



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



2021-0888  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 500 South Cleveland Ave.,  
Westerville, Ohio 43081 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Officer Brian Gavaghan (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 04/12/2021  
**Activity Location:** Westerville Police Department – Business – 29 South State Street,  
Westerville, OH 43081  
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**Narrative:**

On Monday, April 12, 2021, at approximately 2034 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Jim Mulford (SA Mulford) and John Butterworth (SA Butterworth) interviewed Westerville Police Department (WPD) Officer Brian Gavaghan (Officer Gavaghan) in response to an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred earlier this date at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville, OH. An altercation happened between Miles Jackson (Jackson) and officers from the Columbus Division of Police, Westerville Police, and St. Ann's Security Department. Jackson died as a result of gunshot wounds from this incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

This interview was audio recorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview.

Officer Gavaghan was interviewed in a conference room at the WPD. Also present for the interview was his FOP attorney Kate Harshman. Agents introduced themselves and informed Officer Gavaghan that BCI was conducting a criminal investigation and his participation was voluntary and by no means an internal investigation. Officer Gavaghan voluntarily agreed to speak with agents.

Officer Gavaghan has worked as a police officer for the City of Westerville for approximately 16 years. He is currently assigned as a patrol officer.

Officer Gavaghan explained he was at WPD headquarters for a retirement gathering when

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they were notified of an officer in trouble (10-3) at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital. Officer Gavaghan along with several other officers that were at the retirement gathering immediately responded to the hospital.

Officer Gavaghan entered the emergency room doors and started heading towards the incident location. As he was running through the hallway he heard multiple gunshots. When he arrived at the location, he described it as very chaotic with multiple individuals everywhere, with visibility impaired due to some kind of smoke.

Officer Gavaghan assisted with securing and removing the subject (Jackson) from the room then diverted his attention to the CPD officer that was in the room at the time of the shooting. Officer Gavaghan began checking the CPD officer for any visible injuries. He remained with the CPD officer until other CPD officers arrived on scene. Officer Gavaghan did see a black pistol lying on the ground next to Jackson when he was assisting other officers moving Jackson.

Officer Gavaghan reported he was carrying his department issued Sig Sauer 9MM handgun during the incident, but did not fire his weapon.

Officer Gavaghan had no further information or involvement. The interview concluded.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01:04-12-21 Brian Gavaghan Interview