



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



2023-2210

Officer Involved Critical Incident - [REDACTED] Howland
Township, OH 44484 Trumbull County

Investigative Activity: Case Opening Report

Activity Date: 8-23-2023

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Joseph Goudy #83

Narrative:

On Wednesday, August 23, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Chief Nick Roberts of the Howland Township Police Department (HTPD) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting which occurred at [REDACTED] Howland Township, Trumbull County, Ohio. BCI Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov responded to assist. Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Jon Lieber, SA Joseph Goudy, and SA Andy Harasimchuk also responded from the Special Investigations Unit as well as Special Agent Bill Conn of the BCI Cyber Crimes. Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence.

The shooting incident involved a subject, Randall Fife (Fife), and three members of the Mahoning Valley Regional SWAT Team. The incident resulted in the injury of Fife. He was eventually transported to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Youngstown for additional life saving measures. It was later learned that Fife died on Monday, August 28, 2023 while admitted to the hospital.

A copy of the "Request for Assistance" letter from Howland Township Police Chief Nick Roberts is attached to this report.

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August 23, 2023

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Re: Formal Request for Assistance

To Whom it May Concern:

On August 23, 2023 The Howland Township Police Department responded to [REDACTED], Warren Oh. 44484 in reference to an armed subject barricaded in his home with three victims unable to escape. The Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team and the Ohio State Patrol SWAT Team were requested to the scene in order to negotiate a peaceful resolution. The suspect ignored all requests for negotiation and this incident ultimately ended with an officer involved shooting.

I am Formally requesting the assistance of Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation to conduct the crime scene processing and also the investigation into the officer involved shooting.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Roberts".

Nick Roberts
Howland Township
Chief of Police