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Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 197 West 8th Avenue,  
Columbus, Ohio

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Date: December 24, 2024  
Involves: Asante Taaj Omar Miller, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Case Title: Officer Involved Critical Incident - 197 West 8th Ave., Columbus,  
Ohio 43201 (L)  
BCI Case Numbers: Special Investigations (SIU): 2024-2371  
Crime Scene (CSU): 2024-2371  
BCI Laboratory: 24-111696

**Investigative Request**

On Sunday, August 11, 2024, Sergeant Terry McConnell of the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident. The incident reportedly occurred on August 11, 2024 in the area of 197 West 8th Avenue in Columbus, Ohio. Asante Taaj Omar Miller (Miller) was involved in an encounter with police officers from CPD and the Ohio State University Police Department (OSUPD) and was later discovered to be deceased with a potentially self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. No law enforcement officers were injured during this incident.

*Preface:*

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the August 11, 2024 officer-involved shooting in Franklin County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Every fact and detail is not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which this document is derived be read in order to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for the majority of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.

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This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.

**Investigative Team**

BCI Special Agent Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) was assigned as the lead SIU case agent. SA Douglass received assistance in the investigation from SA James Gore (SA Gore), SA Matthew Collins (SA Collins), SA Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb), SA Carrie Ryan (SA Ryan), and SA David Wiegling (SA Wiegling). BCI Special Agents Aja Chung (SA Chung) and SA Mathew Austin (SA Austin) of the Crime Scene Unit processed the scene of the incident, documenting, preserving, and collecting possible evidence. The investigation was supervised by Special Agent Supervisor James Mulford (SAS Mulford). Additionally, various personnel from the BCI crime laboratory performed scientific analyses on submitted items of potential physical evidence.

**Summary of Process**

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during the course of this investigation, by the investigative team, in an effort to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Recorded interview(s) of all officers who discharged their weapons
- Recorded interviews of all officers who were involved in the incident, at the scene, or otherwise deemed to potentially have relevant information
- Neighborhood canvass of the area surrounding the scene
- Interviews of multiple civilian witnesses to the incident
- Interviews of family members or associates of the decedent
- Special agent attendance to post-mortem examination (autopsy) of the deceased
- Obtained and reviewed post-mortem examination (autopsy) and toxicology reports
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on the involved subjects, to include criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.
- FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) checks on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine if reported stolen)

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- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) trace on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine ownership history)
- Review of all available dash/cruiser cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available body-worn camera (BWC) video involved in the incident
- Review of all available surveillance video which captured any portion of the incident
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting)
- 3D scans / model of incident area
- Processing of involved vehicle(s) for potential evidence
- Bloodstain pattern analysis
- Shooting reconstruction and trajectory analysis
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident
- Review of 911/phone communications related to the incident
- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident
- Review of Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) communications relative to the incident
- Review of the department's reports, photographs, and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
  1. Firearm identification testing of involved firearms, casings, and bullets
  2. Firearm operability testing
  3. Chemistry (drug identification)
  4. Gunshot residue testing (GSR)
  5. Fingerprint analysis
  6. DNA
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officers involved in the shooting, to include training and disciplinary records (if any)
- Reviewed firearm qualification and training records for involved officers
- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the officer(s) who discharged their weapons
- Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding use of force for prosecutorial review

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**Incident Summary/Overview**

On August 11, 2024, at approximately 0817 hours, CPD officers attempted to make contact with an individual identified as Asante Taaj Omar Miller (Miller) in response to a forced entry/break-in at 1517 Worthington Street. Upon CPD's arrival, Miller fled the residence via the back door and a foot pursuit ensued. Officers from CPD and OSUPD began searching the area for Miller, who was then encountered by responding officers in the parking lot area of 242 West 8th Avenue. Officers gave numerous verbal commands to Miller to drop the gun he was holding, to which Miller did not comply. Gunshots were fired at this location, and Miller fled on foot again. Officers from CPD and OSUPD pursued Miller to 197 West 8th Avenue, where they discovered a door had been forced open. While searching the building and attempting to locate Miller, CPD and OSUPD officers were fired upon and several responding law enforcement officers returned fire. CPD and OSUPD officers retreated from the area where Miller had barricaded himself, and a single gunshot was heard shortly after. CPD and OSUPD officers retreated to the exterior of the building. Miller was later located in a bedroom closet and found to be deceased with a potentially self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. A firearm not belonging to any responding law enforcement personnel was discovered and collected at the scene. No law enforcement officers were injured during this incident.

