

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



2023–1809 Officer Involved Critical Incident – 3110 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43227 (L)

Investigative Activity:	Interview with Witness
Involves:	Officer Ryan McGinty (W)
Date of Activity:	08/29/2023
Activity Location:	Harshman, Wannemacher, Tipton & Lipperman – 4683 Winterset Drive, Columbus, OH 43220, Franklin County
Author:	SA Ryan D. Scheiderer, #89

## Narrative:

On August 29, 2023 at approximately 1532 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) obtained a recorded statement from Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Officer Ryan McGinty (Officer McGinty) regarding the shooting incident involving officers from CPD, deputies from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO), and Antwan Lindsey (Lindsey) that occurred on July 08, 2023, at 3110 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio (Franklin County). Lindsey was fatally shot by officers during that incident. The contact with Officer McGinty took place at his attorney's office and his attorney, Lathan Lipperman, was present. Officer McGinty signed a Criminal Investigation Notification (CIN) form affirming his decision to provide a voluntary statement. The following is a summation of the contact with Officer McGinty and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording. (It should be noted that during the interview, Lindsey was referred to as "suspect" by the officer and that verbiage may be used throughout the summary when trying to quote the officer or document what an officer stated they heard or thought regarding the incident)

Officer McGinty, Badge #3344, has been with CPD for approximately 11 months and his assignment on July 8<sup>th</sup> was GR14B. On that date, Officer McGinty was partnered with Officer Austin Enos (Officer Enos) and was assisting another officer on a call when he heard Dispatch advise that an individual had opened fire on an "off-duty deputy". Officers entered their cruiser and started their response to the incident location. Officer McGinty parked the cruiser in the street in front of the apartment complex. At that time, Officer McGinty observed CPD officers and FCSO deputies on scene. While setting up a perimeter, Officer McGinty observed officers on the stairwell inside the building and they were headed down the stairs. Those officers "waived" for Officer McGinty and Officer Enos to come to their location. Officer McGinty entered the building's front entrance (south) and joined three officers on the ground level stairwell. Upon entering the building, Officer McGinty briefly observed Lindsey positioned in a doorway

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so that half his body was visible on the south side and the other half was concealed by the door. Officer McGinty had a "gut feeling" Lindsey was the "suspect" when he observed him, but had no confirmation he was the individual involved in the incident with the deputy. Officer McGinty positioned himself to monitor the upper stairwell to insure no one approached them from above. At that time, Officer McGinty was not aware of the involved-deputy's location. Officer McGinty heard officers giving Lindsey verbal commands such as "Get down" and "Drop the gun". At some point an officer, later identified as

transitioned to a Taser. Officer McGinty heard "loud commands" of "Taser... Taser... Taser" and heard the Taser be deployed. Shortly after that, Officer McGinty heard gunfire coming from the north side of the door and he and the officers with him stepped back towards the stairwell to get out of the line of fire. Once the gunfire stopped, Officer McGinty made his way towards Lindsey and observed an officer already rendering aid to him. Officer McGinty and other officers then "cleared" the third-floor to make sure no other involved-subjects remained. After that, Officer McGinty exited the building and his involvement in the incident ceased.

Officer McGinty was not aware if the involved-deputy was in uniform or plain clothes. Officer McGinty never saw Lindsey at the front entrance of the apartment building, but did observe him in the doorway of the lower-level. Officer McGinty clarified that sometime while responding to the incident location, he heard radio traffic from Dispatch to the effect that someone was "down", meaning shot. Officer McGinty stated he was not sure if the deputy or "suspect" had been shot. Officer McGinty never observed Lindsey in possession of a firearm. When Officer McGinty heard the gunfire, he was not able to determine if it came from officers, Lindsey, or both because it was multiple shots in rapid succession. Officer McGinty never observed anyone discharge a firearm during the incident and only heard gunshots. While asking other officers if they needed assistance rendering aid to Lindsey, Officer McGinty observed a non-law enforcement firearm (black semi-automatic pistol) on the floor near where he observed Lindsey prior to the shots being fired. Officer McGinty clarified that prior to him entering the building, he heard a single gunshot and couldn't determine the origin. Officer McGinty later learned the origin of that gunshot. Officer McGinty didn't have any additional information.

## Attachments:

Attachment # 01: CPD Officer Ryan McGinty Audio Interview 8.29.2023 Attachment # 02: Officer Ryan McGinty CIN 8.29.2023

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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).

Printed Name of Interviewee

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Signature of Interviewe

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