



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



2022-2121
Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 6463 Tara Brooke Court,
Hamilton, OH 45011 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Deputy Josh Singleton (W)
Date of Activity: 10/08/2022
Activity Location: – 6463 Tara Brooke Ct , Hamilton, OH 45011, Butler County
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Narrative:

On October 8, 2022, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at 6463 Tara Brooke Court, Hamilton, Ohio, which resulted in the death of Stephaun Jones. BCI Special Agents (SA) Lauren Frazier and Doug Eveslage interviewed Deputy Josh Singleton (Dep. Singleton) with the Butler County Sheriff's Department about his involvement with the OICI.

The details below summarize the pertinent portions of the recorded interview. Please refer to the audio recording for additional information.

The interview with Dep. Singleton began at 2228 hours at the scene location, 6463 Tara Brooke Court, Hamilton, Ohio.

Dep. Singleton has been a sheriff's deputy with the Butler County Sheriff's Department for approximately 3 months. Dep. Singleton previously worked as a police officer at Middletown Police Department for approximately 2 years and a police officer at Memphis Police Department (TN) for approximately 4 years.

On the date of this incident, Dep. Singleton stated that he heard the call come out, via radio, and proceeded to the scene on Morris Road. Himself, Deputy Henson, Deputy Murphy, and some Fairfield Township officers cleared the barn and area where the subject was last seen. They maintained position and set up a perimeter, while waiting for a West Chester K9 to arrive and get a drone deployed.

At some point, dispatch advised that the subject was wanted for a homicide and possibly armed with a gun. Dep. Singleton heard via radio that officers observed a gun and deployed a taser but did not have any additional information regarding this involvement.

Dep. Singleton was at the barn on Morris Road when he heard 3-4 gunshots and he began

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moving towards Tara Brooke Court. When he arrived, he observed the subject "laying down and currently unresponsive." He said the subject was handcuffed prior to his arrival. Deputy Henson and Deputy Murphy administered CPR. Deputy York stood by to make sure the scene was secure and maintained a visual of the firearm, which was lying near the subject.

Dep. Singleton stated that "first aid was given promptly." They applied gauze to the subject's wounds, which he described as approximately 1–2 gunshot wounds to the torso area.

Paramedics with Fairfield Township Fire Department arrived and took control of the subject's care where he was then transported to UC West Chester Hospital. Deputy Matthew Murphy rode with paramedics to the hospital and a West Chester officer followed the ambulance.

Dep. Singleton observed a firearm laying beside the subject, which he described was approximately 3–4 feet behind him. Dep. Singleton said that it looked like the weapon had been fired and was "jammed or stove-piped." Dep. Singleton stated the weapon was left exactly how they found it and that no one had touched it.

Dep. Singleton said that during this incident, officers were communicating via radio channel Law 5. Dep. Singleton does not have a body camera or cruiser camera that recorded the incident. The interview concluded at 2238 hours. A copy of the audio recording is attached to this incident.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022–10–08 / Deputy Josh Singleton Audio Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.