



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: Allen Spencer (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 2123 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (Russell) interviewed Westerville Police Department (WPD) Officer (Ofc.) Spencer Allen (Allen) Badge # 580. The interview took place at the Westerville Police Department, 29 South State St., Westerville, Ohio.

Ofc. Allen 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 Hospital, 500 S. Cleveland Ave., Westerville, Ohio. Reportedly, Ofc. Allen 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.

Ofc. Allen stated that he was dispatched to an officer in trouble radio call that came out from Columbus Police Officers at St. Ann's Hospital. Ofc. Allen stated he responded and was the third Westerville officer on scene, arriving at the same time as Ofc. Severance. Ofc. Allen stated that as they arrived at the ER, he heard multiple shots being fired and aired on the radio "Shots fired." Ofc. Allen added as he turned the corner of the ER hallway, he observed three or four St. Ann's security officers firing into a room across the hall. Ofc. Allen stated he then moved to a position of cover next to a St. Ann's security officer and observed a body on the floor, just inside the room. Ofc. Allen added, at that point, two WPD officers entered the room so he holstered his sidearm and went around the nurse's station toward the room to help, but the deceased was already handcuffed and on the gurney being moved to a trauma room. Ofc. Allen stated at that point he was tasked with placing police tape up around the crime scene and then assisted with moving the involved security officers to a more private location. Ofc. Allen stayed with the security officers until relieved.

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Ofc. Allen 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 2130 hours.

The interview was restarted at approximately 2132 hours as Ofc. Allen remembered something he wanted to add to the statement. Ofc. Allen stated that while he was in the hallway of the hospital, somebody told him to “kick the taser out of the way,” and observed an activated taser with probes out on the floor, leading to the room where shots were fired. Ofc. Allen stated that he kicked the taser away from the room and into a hallway. The interview concluded at approximately 2135 hours.

An audio copy of Ofc. Allen’s interviews are available for further review as an attachment to this report.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:2021-04-12 Officer Spencer Allen (2) Westerville PD

Attachment # 02:2021-04-12 Officer Spencer Allen Westerville PD