**Decedent**

The decedent's identity was confirmed to be Asante Taaj Omar Miller. Per the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG), [REDACTED] Miller's next-of-kin was found to be his mother, Jennifer Marie Lawson Summers.

**Autopsy Report**

The autopsy report for the decedent (Asante Taaj Omar Miller) was obtained from the Franklin County Coroner's Office. A review of those documents revealed the following information:

[REDACTED]





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**Physical Evidence**

The BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) was requested to respond to the scene of the shooting in order to document and preserve any items of potential evidence. Multiple agents responded and processed the scene, to include photographing and mapping the area, as well as the search for documentation, and collection of items of possible evidence. Detailed crime scene reports were completed with the below information only summarizing some of the more significant findings.

Firearms discharged by CPD and OSUPD officers involved in the incident were collected by CSU. One additional firearm was recovered during the incident which reportedly did not belong to any law enforcement officers on scene, which was also collected by BCI CSU. Firearms believed to be related to the OICI were subsequently submitted to the BCI Firearms Laboratory for analysis. While processing the scene, CSU also recovered cartridge cases and fired projectiles in the vicinity of the OICI. Numerous cartridge cases and fired bullet projectiles were collected and documented by CSU.

The actual BCI Laboratory reports should be consulted as the following synopsis does not include many of the details from the full reports.

BCI Forensic Scientist Matthew White (FS White) identified the firearm with serial #NMA7831, as Smith & Wesson M&P9 9mm semi-automatic pistol, which is registered to Asante Taaj Omar Miller of Columbus, OH. This firearm was located in the vicinity of Miller's body after the incident had concluded.

The BCI Firearms Section performed an analysis of the officers' firearms, as well as the firearm-related evidence collected from the scene, vehicles, and autopsies (casings and bullets). By comparing evidentiary cartridge casings/projectiles to known standards from each weapon, identifications were able to be made as to which casings/projectiles were fired from each firearm. Of the casings/projectiles recovered, the following identifications were made:

FS White identified two (2) 9mm Luger fired cartridge cases (Items 10EC1-10EC2) as being source identified (matched) to the Smith & Wesson M&P9 9mm semi-automatic pistol, serial #NMA7831 (Item 10), which was recovered from the scene and was in the possession of Asante Miller during the incident.

FS White identified one (1) 9mm Luger fired cartridge cases (Item 1EC1) as being source identified to the Smith & Wesson M&P9 2.0 9mm semi-automatic pistol, serial # [REDACTED] (Item 14), which was assigned to CPD [REDACTED].

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FS White identified four (4) 9mm Luger fired cartridge cases and one (1) fired bullet fragment (Items 2EC1-2EC4, 19EB1) as being source identified to the Smith & Wesson M&P9 2.0 9mm semi-automatic pistol, serial # [REDACTED] (Item 16), which was assigned to CPD [REDACTED].

FS White identified nine (9) 9mm Luger fired cartridge cases (Items 5EC1, 6EC1-6EC2, 7EC8-7EC11, 8EC1-8EC2) and two (2) fired bullets (Items 12EB1, 13EB1) as being source identified to the Smith & Wesson M&P9 2.0 9mm semi-automatic pistol, serial # [REDACTED] (Item 17), which was assigned to CPD [REDACTED].

FS White identified seven (7) 9mm Luger fired cartridge cases (Items 7EC1-7EC7) and one (1) fired bullet (Item 9EB1) as being source identified to the Glock 17 Gen5 9mm semi-automatic pistol, serial # [REDACTED] (Item 18), which was assigned to OSUPD [REDACTED].

FS White identified one (1) lead fragment (Item 19EB2) as unsuitable for comparison.

According to the BCI Firearms OUTN lab report, no NIBIN leads were generated from BCI Firearms lab test fires for the Smith & Wesson M&P9 9mm semi-automatic pistol, serial #NMA7831, which was registered to and in possession of Asante Miller.

