



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, Ohio

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** Officer Martin Holley (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 01/11/2021  
**Activity Location:** 5th Precinct Sub-Station – 1371 Cleveland Ave, Columbus, Ohio, OH, Franklin County  
**Author:** SA Perry K. Roeser, #114

**Narrative:**

On December 22, 2020, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was asked to investigate an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI), which involved the Columbus Police Division (CPD). BCI was notified CPD responded to a suspicious person/vehicle complaint in the neighborhood of 1062 Oberlin Dr., Columbus, Ohio. When officer(s) arrived on the scene, they encountered Andre Hill, who was walking out of the garage of the listed address. During the encounter, CPD Officer Adam Coy discharged his firearm at Mr. Hill, who later died from the gunshot injuries.

On January 12, 2021, and as part of the on-going investigation into the OICI, Special Agent (SA) Perry Roeser and Special Agent (SA) Richard Ward arranged for a witness interview with Columbus Police Officer Martin Holley at 1371 Cleveland Ave., Columbus, Ohio. The interview started at approximately 2002 hours and was conducted in the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Substation conference room. Also at the scheduled interview was the Fraternal Order of Police Attorney Jackie Tipton. Before the interview began, Officer Holley was offered to review his body camera video on the agent's laptop, which he did.

Agents learned Officer Holley was one of many officers that responded to the Oberlin Dr. address the night of the OICI. Officer Holley said he has been a Columbus Police Officer for ten (10+) plus years, and his badge number is 2656. He was assigned to zone 4, E2-5, Patrol north, [REDACTED] shift, with his days off being [REDACTED].

Officer Holley was asked how he became involved with the OICI on Oberlin Dr. He explained the night of the incident, he was assigned to a two-person car with Officer Edward Prime. Officer Holley explained he was the passenger in patrol vehicle number 9022 when he heard the shots fired/officer in trouble call on Oberlin Dr. over the police radio. Officer Holley said he had never responded to Oberlin Dr. for calls for service in the past.

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Officer Holley explained when he arrived on the scene, he exited the patrol vehicle and then got into the driver's seat to re-position the vehicle so the medics could gain access to the scene. Officer Holley said he then walked up to the location and saw officers in the garage and over the suspect. Officer Holley then realized the house and the scene were not secured yet. Officer Holley explained that other officers had just completed the house clearing when he went into the house saw a female and male inside. Officer Holley said both individuals were escorted to the police cruiser by other officers. Officer Holley then said he went into the kitchen area and looked at the backdoor's latch to see if it was locked or not. He said the door was closed and in the locked position. Officer Holley then exited the house and told the officer posted at the front door not to let anyone else in the home. Officer Holley said he wasn't sure what the officer's name was at the front door.

Officer Holley explained he then hung crime scene tape around the scene and was then instructed by Sergeant Albers to move cruisers out of the Kenny Rd. and Oberlin Dr. intersection. Officer Holley was asked if he knew at this point what had happened; he said no.

Officer Holley was asked if he conversed with Officer's Coy or Detweiller. Officer Holley said he never saw Officer Coy and when he saw Officer Detweiler, he asked her if she was okay and that was it.

Officer Holley was asked if he witnessed anyone handcuff or perform CPR on the individual on the ground; he answered no. Officer Holley was asked how he learned of what had happened. He said when he was moving vehicles around, he knew the case involved an officer-involved shooting. Officer Holley heard the involved officers were Coy and Detweiler from other officers. Officer Holley was asked if anyone specifically stated to him about what had happened; he answered no. Officer Holley was asked if he spoke with any non-law enforcement officers; he answered no. Officer Holley was asked if he witnessed anything around the body of Mr. Hill; he answered no. Officer Holley was asked if he picked up any evidence or took any pictures of the scene; he answered no. Officer Holley was asked if he has had any contact with Officer Coy since the incident. He said he sent him a text with no mention of the incident. Officer Holley followed-up and said that Coy was a friend. Officer Holley was asked if he has had any contact with Officer Detweiler since the night of the incident; he said no.

Officer Holley was asked if anyone at the scene mentioned anything about the target house; he answered no. Officer Holley was asked if he has had any previous contact with the female or male of the residence; he answered no. Officer Holley said after he assisted with moving police vehicles, he cleared the scene and was off work around [REDACTED] hours.

Officer Holley was asked if he could offer anything to investigators to assist with the OICI; he answered no. The interview concluded at approximately 2017 hours.

The interview between SA Ward, SA Roeser, and Officer Holley was audio-recorded and can be reviewed for additional details. See attachment one for a copy of the audio recording.

#### **Attachments:**

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Attachment # 01:2021-01-12-15-52-15-Officer Martin Holley

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