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Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 1389 Marion Drive Columbus, Ohio

To: Honorable Gary Tyack, Franklin County Prosecutor
From: Andrew Russell, Special Agent, Ohio BCI
Date: February 26, 2024
Involves: Jamie Overstreet, CPD Officer [REDACTED]
BCI Case Numbers: 2023-2219

Investigative Request

On Thursday, August 24, 2023, Sargent Terry McConnell of the Columbus Police Department (CPD) requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting incident. The incident reportedly occurred on August 24, 2023 in the area of 1389 Marion Drive Columbus, Ohio and resulted in the Death of Jamie Overstreet.

Preface:

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the August 24, 2023 officer-involved shooting in Franklin County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Every fact and detail is not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which this document is derived be read in order to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for the majority of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.

This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.



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Investigative Team

Lead BCI Special Agent:

- SA Andrew Russell

Assisting Investigative BCI Special Agents:

- SA James Poole
- SA Ryan Scheiderer
- SA Jonathan Scale

BCI Crime Scene Special Agents:

- SA Sarah Taylor
- SA Amy Gill

BCI Investigative Supervisor:

- Acting Special Agent Supervisor Jim Mulford

Summary of Process

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during the course of this investigation, by the investigative team, in an effort to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Recorded interview(s) of the one (1) officer who discharged their weapons.
- Recorded interviews of four (4) officers who were involved in the incident, at the scene, or otherwise deemed to potentially have relevant information.
- Neighborhood canvass of the area surrounding the scene
- Recorded interview(s) of the involved subject and others subjects directly involved in the incident
- Interviews of one (1) civilian witnesses to the incident
- Interviews of family members or associates of the decedent
- Special agent attendance to post mortem examination (autopsy) of the deceased
- Obtained and reviewed post mortem examination (autopsy) and toxicology reports
- Obtained and reviewed police reports of prior law enforcement contacts with the subject
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on the involved subjects, to include criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.



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- FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) checks on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine if reported stolen)
- Review of all available dash cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available body cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available surveillance video which captured any portion of the incident
- Review of Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) data for all equipped police vehicles
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting)
- 3D scans / model of incident area
- Processing of involved vehicle(s) for potential evidence
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident.
- Review of 911/phone communications related to the incident
- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident
- Review of Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) communications relative to the incident
- Review of the department's reports, photographs, and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement.
- Obtained search warrants for the subject's phone and performed an analysis of the data present
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
 1. Firearm identification testing of involved firearms, casings, and bullets
 2. Firearm operability testing
 3. Chemistry (drug identification)
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officers involved in the shooting, to include training and disciplinary records (if any)
- Reviewed firearm qualification and training records for involved officers
- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the officer(s) who discharged their weapons
- Obtained subpoenas for Medical Records
- Reviewed medical records of those injured, obtained through subpoena
- Reviewed tips, social media posts, and pertinent statements made in the media regarding the incident.



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Incident Summary/Overview

On August 24, 2023, CPD Officers ██████████ (██████████), Andrew Durr (Durr), Sean Evans (Evans), Duane Derwacter (Derwacter) and Kraig Gibson (Gibson) responded to a domestic violence protection order violation in the area of 1115 Rendezvous Lane, Columbus, Ohio. Officers were also advised of several outstanding warrants for Jamie Overstreet (Overstreet) for similar charges, as well as a special circumstance note from a previous encounter advising of "Suicide by Cop". Joelle New (New) was the caller/victim and currently married (separated) to Overstreet. When CPD Officers arrived in the area and attempted a traffic stop, Overstreet fled, and a short pursuit ensued. The pursuit was cancelled by a supervisor and a short time later the CPD helicopter located the vehicle, which was involved in several crashes, stop in the area of Marion Drive and Overstreet fled on foot. Officers ██████████ Durr, Evans, Derwacter and Gibson all gave chase on foot, southwest through the Marion Drive apartments. Officers yelled commands to Overstreet to stop. ██████████ stated he saw that Overstreet had a gun in his right hand and then raised it up. ██████████ yelled "Gun", lined up his sights and fired five (5) rounds at Overstreet, in three or four seconds, in a rapid controlled succession. Overstreet went down to the ground and ██████████ advised dispatch of "shots fired". Officers then secured Overstreet in handcuffs and rendered aid until medics arrived on scene. Overstreet was transported to the hospital and was later pronounced deceased.

Subsequent Investigation

On Thursday, August 24, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) and Detective Sergeant Jim Marable (Marable) interviewed Chassity Edgerton (Edgerton), a girlfriend of Overstreet. Edgerton advised that Overstreet called her during the police chase the day before. Edgerton stated that Overstreet told her "It was over" and that his wife, New, had called the police on him. Edgerton added that Overstreet told her that he would rather be dead than go back to prison. Edgerton added that recently, Overstreet had been depressed and often talked about killing himself. On Thursday, August 24, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) and Detective Sergeant Jim Marable (Marable) interviewed Kyra Williams (Williams), a girlfriend of Overstreet. Williams advised that Overstreet called her and advised he would come over the night of the shooting. Williams lives at 1389 Apt C, Marion Drive, close to where the officer involved incident occurred. Williams added that Overstreet had been depressed and was talking about suicide the night before. Williams stated that when she heard the shots outside of her apartment, she was unsure of who had been shot, but recognized the pistol on the ground as Overstreet's as he had it on the bed with him the night before. On Thursday, August 24, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) and Detective Sergeant Jim Marable (Marable) interviewed Alek Willey (Willey), Overstreet's supervisor at the Jimmy John's, 3241 Tremont Road, Columbus, Ohio 43221. Willey advised that Overstreet had requested a break from work to get his "head right" and that he just "couldn't function mentally". Willey added that he believed Overstreet had family issues.