**Witnesses**

**Owen Cline**

Owen Cline (Cline), of 1517 Worthington Street, was interviewed by BCI and CPD investigators. Cline stated that Asante Miller (Miller) used to live with them in the house. Throughout the year, Miller got more difficult to live with. Cline said that Miller showed signs of bipolar disorder. He would be hanging out and then “flip a switch” and start to get extremely angry about things. Miller didn’t really respect his roommates’ personal belongings. Cline said that there was nothing ever physical with Miller and the other males that lived in the house, but they did feel threatened at times.

Around June 29, 2023, Miller got into an altercation with Matthew (who doesn’t live there anymore) and Miller accused him of something extremely strange. When Matthew woke up the next day, he found out that Miller took his car without permission. Miller came back without the car, and they eventually found that car around Cleveland Avenue. The car owner did not press charges against Miller. After this incident, they asked Miller to move out of the residence. Cline believes that Miller was then homeless after they asked him to leave. Cline never saw Miller again after this incident.

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On the date of the officer-involved critical incident on August 11, 2024, Cline was told to call 911 and that Miller was in the house. Cline received numerous texts from Brad Weaver (Weaver), who told Cline that Miller broke in and that Cline needed to call 911. Cline told 911 that when Miller stole the car previously, they knew he had a firearm and that from his past with Miller, knew him to be dangerous. Cline told the dispatcher the code to give responding officers to enter the front door. Cline and his roommates then locked themselves in their rooms on the second floor.

Cline then heard the police come in and then he heard what sounded like Miller running out the back door. About five minutes later, he saw Miller running towards the house [towards the front of the house] and multiple CPD officers following. Cline didn't think he was running back towards the house but more running away from CPD officers. About a minute after seeing Miller running, Cline heard approximately five gunshots. He said it sounded like the gunshots came from the back of the house. All the roommates then gathered upstairs and locked themselves in a room. Cline then received a return call from a 911 dispatcher asking for information regarding Miller.

Seth Rush

BCI and CPD investigators also interviewed Seth Rush (Rush). Rush said that he was in his bedroom located on the second floor. Rush was woken up around 0900 hours to "loud banging sounds", which he later found out to be gunshots. About 10 minutes later Owen Cline (Cline) ran into his room and told him that Miller came back to the house and CPD officers chased him away. Rush and Cline then barricaded themselves in his bedroom. They later talked to CPD officers downstairs about the situation and Miller.

Bradley Weaver

Bradley Weaver (Weaver) reported on the morning of the incident he was asleep on the first floor when he heard a loud noise which was presumably the door being kicked in. It was approximately 0730 hours. Weaver said he heard footsteps and then Miller's voice. So as not to escalate matters, Weaver asked Miller how he was doing to which Miller mumbled something and then walked away. Weaver said that there were four other housemates sleeping upstairs and he called one of them to call the police. While they were waiting for the police to arrive, Weaver said Miller sat in the front room listening to music by himself and drinking a Red Bull. Weaver indicated that at some point while Miller was present in the house, he stole around \$500 from Owen Cline's (roommate) wallet.

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Once the police arrived, Weaver said he walked into the kitchen, and heard him (Miller) "cock a gun." Weaver stated he stayed in the room he was in and could hear the police on the porch twice saying, "Come out with your hands up." At some point, Weaver also twice heard the police saying, "Put the gun down." Miller then ran out the back door and Weaver was not certain which direction Miller went.

### Officer Interviews

The following paragraphs are extremely abbreviated versions of each officer's account of his or her actions pertaining to this incident and/or discharging their weapon. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of each interview.

CPD [REDACTED]

CPD [REDACTED] said when he and CPD [REDACTED] arrived, they could see from the street that a door was open, but they could not tell if it had been forced. He recalled that as they approached the doorway and peered into the dwelling, they observed a male subject down a hallway who popped his head around a corner. [REDACTED] said the subject matched the description of the subject (Miller) on the call notes. He said they asked Miller to show his hands, but Miller dipped back behind a wall and was no longer visible. [REDACTED] later confirmed that both he and [REDACTED] were wearing the normal police patrol uniform, and they announced their presence as police when they addressed Miller.

