



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



2024-3996
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 780 Taylor Road,
Gahanna, OH

Investigative Activity: Case Opening
Involves: Alex Taylor Russell, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Activity Date: 12/19/2024
Activity Location: 780 Taylor Road, Gahanna, Ohio
Authoring Agent: SA Kyle Douglass

Narrative:

On Thursday, December 19, 2024, at approximately 1025 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Lieutenant Chad Cohagen of the Gahanna Division of Police (GPD) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident which occurred in the area of 780 Taylor Road in Gahanna, OH. BCI Special Agents Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass), Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb), Aja Chung (SA Chung), James Poole (SA Poole), James Gore (SA Gore), and Matthew Collins (SA Collins) responded to assist. SA Douglass was assigned as lead investigator. Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence.

The shooting incident involved a subject, Alex Taylor Russell (Russell), and members of the Gahanna Division of Police. During the encounter, Russell sustained multiple gunshot wounds and was transported to Mount Carmel Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

A copy of the request for assistance letter is attached to this investigative report.

References:

None

Attachments:

Gahanna Police Request for Assistance - OIS 12.19.2024

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Jeffrey Spence
Chief of Police

**CITY OF GAHANNA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF POLICE**

December 19, 2024

Bruce Pijanowski; Superintendent
Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation
1560 State Rt. 56 SW, P.O. Box 365
London, OH 43140

Re: Request for Investigation

Superintendent Pijanowski,

Please accept this letter as a formal request by the Gahanna Division of Police for an independent investigation by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal investigation's (BCI) Investigative Services Division regarding a fatal Officer involved shooting.

This request would include scene processing, interviews, and examinations of evidentiary materials collected or currently in the possession of the City of Gahanna and preserved for the purposes of facilitating a third-party, transparent investigation. We can provide any assistance and access required by your office.

If you require any addition information, please contact me at 614-342-4205 or email me at jeff.spence@gahanna.gov

Thank you in advance.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey Spence', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and loops around the line.

Jeffrey Spence, Chief of Police