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Post-Mortem Examination / Autopsy Report

The autopsy report for the decedent (Jamie Overstreet) was obtained from the Franklin County Coroner's Office. A review of those documents revealed the following information:

[REDACTED]

Physical Evidence and Laboratory Reports

Various items of potential evidence were submitted to the BCI Laboratory for analysis. The actual reports should be consulted as the following synopsis does not include many of the details from the full reports.

The BCI Firearms Section performed an analysis of the officers' firearms, as well as the firearm-related evidence collected from the scene, vehicles, and autopsies (casings and bullets). By comparing evidentiary cartridge casings/projectiles to known standards from each weapon, identifications were able to be made as to which casings/projectiles were fired from each firearm. Of the casings/projectiles recovered, the following identifications were made:

- Five (5) Speer 9mm cartridge casings were located on the ground near a parked vehicle.
- A Taurus Spectrum .380 semi-automatic pistol, #1F074703 was located on the ground. A seated magazine was observed in the firearm; however, it appeared broken. No cartridges were located in the chamber or magazine. The magazine spring, follower, and baseplate, along with three (3) .380 rounds were recovered close by.

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- The five (5) fired 9mm cartridge cases belong to the Smith & Wesson M&P 9 pistol Serial # [REDACTED] The pistol is operable and assigned to CPD Officer [REDACTED]
- The Taurus Spectrum .380 semi-auto pistol # 1F074703 is operable.



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Investigative Interviews

The following information comprises extremely abbreviated versions of the statements made by the witness and/or participants of this incident deemed by the author to be of most relevance to the overall understanding of the incident. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of each interview, including those not synopsised below.

CPD Officer [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) stated at the time he fired his weapon he was in fear for his life and the lives of the other officers on scene. [REDACTED] added, he knew Overstreet had several active warrants and that he had a special alert that he had threatened to have a shootout with police. [REDACTED] stated he saw Overstreet had a gun in his right hand and he had raised it up. [REDACTED] added he yelled "gun" and lined up his sights and began firing. [REDACTED] stated he fired five (5) rounds at the suspect in three or four seconds in a rapid controlled succession. [REDACTED] stated that Overstreet went down to the ground and that he advised dispatch of "shots fired".

CPD Officer Andrew Durr (Durr) stated he tried to position himself in front of Overstreet to cut him off and to possibly tackle him. Before he got to Overstreet, he heard three (3) to four (4) shots fired but did not see who fired. He then saw Overstreet fall to the ground. Durr and Officer Gibson advanced on Overstreet's position and noticed he was shot. Durr explained he and other officers began life saving medical aid by applying pressure on the gunshot wound and gave CPR prior to medics arriving on scene.

CPD Officer Duane Derwacter (Derwacter) stated when he arrived at the apartment complex, he saw Overstreet running westbound through the complex. Derwacter explained how he, Officers Durr, Evans, Gibson, and [REDACTED] got out and began to chase Overstreet on foot. They lost sight of Overstreet while he ran behind a fenced-in dumpster. As he approached the dumpster, he could see Overstreet still running with an object in his hand. Derwacter immediately heard another officer yell "Gun," followed by a couple shots being fired coming from his left, later identified coming from Officer [REDACTED]

CPD Officer Sean Evans (Evans) stated that he and Officer Derwacter exited their cruiser, and he went towards the left just in case the individual (Overstreet) doubled backed, while a few other CPD officers went towards the right. Evans said that when he came around the corner near a fence and trash receptacles is when he heard gunshots. He believes he heard three (3) or four (4)



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gunshots. He did not see an officer fire their weapon and was unsure at that point who was shooting. Evans said he did not discharge his firearm during the incident.

CPD Officer Kraig Gibson (Gibson) stated he heard over the air (radio) that there was an individual with four (4) warrants in the area. He believed two (2) of the warrants were through Columbus and the other two (2) were out of Worthington. He said they were looking for this individual and that he was driving a black Monte Carlo. Gibson added there were previous comments that this individual mentioned "suicide by cop" and was known to carry weapons. Gibson stated upon his arrival he could see the other officers running, and then Officer [REDACTED] shooting. He heard "maybe" five (5) shots. Gibson said that he could hear someone say there is a "33" (Gun) on the ground near the subject. The subject was on the ground, they aired for a medic, and then began taking turns rendering medical aid.

Greta Dockins (Dockins) of 1362 Apt C, Marion Drive Columbus, Ohio, stated she was unaware of any activity early in the day but advised her vehicle (black Ford Taurus, Ohio plate JID1638) had been shot and the driver's side window was broken out. Dockins gave permission for the BCI Crime Scene Unit to enter her vehicle and recover a projectile as evidence.

Summary

All persons known to have relevant information regarding this investigation have been interviewed (or attempted), and all known pertinent records and evidence have been obtained and reviewed. BCI will continue to offer investigative assistance into any newly identified witnesses or information relative to this criminal investigation. BCI's investigation into this officer-involved critical incident is concluded unless such new information/witnesses is/are identified through grand jury or other means.

Agents remain available for consultation and/or to perform any additional investigation, analysis, processing and/or other assistance/involvement you might deem to be necessary.

Contact Information

The preceding information comprises only a portion of facts and circumstances collected during the investigation of the officer-involved shooting incident. For further review of specific information or documentation collected during the investigation, please refer to the individual reports and documents from which this summary was derived. Any questions regarding the content or context of the information contained in this document can be directed to the attention



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