



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



2022-1472
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 2793 Waterpark Drive, Mason,
OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Thomas Henry Cromwell (S), Matt Kohl (W)
Date of Activity: 07/13/2022
Activity Location: Warren County Sheriff's Office – Business – 822 Memorial Drive ,
Lebanon, OH 45036, Warren County
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Narrative:

On July 12, 2022, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that took place at the Baymont hotel, located at 2793 Waterpark Drive in the city of Mason. During the OICI, an operator with the Warren County Regional S.W.A.T. team mortally wounded a suspect and recent River City Correctional Center escapee, Thomas Cromwell (Cromwell), during a hostage rescue situation.

On July 13, 2022, at 1354 hours, BCI Special Agents Douglas Eveslage (SA Eveslage) and Kenneth Smith (SA Smith) interviewed Warren County Regional S.W.A.T. Medic Matt Kohl (Medic Kohl) regarding his involvement in the OICI. The interview was conducted at the Warren County Sheriff's Office. The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device.

The details below summarize 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 to clarify the content of the interview.

Medic Kohl advised he has worked for the Mason Fire Department since 2011. He has been on the Warren County Regional S.W.A.T. team since 2015. He has completed Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) training as well as Tactical EMS (TEMS) training yearly at the Ohio Tactical Officer's Association (OTOA) Conference. He stated that the medics train twice a month with the SWAT Team schedule permitting. He has also taken Tactical Medicine for Civilian EMS course. He estimates that he has been on approximately 20 callouts with the Team.

Medic Kohl received a page about the ongoing incident at the Baymont Inn while he was off-duty and at home. He had a minor delay due to child care issues. He responded to the

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command post and learned that the unit was already inside the hotel with another medic, so he staged outside the command post. He spent several hours taking water and supplies to the units inside. At approximately 2300–2330 hours the team was relieved by the Hamilton County SWAT Team and the Warren County Team went to Station 58 in Deerfield Township to rest for a few hours. They returned to the scene to relieve the Hamilton County SWAT Team and execute the planned entry.

While the Team executed the breach of room 310, both medics were staged in the stairwell to the 3rd floor. They were listening on the team radio and received the call for medics up after the breach was made and the hostage was safe. Medic Doug Rolf and Medic Kohl made entry into room 310 and did an assessment on Thomas Cromwell. Cromwell was pulseless, apneic and had no signs of life. The medics determined that Cromwell's injuries were incompatible with life. The medics then notified the command post of the same and stated that the command post would then contact the Coroner's Office.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-13 Medic Matt Kohl Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.