



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



2022-1564  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1132 Ashwood Drive, South  
Charleston, OH (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** Cole Matthew White (S), Luke Craft (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 08/18/2022  
**Activity Location:** Craft, Luke – Business – 105 E Market St, Xenia, OH 45385, Greene County  
**Author:** SA Richard Ward, #55

**Narrative:**

On Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 0925 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agents Richard Ward and Kenneth Smith met with Greene County Deputy Luke Craft along with his union representative, Attorney Steve Lazarus, at the Greene County Sheriff's Office, 105 East Market Street, Xenia, Ohio for the purpose of an interview. Craft responded to the aftermath as a member of the Greene County Regional SWAT team on July 24, 2022, in Clark County, Ohio, when Deputy Matthew Yates and Jodi Arbuckle were shot and killed by Cole White.

Deputy Craft has been a deputy sheriff with the Greene County Sheriff's Office for four years and a member of the Regional SWAT for two years. Craft is the assistant team leader for the county personnel and chemical munitions deployment. Craft was traveling from Cincinnati when he he was contacted reference an "active shooter" in Clark County. Craft stated he met up with additional Greene County SWAT members at a county facility. According to Craft, the information was incomplete, but believed a Clark County deputy was down. Craft stated they deployed the MRAP (Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle), command post, driven by him and the equipment truck to the scene, [1132 Ashwood Court]. Craft stated Xenia elements of the team also brought armor and their equipment truck.

Once on scene, Deputy Craft was provided his "gas bag" with Ferret rounds from Deputy/Team Commander Chris Sticka, and told to deploy with other personnel on the MRAP and relieve Clark County deputies on the 3/4 corner (street side). At this point, Craft was informed a deputy was down inside a trailer and personnel were attempting to recuse him. Craft learned a drone had captured footage of Deputy Yates face down inside the kitchen area.

Deputy Craft exited the MRAP and from the passenger side (on the street side of the trailer) with lethal cover, deployed Ferret (CS gas) round into the trailer, but didn't like his angle. Craft,

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along with other personnel, moved to a pick-up truck street side for cover and deployed from that location. Craft placed Ferret rounds in all of the "3 corner" windows.

During the recovery of Deputy Yates, Deputy Craft deployed Ferret rounds into the street side windows to push the suspect deeper into the trailer for the team to enter and retrieve Yates, which he considered the third of three deployments. Craft observed Yates' removal from the trailer and shortly after a fire began inside the trailer. Craft stated other team members held cover and the MRAP was backed away, not be be near the fire. Craft believed he fired a total of 30 to 32 Ferret rounds.

Agent Ward concluded the interview with Deputy Craft at 0937 hours. The audio interview is attached below.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2022-08-18 / Deputy Luke Craft audio interview

# **Exhibit 1**

**Included as a separate file.**