



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



2022-0310
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 913 Lebanon Street, Monroe,
Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Dustin Booth (S)
Date of Activity: 03/01/2022
Activity Location: Monroe Police Department – Business – 601 South Main Street,
Monroe, OH 45050, Butler County
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On March 1, 2022, at approximately 0901 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Rick Ward (SA Ward) and Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) conducted an interview with Monroe Police Officer Fred "Mike" Doughman, Jr. (Officer Doughman) at the Monroe Police Department. Officer Doughman's Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association attorney, Joseph Hegedus, was also present. Officer Doughman was identified by Monroe Police Department Captain David Chasteen as one of the officers directly involved in the Officer-Involved Critical Incident on February 11, 2022. 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 unless noted by quotations.

Officer Doughman provided agents with a written statement immediately preceding his interview. The written statement was signed by Officer Doughman was collected and attached to this report. SA Ward read the Notice of Criminal Investigation form to Officer Doughman. Officer Doughman advised he understood the content of the form and signed it. The signed form will be added to the physical case file. Officer Doughman further advised agents he reviewed his body worn camera footage prior to the interview.

Officer Doughman advised he has been at the Monroe Police Department for approximately fourteen and a half years and did not work for any other law enforcement agencies prior to Monroe Police Department. His badge number and radio call sign are #824. He was assigned to midnight road patrol and was also assigned as a canine officer. His canine's name is Nelson. His canine was certified through the State of Ohio. He was on the Warren County Regional SWAT team for five years; however, he left the team approximately two years ago.

Officer Doughman advised he has never been involved in any other shooting incidents. He stated he has no disciplinary record involving prior uses of force or dishonesty.

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Regarding his shift on February 11, 2022, Officer Doughman advised he was well rested and did not work any overtime or off duty assignments prior to his shift. He advised he did not take any prescriptions or over the counter medications that would have impaired his duties. He advised he did not consume alcohol within twenty-four hours of his shift. He was in a marked patrol vehicle and was wearing a Monroe PD issued uniform. He had a taser and an expandable ASP baton on him. He had a body-worn camera. He carried a Monroe PD issued 9 mm Glock 17 with a round in the chamber and a magazine filled to capacity. He also carried two additional magazines filled to capacity. He advised all ammunition was Monroe PD issued duty ammunition. He advised he was current on his firearms qualifications.

Regarding his involvement in the Officer-Involved Critical Incident on February 11, 2022, Officer Doughman advised agents of the following:

Officer Doughman arrived for midnight shift, which is his regularly assigned shift. He arrived to roll call at approximately 2230 hours. During roll call, he learned officers responded to 120 Bluegrass Lane regarding a subject, Dustin Booth (Booth), who was experiencing an unknown psychological episode. He was further advised Booth was seen with a gun on his hip by officers at the scene. He recognized Booth's name from a dispatch approximately one week prior to this incident where Booth was "pink slipped."

Officer Doughman received information over his police radio that Booth was going to leave his residence with a friend (identified as Justin Duh from further investigation). He was informed that Monroe PD Sergeant Eddie Myers developed a plan to initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle containing Booth. He responded to the area as he received updates over the police radio. He caught up to the other police vehicles on Bridle Creek Drive near Gallaher Road. He was initially the fourth or fifth car back; however, since he had a canine, he was requested to move to the front. Once the traffic stop was initiated on Lebanon Street near New Garver Road, Officer Doughman parked his vehicle behind and near the passenger side of the vehicle containing Booth.

Officer Doughman observed Booth and the driver fighting inside the vehicle. Officers ordered the driver out of the vehicle. He then saw the driver exit the vehicle and shout, "He has a gun, he has a gun." He also heard someone say either, "I'm stabbed" or "Did you get stabbed;" however, he did not know the source of that statement. The driver walked back to the police officers. Booth exited the vehicle and walked toward the front of it away from officers. Officer Doughman walked around to the passenger side of his cruiser and got his canine out. He recalled Booth walking away with his hands up. He gave commands for Booth to stop and other canine-specific commands.

Officer Doughman advised Sgt. Eddie Myer moved up toward Booth, so he followed him. He released his canine to stop Booth from entering traffic or another vehicle stopped at the intersection. He used the German command of "packen," which means "bite." He advised the canine apprehension was unsuccessful, as Booth turned before the canine was able to bite him. His canine bounced off of Booth. He went "hands on" with Booth after the unsuccessful canine deployment. Booth's back was to him, and he remembered Booth "digging hard" around the area of his waist. He recalled seeing a "strap" going across Booth's back. He described it as "maybe a two-inch nylon strap" that was "lighter than his [Booth's] clothes." He grabbed the strap and pulled Booth to the ground. At some point, Booth and he end up near the triangular-

shaped concrete island separating the right turn lane and through lane on northbound New Garver Road. He remembered Booth was to his left when he went to the ground. He did not recall if he fell with Booth. He then remembered Booth getting off the ground and simultaneously "digging" in his waistband or abdominal area. He then said Booth's right hand "got on a grip." It was then he saw the "chrome-plated cylinder" of a revolver. He remembered the cylinder seemed so big to him. He feared that Booth was going to shoot him or the officers behind him. He was in fear of his life and the lives of the other officers.

