observed at that time. Ackerman stated, he gave verbal commands to Pritchett to show his hands to Ackerman. Ackerman stated that Pritchett then got completely on the ground and he put his left hand out. Ackerman said, at that time, he decided he would take Pritchett into custody. Ackerman stated he placed his duty weapon back into his holster and jumped on the back of Pritchett and attempted to place Pritchett's hands behind his back and handcuff him. Ackerman stated, at that exact time, Pritchett rolled over toward Ackerman and



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they were facing each other and were chest-to-chest. Ackerman stated it was completely dark at this time and he could not see anything, since he had reholstered his duty weapon with the attached light. Ackerman stated he was trying to grab Pritchett's right hand with his [Ackerman] left hand; but, with it being completely dark, it was difficult to do so. Ackerman said that he then saw a bright flash of light and heard a loud bang approximately a foot from his chest. Ackerman stated he immediately felt a burning sensation with some tingling on the left side of his face, along with his face being covered in blood. Ackerman said that he was very disorientated but knew that he had been shot at that time and only remembered hearing one shot. Ackerman told investigators that he immediately rolled off Pritchett and onto his [Ackerman] right side and pushed Pritchett away from him by kicking him, in order to put some distance between them so that Ackerman could safely draw his Glock 17 from his duty holster. Ackerman stated that he could feel Pritchett's body between his legs and below him, as he was like "straddling Pritchett." Ackerman stated he had a general idea of where the "center mass" of Pritchett's body was. Ackerman advised that he then fired his Glock 17 into that general area. Ackerman told investigators that he did not have time to activate the streamlight flashlight and when he fired his weapon, it was completely dark. Ackerman was not sure where the bullets were striking Pritchett. Ackerman stated he stopped firing his weapon when he could feel Pritchett's body no longer moving and the threat was gone. (Ackerman re-enacted the positions that he and Pritchett were in prior to and during the shooting incident; for further information, please review the video interview portion.) Ackerman stated he did not remember how many times he fired his service weapon but had some rounds left in the magazine. Ackerman said that after firing his duty weapon, he was not sure how serious his injuries were to his face; so, he moved away from Pritchett's body and made his way back to his cruiser for cover, while radioing into dispatch that he had been shot, that shots were fired and the general location of the incident.

Video Recordings

The Allen County Sheriff's Office utilizes dash-cam video only (have no body-worn cameras). The shooting incident occurred outside the viewing angle of the dash cam.

Conclusion

Investigators spoke to George Pritchett (George), the nephew of Quincy Pritchett (Pritchett), when George indicated that the few days prior to the shooting incident, George and Pritchett were using drugs and drinking alcoholic beverages. An event/fight took place in the parking lot of the Fourth Street Apartment Complex, where Pritchett took a gun off of an individual and kept that gun. George described the gun as a handgun being black in color with a silver "piece on the slide part at the top." Investigators determined that the handgun (Taurus 9mm black in color, serial #AAL011565) was reported stolen to the Lima Police Department on June 21, 2022.



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Pritchett failed to stop for Ackerman and after a short vehicle pursuit, Pritchett fled on foot. Pritchett failed to obey the verbal orders given to him by Ackerman, when a physical struggle ensued, which led to Ackerman being shot in the left chin area, as well as a bullet being located in Ackerman's ballistic vest. Ackerman, in turn, then fired his duty weapon in fear for his life and continued firing until the threat was over.

Contact Information

The preceding information comprises only a portion of facts and circumstances collected during the investigation of the officer-involved shooting incident. For further review of specific information or documentation collected during the investigation, please refer to the individual reports and documents from which this summary was derived. Any questions regarding the content or context of the information contained in this document can be directed to the attention of Special Agent Chris Hamberg. SA Hamberg can be reached via email at Christopher.Hamberg@OhioAGO.gov or by telephone at 419-967-5243.