

Investigative Report

2025-0151

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 350 South Arch Avenue, Alliance, Ohio 44601, Stark County



Investigative Activity: Interview of Involved Officer Conducted

Involves: (S)

Activity Date: 02/03/2025

Activity Location: Alliance Police Department, 470 E. Market Street, Alliance,

OH 44601

Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente

Narrative:

On Monday, February 3, 2025, at 1354 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente (SA Valente) and SA Cory Momchilov (SA Momchilov) interviewed Alliance Police Department (APD)

who was accompanied by his attorney, Daniel Chaffin, from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA). The interview took place at the Alliance Police Department, 470 E. Market Street, Alliance, Ohio. The interview was audio and video recorded.

read, stated he understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form prior to being questioned.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. 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 recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.



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Preliminary and Demographic Information:

Name:	Rank:
Badge Number:	Cruiser/Vehicle Number:
Radio Call Sign: or or	Immediate Supervisor: Lt. Brown
Radio Channel Utilized: APD1	Mobile Data Terminal: Present & Utilized
Cruiser Description: Police patrol vehicle with standard APD identification markings.	Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions: drove, was the front seat passenger.
Assignment:	Normal Shift:
In-Car Camera: Operational, But Not Used	Spotlight: Present; Not utilized
Emergency Lights: Present & Utilized	Siren: Present & Utilized
Shift Day of Incident:	Duty Status: On-Duty
Days Off:	Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: None that he could recall.
Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: Eight	Consider Self Well Rested?: Yes
Total Length as Officer:	Length at Current Agency:
Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid): None	Corrective Lenses: No Corrective Lenses
Uniform Worn: Standard issue marked patrol uniform pants, shirt, and vest, police patches on shoulders of shirt and on vest.	Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest: Handcuffs, duty pistol, glove pouch, flashlight on belt. Radio, body camera and taser on vest. POV camera attachment to Halo head mount.
Ballistic Vest: External Armor	Body Worn Camera: Present & Used
Other Recording Devices: None	Partner:



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Injuries: None	Equipment Damage: None
Training or Areas of Specialty: None	OPOTC Certification: Obtained from Summit County Police Academy in
Military Experience/Training:	Use-of-Force Training: Active shooter, CQB, and Taser 10 training.
Prior Shooting Incidents: None	Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints: None
Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident: None	Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview: None

Officer's Firearm(s):

Weapon #1

Make: Custom made rifle with a serialized lower receiver.	Model: N/A custom made
Caliber/Gauge: 5.56 mm	Serial: Did not know.
Type: Rifle	Method of Carry: Sling
Magazine Capacity: 30 rounds	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): Approximately 28
Extra Magazines: None on person, two or three in vehicle.	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: Approximately 28
Discharged During Incident? Yes	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Rounds Remaining After Incident: Did not know.	Number of Rounds Fired: Did not know, declined to estimate.
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Personally Owned
Last Qualification Date: October or	Type of Holster, if any: None/sling



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had not watched any body-worn camera recordings of the incid	lent.
told agents that APD has a "Live 911" system that allows office to incoming/active 911 calls as they are received. Utilizing this system, heard a call come in and began to travel to the scene utilizing his emergency siren. responded to the scene with his did not recall being specifically disp the call. recalled that while responding to the scene and listeni 911 call, he heard the caller tell the call taker that she heard a gunshot and viscreaming that someone had shot her. could not recall having interacted with the subject, Mason French (French) or the victim, Stacy Pride prior to this incident.	atched to no the woman ever
reported that Officer Brown and Officer Vesco also responded to scene. Stated (16:53 mark of recording) "Um, all four of us, me and Brown, we went up the elevator. Um, when the doors open, there was a gestanding out to the left kind of with his arm out and he was kind of warning hey, there's a guy at the end of the hall with a gun. He already shot her. Um, his hands instinctively, to make sure he didn't have a weapon on him. And I rekind of looking around, um, and we all started walking to the right because, was up ahead of me at the time and I saw him pointing his gun down then, us I believe, to be the north side of the hall, um, giving a command to 'drop the he, you know, said 'gun' to kind of let us know. And so immediately my attentowards that potential threat. And when I saw, when I turned and kind of got him to look down the hall, um, I saw, um, somebody laying on the ground at the hall. Um, and I saw a man standing over top of her, um, with a gun point And, and I, I saw, I saw him shoot her. Um, I saw the muzzle flash, I saw her saw him do it. Um, at this time I was giving commands to drop the gun, um, while simultaneously, you know, getting on target and getting a sight picture um, I remember, um, Brown getting the other officer with a long rift to me. And, um, I saw him kind of like duck back and it looks like, kind of like cuts in a little bit. Ilm, he like kind of he seemed, it, it was a little dark, but	yether. Vesco Guy us like, I checked remember um, Brown th, the hall, gun.' And ntion went up with the end of ed at her. body, I I guess e. And, fle up next te the wall



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to kind of duck back. And then he popped back out like pretty quickly, like facing us. And um, and that's when, that's when I remember I started shooting. Um, and then I, I

stopped shooting when I saw him on the, I saw him hit the ground and I kind of



stopped shooting 'cause he didn't seem to be a threat anymore. Um, I kind of checked our surroundings. Um, we were still advancing up and um, I saw her laying there. I remember she had some maybe purple on. Um, and I saw him laying on the ground and it, and, and the gun next to his hand looks like a small black gun. Um, and I immediately wanted to go get a med kit for her. Um, and so I was gonna go to the cruiser to get my med kit and, uh, Officer Brown just kind of told us to go down and, and stay downstairs." When asked to describe in more detail what he saw when the subject shot the victim, stated (22:54 mark of recording), "So. he was standing, uh, to her right, her left our right, um, with his arm extended, pointing it down at her. So, it was pretty stated he heard and saw the gunshot as well as clear and pronounced." the muzzle flash after the subject shot the victim. stated after the subject shot the victim he recalled giving the subject a command to drop his pistol and the subject did not comply or react to this command. When asked if Officer Brown was touching or moving him while he was firing, stated he did not recall. When asked if he could recall anything that would have prevented him from taking an accurate shot, replied, (31:17 mark of recording) "No." believed he fired his rifle for approximately five to ten seconds. When asked to estimate a range of how many rounds he fired, stated one to eight rounds. When asked what led to his decision to fire at the moment he did, (25:22 mark of recording) "Uh, I was scared, fearful of, um my life, uh, my other patrolmen's and, and the victim. Uh, and other people in the hallways." stated those fears were based on the subject's actions he previously described. When asked what he thought was going to happen after the subject shot the victim. replied (26:31 mark of recording) "I, I thought, you know, I, I thought he was either gonna turn it on us or try to finish, finish her off. I don't know if at that

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time, I didn't know if she was alive or dead yet."



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When asked if he saw the subject shot or point the gun at anyone other than the female victim the time he observed the subject shoot the victim, taked he could not recall.
When asked, stated he did not feel he had any other options available to him other than to use deadly force at the moment he fired.
reported he did not believe any actions by the other involved officers were inappropriate or potentially criminal in nature.
The audio recording of the interview was attached to this report. The Criminal Investigation Notification Form was attached to this report. The video recording of the interview was saved as part of Reference Item D in the evidence.com case folder.

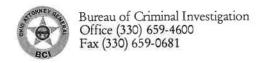
References:

D - Video recorded interview of

Attachments:

- 1. Audio Interview of
- 2. Criminal Investigation Notification Form





1400 hours

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 <u>not</u> a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

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Signature of Interviewee	
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