Officer Doughman advised Booth was beginning to raise his gun toward officers. He did not remember pulling his service weapon out. He recalled hearing a "pop" and realized he was firing at Booth. He believed he fired three or four rounds. He advised Booth fell on his back on the roadway near the concrete island. He did not know which other officers fired.

Officer Doughman advised officers moved up to Booth and an unknown officer moved the gun away from him. Officers then rendered medical aid to Booth, including the application of tourniquets. He recalled Booth saying, "I love you guys." He also remembered someone radioing for a medic to respond. He then left the immediate scene and secured his canine.

Officer Doughman returned to the Monroe Police Department. He unloaded his duty gun and turned it over to his lieutenant, Lieutenant Mike Rosenbalm. He remembered Lieutenant Rosenbalm placed the firearm in a bag and did not know what happened to it from that point. He was also photographed by BCI agents.

Officer Doughman advised he was not injured during the Officer-Involved Critical Incident.

SA Ward presented Officer Doughman with an overhead view of the Lebanon Street/New Garver Road intersection. He drew his recollection of where certain parts of the incident occurred. The map will be added to the physical case file.

The interview was concluded at 0939 hours. See the attached audio recording of the interview for more information.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-03-01 / Ofc. Fred Doughman Interview

Attachment # 02: Ofc Doughman OICI Criminal Investigation Notification/Written Statement

References:

Original Diagrams (5)

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.

Exhibit 2



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Criminal Investigation Notification

1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is **not** a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

FRED M. DOUGHRAN JR.
Printed Name of Interviewee

3-1-2022 @ 9:04am
Date / Time

[Signature]
Signature of Interviewee

RECK WARD
BCI Agent (Printed)

[Signature]
BCI Agent (Signature)

On February 11, 2022 I arrived for roll call around 2230 hours and was advised that 2nd shift had been at the residence of Dustin Booth since around 2pm. Officers were attempting to take Booth into their custody in order to transport him to the hospital due to him having a mental break. During roll call I was advised that he had been seen multiple times with a gun on his hip as he appeared from the residence. Booth would then retreat back into the residence as Officers tried to speak with him.

I was then advised over the radio that Booth was going to leave the residence with a friend in an attempt to get Booth away from the residence and his gun. As I left the station I heard over the radio that Booth and his friend had left the residence and was heading east of Bridle Creek toward Gallagher. As the other Officers followed Booth they turned onto Lebanon street and at that time I made my way up to the front at the request of Sgt Myers. The reason for me to move up before the traffic was to use my K9 partner in an attempt to control Booth's behavior with K9 presence. Before the stop I was advised that Booth was in the front passenger seat and that he had possibly went back into his residence before leaving and retrieved his gun and that it might have been in a bag.

Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle that Booth was in at the intersection of Lebanon and New Garver. As the vehicle came to a stop I positioned my cruiser on the passenger side just behind the vehicle. Immediately after the vehicle stopped the driver exited the drivers door with his hands up. Orders were given to him and during the exchange of words I heard I have been stabbed or are you stabbed? At the time it was unclear to me who was saying that. I then turned my focus back to the passenger door and could see Booth still inside moving about inside and reaching into the back seat. I then moved around to the back of my vehicle to the passenger side where I deployed my K9 partner Nelson. By this time Booth was outside of the vehicle and was walking away from the vehicle. I then heard Booth's friend yelling stop him he has a gun over and over. Booth was walking away with his back toward us and his hands up in the air. Booth was given several warnings to stop and get on the ground but refused to

comply with Officer's demands. Knowing that Booth now had a gun and was walking toward a heavily populated area and into traffic where vehicles were going to be stopped for the traffic lights, I made the decision to send Nelson to apprehend and stop Booth before he could make his way into traffic or into one of the multiple businesses that were open at the time. My thought was to stop him because having dealt with Booth a week prior I felt that the surrounding public was in danger knowing Booth was having a mental break and that he had a gun on him.

With Nelson released and running at Booth, Booth turned just as Nelson had left the ground and jumped in order to bite Booth in left tricep. Nelson did make contact with Booth but was unable to secure a bite on him. At that time I ran at Booth and noticed that he had some type cross body strap running diagonal across his back. As I got closer to Booth within arms length Booth still had his back to me and I saw both hands reaching into the center of his body. The only way to describe it was that Booth was digging very hard into the center of his chest and or waist line area. I then remember grabbing the strap across his back and taking him down to my left side hoping to stop Booth from reaching in his waist line or a bag on that would be positioned in the front of his body in order that he would be unbalanced enough for Nelson to reengage and Officers to get control of Booth.

After taking Booth down to the ground I observed him roll on the ground and pop up on one knee or maybe both knees. As Booth came up I remember seeing his right hand reaching toward the center of his chest and seeing a chrome plated cylinder from a revolver. I then remember seeing Booth's hand grab the grip of the gun. It was at that moment that I feared for my life and the lives of the others that Booth was going to shoot me and the other Officers that were standing behind me. I then remember hearing one loud round going off as I fired my firearm. With Booth now laying on his back as I was looking down the slide and over the sights of my firearm. I observed the chrome plated revolver laying on the ground on the right side of Booth. With the revolver still close to Booth and within arms reach. I called Nelson to my side and advised my cover Officers to watch Booth and watch the gun because he could still reach it. I then asked if everybody was ready