



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



2022-0310
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 913 Lebanon Street, Monroe,
Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Sgt. Chad Caudill (W)
Date of Activity: 02/12/2022
Activity Location: Monroe Police Department – Business – 601 South Main Street,
Monroe, OH 45050, Butler County
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Narrative:

On February 12, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) received a request for assistance from the Monroe Police Department (Monroe PD). The request was in regard to an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at the intersection of New Garver Road at Lebanon Street, Monroe, Ohio. Officers attempted to make a traffic stop on a vehicle containing a subject from a previous mental health call that ended at 120 Bluegrass Lane in Monroe. The mental health call turned into a six-hour standoff with the involved subject, later identified as Dustin Booth (Booth). The traffic stop turned into an officer involved shooting with Booth shot numerous times and transported to Atrium Middletown Hospital where he later died from his wounds.

On Saturday, February 12, 2022, at 0449 hours, BCI Special Agent Ken Smith (SA Smith) interviewed Sergeant Chad Caudill (Sgt. Caudill) of the Monroe Police Department. The interview took place at the Monroe Police Department located at 639 S. Main Street, Monroe, Ohio. Sgt. Caudill was identified as being a police officer who responded in the February 11, 2022, shooting which occurred at the intersection of New Garver Road at Lebanon Street, Monroe, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

This interview was audio recorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview:

Sgt. Caudill has been with the Monroe Police Department for thirteen and a half years. He has been a sergeant for almost two years. His current assignment is Administrative Sergeant over Detectives and Dispatch.

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Sgt. Caudill stated he was working his normal hours when he received a call to assist the road officers with a traffic stop of Dustin Booth (Booth). Booth ended up barricading himself in the residence. Booth was acting erratically and the decision was made to pull the perimeter back and have plain clothes units keep the residence under surveillance. Sgt. Caudill knew that officers have previously been to the residence for Booth as well as that Booth had been recently hospitalized.

When the traffic stop was made, Sgt. Caudill was not able to see what happened, he heard over the radio that he (Booth) was fighting. Sgt. Caudill got out of his vehicle, threw his vest on, and heard gunfire. As he was approaching the scene, he saw Justin Duh kneeling next to a truck and Sgt. Caudill stopped and checked on Duh to see if he was ok. Sgt. Caudill then walked up to the scene to check on the other officers. Booth was still talking and stating that he did not want any medical treatment. Sgt. Caudill then had several cars moved to block the scene and asking individual officers if they had fired their weapon. He asked the officers if they were ok. Sgt. Caudill was especially concerned about three of the officers. He advised them to deactivate their body cameras and cruiser cameras and to call their wives. Sgt. Caudill then learned that Sgt. Payne and another officer, had been involved and ordered them to do the same. Sgt. Caudill and Ofc. Buddo then worked on scene containment. The squad then transported Booth to Atrium Medical Center and Sgt. Caudill remained on scene while waiting for other units to respond and assist.

Sgt. Caudill asked the involved officers safety questions such as that there was only one suspect and one firearm. Officer Day told Sgt. Caudill that he (Booth) had raised a firearm at officers so they fired. Sgt. Caudill then advised the officers not to answer any further questions until they had talked to their representatives.

Sgt. Caudill advised that he and the other detectives did not have body cameras on. He also advised that the traffic camera above the incident scene had been turned to view the incident.

Sgt. Caudill also advised of a call in witness who needed to be interviewed.

The interview was concluded at 0458 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-02-12 Sgt. Chad Caudill Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.