



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



2022-2608  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 28 North Paint St., Chillicothe  
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**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer, Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Officer Matthew Richardson (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 11/17/2022  
**Activity Location:** – 28 North Paint St, , Chillicothe, OH 45601, Ross County  
**Author:** SAS Kevin Barbeau, #142

**Narrative:**

On Thursday, November 17, 2022, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation responded to the Ross County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) located at 28 North Paint St., Chillicothe, Ohio. BCI was requested to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (shooting) that occurred on this date between RCSO Sergeant Eric Kocheran (involved officer) and Nicholas Mitchell (involved party). During an interaction between Sgt. Kocheran and Mitchell there was an exchange of gunfire and Sgt. Kocheran was injured and transported to Grant Medical Center (Columbus). Mitchell was transported Adena Medical Center where he died.

At 2106 hours Special Agent Supervisor Kevin Barbeau interviewed Chillicothe Police Department (CPD) Officer Matthew Richardson within the Law Enforcement Complex (28 North Paint St., Chillicothe, Ohio). The interview occurred in a private room with the door shut for privacy. The interview was audio recorded and should be reviewed for additional details as below is a summation of the interview.

SAS Barbeau introduced himself and explained to Ofc. Richardson this was a voluntary interview, which he acknowledged and said he would provide a statement. Ofc. Richardson said he is assigned to patrol with CPD and his unit/badge number is #38. His assigned shift is Tuesday through Saturday, 1500 to 2300 hours, with Sunday and Monday off. On this particular day he was wearing the uniform of the day, which consisted of a dark colored uniform with exterior vest and police type patches and badge.

While working on this date Ofc. Richardson was advised by dispatch there was a deputy shot at the rear of the law enforcement complex. It should be noted the law enforcement complex houses both CPD and the RCSO. When he arrived at the rear of the building he located CPD Officer Daubenmire with his firearm drawn and covering a male subject laying on the ground in a pool of blood, face down.

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Ofc. Richardson searched the subject, who was observed having a wound to the head near the left side of his temple. Ofc. Richardson advised he searched the subject and noted he did not immediately locate a weapon. However, he was later advised the weapon was found by medics under the subject, covered in blood. Ofc. Richardson said the subject was handcuffed and rolled over. In this position Ofc. Richardson held pressure on the wound until medics arrived and transported the subject to a local hospital.

Ofc. Richardson identified the injured deputy as Sergeant Eric Kocheran. He was unable to identify the involved subject.

Ofc. Richardson advised he was wearing a Body Worn Camera at the time of the event.

The interview was concluded at 1111 hours.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: CPD Ofc Matthew Richardson Audio Interview