



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



2023-1809
 Officer Involved Critical Incident – 3110 E. Livingston Avenue,
 Columbus, Ohio 43227 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Officer Megan Andres (W)
Date of Activity: 08/29/2023
Activity Location: Harshman, Wannemacher, Tipton & Lipperman – 4683 Winterset Drive, Columbus, OH 43220, Franklin County
Author: SA Ryan D. Scheiderer, #89

Narrative:

On August 29, 2023 at approximately 1556 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) obtained a recorded statement from Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Officer Megan Andres (Officer Andres) regarding the shooting incident involving officers from CPD, deputies from the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office (FCSO), and Antwan Lindsey (Lindsey) that occurred on July 08, 2023, at 3110 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio (Franklin County). Lindsey was fatally shot by officers during that incident. The contact with Officer Andres took place at her attorney’s office and her attorney, Lathan Lipperman, was present. Officer Andres signed a Criminal Investigation Notification (CIN) form affirming her decision to provide a voluntary statement. The following is a summation of the contact with Officer Andres and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording. *(It should be noted that during the interview, Lindsey was referred to as “suspect” by the officer and that verbiage may be used throughout the summary when trying to quote the officer or document what an officer stated they heard or thought regarding the incident.)*

Officer Andres, Badge #3201, has the assignment 11C9. On July 8th, Officer Andres was partnered with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and they were working special duty, Parks Special, from 1600–2200. On that date just before 2000 hours, Officer Andres and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had just finished a call for service at the Franklin Park Conservatory when Dispatch advised over the radio there was a deputy taking fire in the area of E. Livingston Avenue and James Road. Officer Andres heard Dispatch traffic advising the deputy was down, and then later the “suspect” was down. Dispatch relayed the “suspect” was a “male White” wearing a black tank-top and cargo shorts. Officers responded to the incident location and parked in the street just west of 3110 E. Livingston Avenue. Officer Andres observed an officer running towards the rear (north) of the apartment building so she followed, but questioned what the urgency was if the “suspect” was down. There, Officer Andres observed several officers and an

This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law – a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.

Approved By SA James A. Mulford on
 09/22/2023

unidentified African-American male who was telling the officer that the "suspect" ran into the basement of the building and never came out.

Officer Andres maintained security outside the building focusing her attention on the windows. Officer Andres observed several officers enter the rear entrance of building. Shortly after that, Officer Andres heard a "bunch" of gunshots and observed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] running out of the building and grabbed onto the railing to the outside steps. Officers asked [REDACTED] [REDACTED] if he was alright and Officer Andres thought he responded "It's not good", leading her to believe there was "cross-fire" and multiple officers had been struck by gunfire. However, Officer Andres later watched [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Body Worn Camera (BWC) footage and realized he had actually said "I'm good". Officer Andres and other officers entered the building and no officers had been struck by gunfire and that Lindsey was the only person shot. Officer Andres and another male officer began rendering first aid to Lindsey. Officer Andres continued rendering first aid until Medics arrived and took over.

Officer Andres stated everything was confusing because there was information being relayed on the involved-deputy's radio channel at FCSO and that information was being forwarded to CPD. Officer Andres was on the CPD channel for Zone 5 while working her special duty, but the incident location fell within Zone 2's area and that was a different radio channel. Officer Andres heard radio traffic on other officer's radio's that she wasn't receiving on her radio due to multiple channels being utilized. Officer Andres never observed Lindsey until after he had been shot and she never observed him in possession of a firearm. Officer Andres did observe a non-law enforcement firearm near Lindsey (other side of doorway) when she approached to render first aid. Officer Andres never observed anyone discharge a firearm while on scene. Officer Andres knew the gunfire she heard came from inside the building, but she was not sure if it was from law enforcement or Lindsey. Officer Andres did not know the location of the involved-deputy at any time during the incident. Officer Andres wasn't sure of the status of the involved-deputy due to hearing conflicting information from Dispatch. Officer Andres assumed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had discharged his firearm based on his actions of running from the building after the gunfire. Officer Andres didn't have any additional information.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: CPD Officer Megan Andres Audio Interview 8.29.2023

Attachment # 02: Officer Megan Andres CIN 8.29.2023

This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law – a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.



Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation



Criminal Investigation Notification

1. 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 not a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

MEGAN ANDRES
Printed Name of Interviewee

8/29/2023 4:00PM
Date / Time

Megan Andres
Signature of Interviewee

RYAN SCHEIDT
BCI Agent (Printed)

[Signature]
BCI Agent (Signature)