



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



2024-1376

Officer Involved Critical Incident - Interstate 77 Southbound
at Exit 85 , New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Investigative Activity: SIU and CSU Incident Response

Involves: Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office (O), Ohio State Highway Patrol (O)

Activity Date: 05/06/2024

Activity Location: Interstate 77 Southbound at Exit 85, New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Joseph Goudy #83

Narrative:

On Friday, May 3, 2024, at approximately 0638 hours, Special Agent SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) received notification from the "Who's Responding Application" to respond to the area of Interstate route 77 Southbound at exit 85, New Philadelphia, Ohio for an officer-involved shooting involving the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) and the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office (TCSO). The initial point of contact with OSHP was Sergeant Shawn Allar (Allar). Sergeant Allar stated that the male subject, later identified as Kendell Woodard (Woodard), succumbed to his injuries while on-scene.

Responding BCI Agents included, Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Chuck Moran (Moran), SA Andy Harasimchuk (Harasimchuk), and SA Charlie Snyder (Snyder) all responded from the Special Investigations Unit (SIU). SA Larry Hootman (Hootman) and SA Chad Dorn (Dorn) from the Crime Scene Unit (CSU) processed the scene.

It was reported that at 0142 hours, an OSHP trooper observed a red 1994 Chevy pick-up truck parked alongside exit ramp 85 of Interstate route 77 Southbound. Upon making contact with the driver of the vehicle, Woodard, he displayed erratic behavior towards the trooper. It was at this point that additional assistance was requested and arrived on-scene. After several attempts of negotiating with Woodard, a Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) deputy that was trained in crisis intervention was requested and responded to assist.

It was alleged that while the TCSO deputy and OSHP troopers were attempting to have Woodard exit his vehicle, Woodard presented a handgun which resulted in three OSHP troopers and one TCSO deputy firing their duty weapons, striking Woodard multiple times. Woodard was eventually secured, and emergency medical treatment was provided. A revolver was removed from Woodard's hand as he was being secured.

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Soon after, it was determined on-scene by the Tuscarawas County Coroner that Woodard was deceased. Woodard's body was eventually transported to the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy to be completed. Responding agents assisted the BCI CSU with evidence collection, to include the firearms that were fired by the OSHP troopers and the TCSO deputy. Upon completion of the scene processing, CSU SA Hootman turned over the evidence collected at the crime scene to SA Goudy.

Upon clearing the scene, SA Goudy travelled to the BCI Richfield Office and placed all the items of evidence collected into temporary evidence locker #1.

References:

None

Attachments:

None

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