[REDACTED] stated he and [REDACTED] drew their handguns and ordered Miller to reveal himself and show his hands, but he did not comply. [REDACTED] said he walked around the building toward the rear of the structure, which is when he saw Miller running away. [REDACTED] said he pursued Miller on foot, and at one point, he saw Miller pause near a building, at an elevated position. [REDACTED] believed Miller was waiting to ambush the officers, so [REDACTED] instead went around the other side of the building, where he took cover. [REDACTED] waved for [REDACTED] to stay back, and he yelled commands for Miller to drop his gun. [REDACTED] reported that Miller took off running again, and a gun was visible in his hand.

[REDACTED] explained that officers cautiously searched the area for Miller, and at one point, he was located near the corner of a multi-level apartment building, on its lower level. Given this description, [REDACTED] was shown an image from Google Street View, facing the northeast corner of 240/242 West 8th Avenue. [REDACTED] recognized the building, and he confirmed that it was the location where Miller was spotted.

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████. █████ stated that some officers shot at Miller, then he disappeared again. █████ said he did not know which officers shot at Miller, but the shots were preceded by numerous commands for Miller to drop his weapon. █████ explained they searched around the building, and realized that Miller was likely not struck, because there was no evidence of any blood loss.

████. █████ recalled he was searching around 165 W. 8th Avenue when other officers broadcast that they were making entry at another open door nearby (197 West 8th Avenue). █████ was approaching a nearby female resident when he heard gunshots several residences away from his location. █████ said that he and others descended upon the location where the shots were fired in order to set up a perimeter.

████. █████ mentioned that the officers backed up a bit when it was broadcast that Miller was reloading. █████ stated that after the initial gunshots ceased and officers backed out of the house, a single gunshot was heard and a projectile came flying out one of the windows at the back of the structure. █████ stated that he did not have any additional involvement in the matter.

████. █████ did not fire his duty weapon during this incident.

CPD Officer Deann Trionfante

CPD Officer Deann Trionfante (Ofc. Trionfante) said she joined other officers in attempting to set up a perimeter around the area where Miller was last seen. She remembered hearing officers yelling, 'He's got the gun!' or 'Drop the gun!' or similar words of that nature. Ofc. Trionfante recalled hearing gunshots, then going toward that area, which she described as the end of a multi-level apartment building. Ofc. Trionfante said she did not see Miller at that time, and she did not see who fired.

Ofc. Trionfante stated that she and other officers were searching in the vicinity behind 197 West 8th Avenue, when she heard CPD █████ █████ yell that there was an open door at the location. She said she then met with █████ and CPD █████ (████) on the side of the building. Upon closer inspection, she said, they observed that the door had been forced open. Ofc. Trionfante stated that the three of them decided to make entry to the building. Once inside, Ofc. Trionfante called for another officer, which is when OSUPD █████ entered. Ofc. Trionfante said she and █████ went one direction, while █████ and █████ went in another.

Ofc. Trionfante explained, while she and █████ were searching their area, they heard gunshots from another area of the structure. She said █████ was the first to

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get to a doorway through which gunfire was exchanged, and she believed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] may have been trapped in an adjacent room or hallway. Ofc. Trionfante said she could not see around [REDACTED] [REDACTED] into the room where the suspect was located. She said she believed that both [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] shot into the room, because she (Ofc. Trionfante) was getting hit by ejected brass from one or both of them.

According to Ofc. Trionfante, during a lull in the gunfire, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] called out to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to get out of the area where she was possibly trapped. Ofc. Trionfante said she told the other officers to reload their weapons. She also said she was trying to get [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to leave the building, but she insisted on staying. Ofc. Trionfante said the officers decided to extract themselves from the building, and as they were doing so, she recalled hearing at least one gunshot, which was not fired by officers. Upon backing out of the structure, Ofc. Trionfante recalled, the officers set up a close perimeter around the building. Ofc. Trionfante said she requested SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics team) response and a bullhorn (loudspeaker). She said no one had a bullhorn, so she went to a nearby police vehicle and used its public address system to make verbal announcements to the barricaded suspect.

