



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



2022-1480  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5945 SR 48, Clearcreek  
Township, OH (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** Mark E. Evers (S), Eric Kuhlman (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 07/25/2022  
**Activity Location:** Clearcreek Twp. Police Department – Business – 7593 Bunnell Hill  
Road, Springboro, OH 45066  
**Author:** SA Steven Seitzman

**Narrative:**

On July 25, 2022, at 1041 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) and Richard Ward (SA Ward) conducted an interview with Springboro Police Sergeant Eric Kuhlman (Sgt. Kuhlman) regarding his involvement in the Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that took place on July 12, 2022, in Clearcreek Township. Sgt. Kuhlman was identified as an officer who responded to the scene of the OICI to provide mutual aid. The interview took place at the Clearcreek Township Police Department. The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device.

The details below summarize the pertinent portions of the recorded interview and are not a verbatim account. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify the content of the interview.

Sgt. Kuhlman advised BCI agents that he has been employed by the Springboro Police Department (Springboro PD) for approximately twenty-two years. He serves as a shift supervisor. His duty hours are from 1500-2300 hours.

Regarding his involvement in the OICI, Sgt. Kuhlman provided the following information:

Sgt. Kuhlman heard an earlier radio call where Clearcreek Township police officers were dispatched to an address on SR-48 for a domestic situation. After some time passed, he heard, "Shots fired. Officer down." over the police radio. He responded to the scene and told his shift to respond as well.

Upon his arrival, he recalled seeing a female subject at the entrance gate. He instructed her to open the gate. He drove up the driveway and parked near the barns. He ran around the

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side of the barn and located several officers, including Warren County Sheriff's Office deputies, treating Clearcreek Police Officer Eric Ney (Officer Ney). He said that one of the Warren County Sheriff's Office deputies removed Officer Ney's firearm from its holster.

Sgt. Kuhlman then saw another subject down next to a "Gator" ATV. That subject was later identified as Mark E. Evers (Evers). Sgt. Kuhlman said Evers was unresponsive and had an obvious head wound. He also observed what appeared to be leg wounds and saw a hole on one of Evers' pant legs. He also observed blood coming from the area of Evers' anus. He recalled other officers telling him that there were bullet casings in the area; however, he said they were difficult to see due to the time of day.

Sgt. Kuhlman covered the other officers while standing next to Evers. He saw a handgun near Evers, so he took a picture of it. He moved the gun away from Evers, as Evers had not been officially pronounced deceased by paramedics. He then ordered Springboro Police Officer Todd Wilson (Officer Wilson) to handcuff Evers. Officer Wilson handcuffed Evers, placing his arms in front of him.

Sgt. Kuhlman advised a paramedic eventually came over to him and pronounced Evers deceased. He notified Warren County Communications that Evers was pronounced so that it would be on the call log. He then took command of the incident. He established an inner and outer perimeter. He instructed a Franklin police officer to stay with Clearcreek Township Police Sergeant Nicole Cordero.

Sgt. Kuhlman advised that he saw another male subject, later identified as David Ward, wandering around the scene. He instructed someone to handcuff and secure him. He then instructed officers to conduct security sweeps of the main residence and outbuildings, including an apartment attached to a barn. He advised that Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers forced entry into the main residence through a rear door.

Sgt. Kuhlman recalled that the Care Flight landed and Officer Ney was subsequently removed. He then instructed officers to secure the scene with crime scene tape. He remembered that a Warren County deputy took photographs of the scene.

Sgt. Kuhlman briefly met with Sgt. Cordero. He attempted to distract her from listening to the police radio. He also had her remove her ballistic vest to help keep her more comfortable. He did not remove her firearm. He did not ask Sgt. Cordero what happened. He said the only other person around Sgt. Cordero, to his knowledge, was the Franklin police officer he instructed to stay with her.

The interview was concluded at 1059 hours. The audio recording is attached below.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-25 / Springboro Police Sergeant Eric Kuhlman Interview

# **Exhibit 1**

**Included as a separate file.**