



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



2022- 0727

Officer-Involved Critical Incident - 914 Salt Springs Road, Youngstown,
Ohio 44509

Investigative Activity: Information Received

Activity Date: April 1, 2022

Activity Location: Crime Scene

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Al Banský #115

Narrative:

On April 1, 2022, upon arrival, Special Agent (SA) Al Banský (Banský) spoke and observed the following regarding an officer-involved critical incident which occurred in the area of 914 Salt Springs Road:

- SA Banský spoke with Youngstown City Police Captain Jason Simon (Simon). Simon advised that their department has requested BCI assistance to conduct an independent investigation into an officer-involved shooting. Simon advised there is one person deceased at this time. Simon also advised there are two Youngstown City police officers (Officers Chase Lemke and Andrew Balog) who were not involved and arrived on scene after the shooting.
- SA Banský spoke with Struthers City Police Chief Tim Roddy (Roddy) at the scene. Roddy advised that he had two of his officers (Captain Matt Haus and Patrolman Tom Schneeman) who were involved in this shooting.
- Inside the crime scene area, SA Banský observed a 2000 gray Chevrolet Malibu, Ohio registration HHQ 1258, VIN #1G1NE5217Y6174532 and two Struthers Police cruisers, one on each side of the gray Chevrolet Malibu. SA Banský also observed a white male subject who was slumped over in the driver's seat of the Chevrolet Malibu and also observed a black semi-automatic weapon on the driver's floor area. There was also a taser gun and wires on the ground area.
- According to Roddy, Captain Matt Haus (Haus) attempted a traffic stop after running the plate and received information that the driver was under suspension. The driver refused to stop and the chase ended up in the area of 914 Salt Springs Road and Steel Street. Upon the arrival of Haus and Patrolman Tom Schneeman (Schneeman), both officers boxed in the driver's vehicle. Officers exited their vehicle and deployed their tasers. It is believed Schneeman fired his service weapon.
- SA Dan Boerner from BCI Crime Scene Unit arrived and processed the crime scene.
- SA Banský met with Mahoning County Coroner Investigator Kelsey Simon.
- SA Banský received two written statements from Youngstown Police Officers Chase Lemke and Andrew Balog.



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- Driver of the 2000 Chevrolet Malibu was identified as James John Sheets (Sheets), 1534 Midland Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44509, SSN: [REDACTED] DOB: Information received showed Sheets was under suspension since 2017.
- Sheets was removed from his vehicle and transported by F.H.S. Funeral Service to Cuyahoga County.
- The 2000 Chevrolet Malibu was transported to the Struthers Police Department by Knuckle Buster Towing.
- Note: SA Bansky followed the 2000 Chevrolet Malibu to the Struthers Police Department. Vehicle was placed and secured into the Struthers Police Department garage. SA Bansky will prepare a search warrant in order to search the entire vehicle.
- Information on driver: James John Sheets, 1534 Midland, Street, Youngstown, Ohio 445009, SSN: [REDACTED] Height: 6'00; Weight: 280 lbs.