



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



2022-1564
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1132 Ashwood Drive, South
Charleston, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Cole Matthew White (S), Mike Terrell (W)
Date of Activity: 08/18/2022
Activity Location: Greene County Sheriff's Office – 105 East Market Street, Xenia, OH 45385, Greene County
Author: SA Richard Ward, #55

Narrative:

On Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 0828 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agents Richard Ward and Kenneth Smith met with Greene County Deputy Michael Terrell along with his union representative, Attorney Steve Lazarus, at the Greene County Sheriff's Office, 105 East Market Street, Xenia, Ohio, for the purpose of an interview. Terrell responded to the aftermath as a member of the Greene County Regional SWAT team on July 24, 2022, in Clark County, Ohio, when Deputy Matthew Yates and Jodi Arbuckle were shot and killed by Cole White.

Deputy Terrell has been employed with the Greene County Sheriff's Office since 2005 and has been a member of SWAT since 2018. Terrell is a SWAT team leader and sniper. Terrell was informed by SWAT Commander, Deputy Chris Sticka of an impending SWAT call-out. Moments later, a page indicating a person shooting rounds at law enforcement in Clark County who has requested assistance was received. Terrell responded with other Greene County personnel to Clark County [Harmony Estates trailer park]. Within minutes of being on scene, Terrell was informed his team was to relieve Clark County Sheriff's Office personnel and to load up with [CS] gas.

Deputy Terrell was placed in command of the MRAP (Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle) team and staged on the '4' side. Terrell was informed by the Xenia SWAT Commander Robert Swihart to deploy gas and flash bangs to the exterior of the trailer. Deputy Luke Graft deployed CS gas utilizing the .40mm gas gun and Terrell to deploy flameless tri-chamber gas into the trailer on their "go signal". Terrell moved up with shield protection and deployed hand held cannister gas on the "4" side into a window while other personnel also deployed gas. Terrell stated OSHP Trooper deployed a robot into the "4" side window, but the door was shut and the robot became trapped.

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Shortly thereafter, Terrell stated Deputy Yates was recovered and that was the only recovery attempt he was present for. Yates was removed by another armored vehicle from the scene and shortly thereafter, the trailer caught fire from the opposite side of his location. Terrell and other personnel held cover until relieved by either Montgomery County or Dayton.

Agent Ward concluded the interview with Deputy Terrell at 0839 hours. The audio recorded interview is attached below.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-08-18 / Det. Michael Terrell audio interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.