

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: Steven Grubbs (W)

Date of Activity: 04/12/2021

Activity Location: Westerville Police Department – Business – 29 South State Street,

Westerville, OH 43081

Author: SA Andrew Russell

Narrative:

On Monday, April 12, 2021, at 2138 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Westerville Police Department (WPD) Detective (Det.) Steven Grubbs (Grubbs). The interview took place at the Westerville Police Department, 29 South State St. Westerville, Ohio.

Det. Grubbs was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the April 12, 2021, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the Emergency Room (ER) area of Mount Carmel St. Ann's, 500 S. Cleveland Ave., Westerville, Ohio. Reportedly, Det. Grubbs did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Det. Grubbs, stated while at headquarters, he heard WPD Officer Ryan tell him there was an officer in trouble radio call come out from Columbus Police Officers at St. Ann's hospital. Det. Grubbs stated that he already had the keys to a marked vehicle so he and Ofc. Ryan drove with lights and sirens to St. Ann's. Det. Grubbs stated that he parked in the ER parking area and they both ran in the ER'S entrance. Det. Grubbs stated he heard several gunshots and continued to run in the ER towards the commotion, drew his weapon and turned the corridor and was met with a cloud of white smoke/fog and strong gunpowder smell. Det. Grubbs stated that he observed several officers behind a nurse's station wearing dark uniforms and pointing their weapons into a room. Det. Grubbs then noticed WPD Ofc. Ryan and Lt. Dickerson enter into the room to clear it. Det. Grubbs stated he advised the officers on scene about potential cross fire issues and advised that he observed an individual lying on the floor with lots of blood around, so he put on gloves. Det. Grubbs continued, the individual was handcuffed and was placed on a gurney, then transported to another room by a hospital employee for emergency medical treatment.

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Det. Grubbs stated that at no time did he discharge his weapon, and that he was unfamiliar with the deceased, later identified as Miles Jackson.

The interview concluded at approximately 2147 hours. An audio copy of Det. Grubb's interview is available for further review as an attachment to this report.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:2021-04-12 Officer Steven Grubbs Westerville PD

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