



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



2022-2121
Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 6463 Tara Brooke Court,
Hamilton, OH 45011 (L)

Investigative Activity: Case Opening
Involves: Stephaun Sylas Jones (S)
Date of Activity: 10/08/2022
Activity Location: – 6463 Tara Brooke Ct , Hamilton, OH 45011, Butler County
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On October 8, 2022, at approximately 2050 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the City of Hamilton Police Department (HPD) and the Fairfield Township Police Department (FTPD) to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred in the roadway in front of 6463 Tara Brooke Court in Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio.

BCI Special Agents Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman), Kenneth Smith (SA Smith), Douglas Eveslage (SA Eveslage), and Lauren Frazier (SA Frazier) responded from the Special Investigations Unit. Special Agent Chad Holcomb and Crime Scene Technician Amy Gill responded from the BCI Crime Scene Unit. BCI Special Agent Supervisor William Jones (SAS Jones) responded to the Hamilton Police Department.

SA Seitzman arrived at the scene at approximately 2200 hours. He spoke with Fairfield Township Officer-in-Charge Scott Singleton (Officer Singleton). Officer Singleton advised that HPD was investigating a homicide and a motor vehicle crash that occurred in the city of Hamilton at 1940 Fairgrove Ave. Information was learned that the homicide suspect, later identified as Stephaun Sylas Jones (Jones), fled the Fairgrove Avenue scene in a silver or light blue sedan.

Officer Singleton advised that a citizen followed the vehicle from the Hamilton scene. The citizen reported to Butler County Regional Dispatch that the vehicle pulled into the driveway of 3362 Morris Road in Fairfield Township. Jones fled from the vehicle on foot as officers arrived. Officers described him as a Black male with dreadlocks, wearing a green camouflage hooded sweatshirt. An unknown officer from Fairfield Township attempted a taser deployment, which was unsuccessful. Jones continued running into the woodline behind the residence.

Officer Singleton stated that officers from multiple other agencies were called to provide

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mutual aid. Officers responded from the West Chester Township Police Department for canine and drone deployment. Deputies from the Butler County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) responded for drone deployment and to assist with the perimeter. Jones was subsequently located near 6463 Tara Brooke Court. Two HPD officers fired shots from AR-15 rifles. Jones was critically wounded. He was transported to the West Chester Hospital, where he ultimately succumbed to his wounds.

BCSO deputies assisted HPD with 3D crime scene imaging. The BCSO deputies also conducted 3D imaging of the Tara Brooke Court scene. BCSO Taylor Henson began a crime scene log.

SAS Jones emailed HPD Detective Mark Hayes a digital copy of the BCI OICI pamphlet, which included a list of requested records.

SA Smith responded to the West Chester Hospital. He spoke with Butler County Coroner's Office Investigator Vince Lovejoy at the hospital. SA Smith learned that the autopsy would be performed by the Butler County Coroner's Office on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

On November 4, 2022, SA Seitzman received a written request for assistance from HPD Chief of Police Craig Bucheit. It is attached below.

On November 7, 2022, SA Seitzman received a written request for assistance from FTPD Chief of Police Robert Chabali. It is attached below.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: BCI Request for Assistance from Hamilton Chief of Police Craig Bucheit

Attachment # 02: BCI Request for Assistance from Fairfield Township Chief of Police Robert Chabali

Exhibit 1



November 4, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On 10/8/2022, Officers Bryan Bowlin and James Leisinger of The Hamilton Police Department engaged in an Officer Involved Shooting in the 6400 block of Tara Brook Ct. in Fairfield Township, Ohio. Officers Bryan Bowlin and James Leisinger were attempting to apprehend murder suspect Stephaun Jones at the time of the incident. Officers Bowlin and Leisinger both used lethal force during the incident.

I am requesting the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations to conduct the Criminal Investigation surrounding the Officer Involved Shooting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. R. Bucheit".

Craig R. Bucheit
Police Chief



Exhibit 2



FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

6485 VONNIE VALE COURT, HAMILTON, OHIO 45011

ROBERT CHABALI, CHIEF OF POLICE

November 7, 2022

Mr. Joe Morbitzer
Superintendent of Ohio Bureau of Investigation (BCI)

Please let this letter serve as my official request to have the Ohio Bureau of Investigation (BCI) investigate the officer involved shooting involving city of Hamilton Police Officers, which occurred on October 9, 2022, in the 1900 block of Fairgrove Ave., Fairfield Township, Ohio 45011.

Let me know if you need any other information.

Sincerely,

Chief Robert Chabali

Fairfield Township Police Department

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