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

2022-1673
Officer Involved Critical Incident – Smith Road Near Van Tress
Road, Clinton County, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review

Involves: Ricky W. Shiffer (S), Dale Wolfe (V), Tpr. ███████ (S), Tpr. ███████ (S), Tpr. ███ ██████ (S), Sgt. ████████ (S), Lt. ███████ (S), Trooper ██████ (S), Trooper ████ ████ (S), Tpr. Jacques Illanz (W), K9 Dep. ████████ (S), Ohio State Highway Patrol-SRT (O), Trooper ███████ (S)

Date of Activity: 08/15/2022

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Narrative:

On Thursday, August 11, 2022, subject Ricky Shiffer had attempted to force entry in to the to the FBI Field Office in Cincinnati, Ohio, armed with an AR-15 rifle and a nail gun. The breach attempt failed and a vehicle pursuit ensued, involving Ohio State Highway Patrol Troopers. Shots were fired by the subject during the pursuit on northbound Interstate 71, striking a civilian vehicle. The pursuit ended on Smith Road in Clinton County, when the subject stopped and engaged the pursuing Troopers with gunfire. An hour's long standoff followed with the subject eventually being shot by OSHP SRT Troopers and a FBI SWAT Agent, after negotiations for the subject's surrender failed and SRT Troopers attempted to take the subject into custody.

During the subsequent investigation, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) requested and received video recorded evidence in the form of Body Worn Cameras (BWC) and cruiser cameras from the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Warren County Sheriff's Office. On August 15, 2022, BCI Special Agent Kenneth Smith received from the Ohio State Highway Patrol BWC video recordings from members of their Special Response Team (SRT) and all other troopers involved in the incident.

The video recordings collected during this investigation will remain part of the physical, permanent case file. The videos were reviewed and uploaded to the case file.

References:

BCI Server

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