



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



2024-1584  
Officer Involved Critical Incident, 27695 Tracy Road, Walbridge,  
OH 43465, (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Information Provided/Obtained  
**Involves:** Ross M Wheatley (S)  
**Date of Activity:** 05/24/2024  
**Activity Location:** Wheatley , Ross M – Business – 26711 Lime City Road, Perrysburg,  
OH 43551  
**Author:** SA Jason A. Snyder, #176

**Narrative:**

On May 24, 2024, the Perrysburg Township Police Department (PTPD), contacted the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). PTPD requested BCI to investigate an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) in their jurisdiction.

Due to the nature of the investigation, Special Agent (SA) Jason Snyder (Snyder) was requested to assist the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) with the OICI.

SA Snyder spoke to the PTPD officers who were on scene during and after the incident. SA Snyder was advised that a total of four (4) officers were present during the incident. Those officers were Hunter Johnson (Johnson), Tyler Gearig (Gearig), James Brazeau (Brazeau), and Sergeant (Sgt) Ross Wheatley (Wheatley).

SA Snyder introduced himself to all of the officers. He asked all of them if they were hurt. All of the officers stated that they were not hurt.

For each officer, SA Snyder requested if each officer would let him document their attire during the incident, by taking photos of them. All of the officers consented to having pictures of their attire photographed.

SA Snyder spoke to Sgt. Wheatley. SA Snyder turned on his audio recorder and read the Public Safety Statement questions to Sgt. Wheatley. Sgt. Wheatley verbally consented to answering the questions.

Sgt. Wheatley stated that he was not hurt, and he was not aware of anyone else who needed medical attention.

Sgt. Wheatley stated that all of the weapons used at the incident, were secured at the scene.

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Sgt. Wheatley stated that there were no other outstanding suspects. He also did not know if or how many witnesses were in the area.

Sgt. Wheatley stated that he fired his weapon in a north direction. The suspect fired his weapon to the west and south direction. Sgt. Wheatley fired possibly six (6) rounds and the suspect fired eight (8) to ten (10) rounds.

As Sgt. Wheatley stated that incident occurred at the front of the trailer park, near Tracy Road. The total area of the incident may possibly be fifty (50) yards.

While speaking to Sgt. Wheatley, he advised that he believed that some biological material (brown stain) possibly came from the suspect. The stain was on his left hand. SA Snyder looked at the area and also saw some dried biological material on Sgt. Wheatley's left hand. Sgt. Wheatley stated that he was not injured and could not account for the material other than it being transferred to him by the subject.

SA Snyder received permission from Sgt. Wheatley to recover the material. SA Snyder used sterile swabs, placed sterilized water on the swabs, and recovered the material from Sgt. Wheatley's left hand. The swabs were placed in a sterile package and placed in an envelope.

This envelope was placed in evidence for possible future testing (see attached).

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2024-05-24, Safety statement of Sgt. Ross Wheatley

Attachment # 02: 05\_24\_2024\_0736\_001

