

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 Officer
Date of Activity:	04/19/2021
Activity Location:	Dennis McNamara - 88 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215, Franklin County
Author:	SA Andrew Russell

Narrative:

On April 19, 2021, at approximately 12:43 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Jim Mulford (SA Mulford) and Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Security Department (St. Ann's) Security Officer (Ofc. Badge regarding a fatal shooting incident between Miles Jackson (Jackson) and members of the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) and Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Security Department. The incident occurred on April 12, 2021 at Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Hospital, 500 S. Cleveland Ave., Westerville, Ohio. Also present for the interview was Ofc. Stationares attorney, Dennis McNamara. The interview took place at 88 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio, in the offices of Dennis McNamara, Attorney at Law.

Prior to beginning the interview, SA Mulford provided Ofc. **Second** with a BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form. SA Mulford advised BCI was conducting a criminal investigation separate from any internal investigation that St. Ann's may be conducting. Ofc. **Second** was advised his interview was voluntary and that he could stop answering questions at any time. Ofc. **Second** verbally confirmed he understood the contents of the form and signed the document further acknowledging his understanding. A copy of the signed Criminal Investigation Notification (CIN) is attached to this report.

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:

Ofc. Ann's for about seven months. During the incident, Ofc. Ann's for about seven months. During the incident, Ofc. Ann's wore his standard security uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt containing ASP baton and OC spray. He considered himself to be well-represented as a security officer during the incident. He stated was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgment during

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the incident or during the interview with BCI. He does not wear corrective lenses and has no medical concerns. Ofc. **The set of the set of the**

Ofc. Stated during their shift change, 14:00 to 14:30, he was advised that Columbus Police Department (CPD) was sitting with a patient in the emergency department (ED) room #9. The ER requested assistance and Ofc. He headed that way. The fire alarm went off as they were approaching the area of ED room #9 and somebody yelled "He's got a gun" and "he's shooting." As Ofc. He area of ED room #9 and somebody yelled "He's got a gun" and "he's shooting." As Ofc. He spoke with a CPD officer and he advised him that his partner was in the room with a person who has a gun and just shot. Ofc. He gave verbal commands, similar to "show me your hands," towards the subject, later identified as Miles Jackson (Jackson).

A female CPD officer told Ofc. That she would take his position and he moved behind the nurses station directly opposite ER room #9. Ofc. The then heard the male CPD officer tell the female CPD officer to tase him and the female CPD officer discharged her taser. Officer then immediately hears a gunshot and then another. He believes he observed one of the impacts on the wall between room #9 and #10. Ofc.

He saw Jackson drop the gun, fall back, and the threat ended, so he yelled "cease fire" and all the firing stopped. Ofc. **Second** was then told by his supervisor to go back to the security office and he had no further contact or involvement with this incident. Ofc. **Second** felt that the shooting was within his policy and procedures and that he had no other option.

Officer had no previous encounters with Jackson.

SA Russell provided Officer with a crime scene diagram created by BCI for him to reference throughout the interview. The diagram illustrated the nurse's/doctor's station, surrounding rooms and ER #9. That document will be maintained electronically within the case file and is attached to this report.

The interview concluded at approximately 13:15 hours.

The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form, diagram and current OPOTC Private Security Firearms requalification Program form are also attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:04-19-21	Interview
Attachment # 02:2021-04-1	9 CIN-
Attachment # 03:2021-04-1	9 Diagram-
Attachment # 04:2021-04-1	9 OPOTC-

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Criminal Investigation Notification

- This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
- 2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
- 3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is <u>not</u> a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

Printed Name of Interviewee

4/19/2021 Date / Time

Signature of Interviewee

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BCI Agent (Printed)

BCI Agent (Signature)

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