



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



2022-1472
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 2793 Waterpark Drive, Mason,
OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Antwaun Scott (W)
Date of Activity: 07/13/2022
Activity Location: Warren County Sheriff's Office – Business – 822 Memorial Drive ,
Lebanon, OH 45036, Warren County
Author: SA Perry K. Roeser, #114

Narrative:

On July 13, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents (SA) Perry Roeser and SA Doug Eveslage interviewed Warren County Tactical Response Team member Antwaun Scott (Scott) regarding his involvement with an Officer-Involved Critical incident under BCI investigation. Scott, a full-time police officer with the Springboro Police Department, was alerted to the SWAT callout during the afternoon of July 11, 2022.

In the early morning of July 12, 2022, the OICI occurred at the Baymont Inn at 2793 Water Park Road, Mason, Ohio. The Tactical Response Team was contacted by the Mason Police Department when an escaped inmate took a female hostage in room #310. A Tactical Response team member shot and killed the involved individual, Thomas Cromwell, after they breached the hotel door.

The details below summarized the pertinent portions of the recorded interview with Scott and were not taken verbatim unless noted by quotations. The discussion began at 1354 hours.

Attorney Joe Hegedus represented Scott during the interview. Scott stated he worked full-time for the Springboro Police Department and started in 2011. Before that, he worked as a corrections officer for the City of Middletown for two years. Scott said he was a patrolman and assigned the first shift with rotating days off. Scott stated he started on the Tactical Response Team in 2014.

Scott stated he had just completed his shift with Springboro PD when he received the SWAT callout to Mason, Ohio. Scott indicated the callout regarded a hostage situation that involved an escaped prisoner with two females. Scott stated he retrieved a cruiser from Springboro PD and responded to the "SWAT house." Scott said once he arrived at the house; he collected equipment for the callout. Scott said he was assigned as the "breacher" for the team. Scott

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said when he arrived at the location, he prepared "wall charges" for breaching the adjacent walls to room #310. Scott said the purpose of the wall charges was to create ports to look into the target room.

Scott said the team then waited in the hallway while SWAT negotiators communicated with Cromwell. Scott said the Hamilton County SWAT Team arrived while waiting in the hallway and relieved the Warren County Response Team due to fatigue. Scott said most of the team was reduced, but he stayed with the Hamilton County team in case the walls needed to be breached. Scott said after his team was given a break, his team arrived back at the location with orders to enter room #310.

Scott stated the team had an eight-second count down to zero. At count five, the front door was to be breached, and then at count three, the walls were to be breached with the wall charges. Scott said at zero; entry was to be made. Scott said he and team member, Dan Fry executed the wall charges on both sides of room #310. Scott said he was in the hallway when he detonated the wall charge. After the team entered room #310, he heard the code "Bingo", which meant the male was down and the female had been rescued. Scott said he heard one shot fired, but it was unclear what team member discharged their firearm. Scott said he saw a female exit room #310 with team members helping her to the command post. Scott noted medics were called to the room when he learned about the deceased subject, Cromwell.

Scott said the team exited the hotel's third floor and was instructed to head back to the SWAT house. After a BCI agent photographed the team members at the SWAT house, Scott stated they were relieved of duty. The interview with Scott was concluded at 1411 hours. The discussion between BCI agents and Scott was audio recorded and can be reviewed for additional details. See attachment #1 for a copy of the audio recording.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-13 / Antwaun Scott Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.