



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



2022-1480
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5945 SR 48, Clearcreek
Township, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Mark E. Evers (S)
Date of Activity: 07/25/2022
Activity Location: Clearcreek Twp. Police Department – Business – 7593 Bunnell Hill
Road, Springboro, OH 45066
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On July 25, 2022, at 0920 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) and Richard Ward (SA Ward) conducted an interview with Lebanon Police Officer Austin Snowden (Officer Snowden) regarding his involvement in the Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that took place on July 12, 2022, in Clearcreek Township. Officer Snowden was identified as an officer who responded to the scene of the OICI to provide mutual aid. The interview took place at the Clearcreek Township Police Department. The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device.

The details below summarize the pertinent portions of the recorded interview and are not a verbatim account. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify the content of the interview.

Officer Snowden advised BCI agents that he has been employed by the Lebanon Police Department for approximately five and a half months. Prior to working for the Lebanon Police Department, he worked for the Preble County Sheriff's Office for approximately eight years. He also worked for the Miami Township (Montgomery County) Police Department for a brief period of time. He advised that he is currently assigned to the road patrol division. His regular duty hours are 1800-0600.

Regarding his involvement in the OICI, Officer Snowden provided the following information:

Officer Snowden was responding to a possible domestic violence call in the city of Lebanon. His police radio was scanning Warren County Communications. While he was responding, he heard over the Warren County police radio that shots were fired and an officer was down in

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Clearcreek Township. He diverted from his call and responded to 5945 SR 48 in Clearcreek Township. He got behind a Warren County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) cruiser (Deputy Decker and Deputy Deatherage) and responded to the scene.

Officer Snowden arrived and noticed a heavily damaged vehicle at the entrance gate. He drove up the driveway and parked near the barn area. He grabbed medical supplies. Deputy Billmaier arrived shortly after him and also retrieved medical supplies. Deputy Billmaier advised him that the suspect, Mark E. Evers (Evers), was down.

Officer Snowden ran over to injured Clearcreek Township Police Officer Eric Ney (Officer Ney). He noted that Evers was approximately six feet away from Officer Ney. He recalled seeing a gun on the right side of Evers. He also observed that Evers had "blunt force trauma" to the right side of his face that appeared to be an "obvious gunshot wound." He said that Evers was apparently deceased.

Officer Snowden and WCSO Deputy Deatherage packed wounds on Officer Ney's face. He remembered them treating a wound on the left side of his face and a "huge gaping hole on the right side." At some point, the medics arrived. He kept pressure on Officer Ney's wounds while medics tended to him. He stayed with Officer Ney until he was loaded onto Care Flight.

Officer Snowden said he talked to Officer Ney while he was providing medical aid. He asked Officer Ney to open his eyes. He said Officer Ney was responsive to his requests. He said there was a point where Officer Ney was not completely responsive; however, medics administered medication and Officer Ney regained responsiveness.

SA Ward asked Officer Snowden if he saw Clearcreek Township Police Sergeant Nicole Cordero, to which he answered in the negative. SA Ward asked him if he observed anyone move Ever's gun, to which he answered in the negative. He said he remembered a Springboro Police Sergeant taking command of the scene.

The interview was concluded at 0931 hours. The audio recording is attached below.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-25/ Lebanon Police Officer Austin Snowden Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.