Ofc. Trionfante did not fire her duty weapon during this incident.

CPD [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

CPD [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] wrote the following in his statement to BCI:

*"On the day of August 11, 2024, I was performing routine patrol duties in the area of 375 E. 5th Avenue. Shortly after 8:00 a.m. I heard that a two-person cruiser was being dispatched to a priority burglary in progress on 4 precinct at 1517 Worthington Street. I began heading in that direction in case back up was needed. I activated my lights and sirens and my body worn camera. Shortly thereafter, I heard one of the responding officers air words to the effect of "he's got a 33 (gun)" and "he's running out the back". I was approximately 1-2 miles away from the address on Worthington Street. The suspect was described as a black male, wearing all black, with curly hair, a backpack, and a black semi-automatic weapon. As I approached the area of 1517 Worthington Street, I aired that I was in the area and asked for the suspect's direction of travel. I was informed that he was running eastbound from the intersection of 8th Avenue and Worthington Street. While driving on 8th Avenue I saw a person who matched the suspect's general description. I aired for the description to be repeated so that I could be certain it was the suspect. The description was repeated as a light skinned black male, wearing all black, with a bookbag. I aired that the suspect was walking eastbound at Hunter Avenue and 8th Avenue and then asked if the suspect still had a gun, which was affirmed. I could see that the suspect's hands were concealed at that*

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*moment, as though he was trying to hide something. A few seconds later, I corrected myself and aired that the suspect was at Highland and 8th; not Hunter and 8th Avenue. I was approximately 50 yards north of the suspect. The suspect looked in my direction and appeared to move to try to evade me and immediately picked up his pace and turned. I lost sight of the suspect near the intersection of Highland and 8th Ave."*

■■■■ continued, "As I knew the suspect was armed with what I believed was an AR-style weapon, I believed he may be hiding and waiting for officers in order to ambush them. I aired for more cruisers and to set up a perimeter. Other CPD officers began arriving in the area. I parked my cruiser on W. 8th Avenue, just east of Hunter. I began searching the area on foot near where I had last seen the suspect. I drew my weapon as I exited my cruiser. After 2-3 minutes of searching on foot, I heard a CPD officer air the suspect's location and that he was walking northbound and may be trying to get back to the Worthington Street address. I then heard that the suspect was walking westbound on 9th Avenue. As I continued to search on foot, I saw other CPD Officers arriving who were also looking for the suspect. I aired for additional cruisers at the intersection of 9th Avenue and Worthington Street as well as Neil Avenue so that a complete perimeter could be established. I asked if the CPD helicopter was searching for the suspect and was told that it was not."

■■■■ wrote in his statement regarding his involvement in the shooting incident, "As I was walking westbound on 9th Avenue, I heard multiple officers yelling, indicating they had located the suspect. I ran south, toward where the sounds were coming from. As I approached an apartment complex parking lot, north of an alleyway that ran east-west from Worthington Street I saw the suspect walking north and then turning west, near the corner of an apartment building at 240 E. 8th Street, which was to my southwest. I saw 3-4 CPD officers behind (south/southeast of) the suspect, yelling commands to the effect of "drop the gun" and "drop it". I saw that the suspect was carrying a black handgun in his right hand. I positioned myself behind a trash dumpster. The suspect hesitated at the northeast corner of the apartment building and then turned to make direct eye contact with me. I saw the suspect's hands moving in my direction and believed the suspect was raising his gun at me. I fired two shots at the suspect. I heard at least one other CPD officer fire at approximately the same time. The suspect did not appear to be hit and ran left (west). I aired that shots had been fired. I heard at least one other officer also air that shots had been fired. I lost sight of the suspect. Myself and a group of other officers that included both CPD and OSU looked down the other (west) side of the apartment building, that I believe was 242 E. 8th Street and did not see the suspect. Officers then spread out to try to establish a perimeter around where we had last seen the suspect."

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■■■■ also wrote in his statement, *"I heard someone air that there was a door with a forced entry at 197 W. 8th Avenue. I saw 5-6 officers make entry through the opened door. I stayed outside, on the east side, of the residence to cover a front door, in case the suspect attempted to flee through that door as well as to monitor the windows on that side of the residence in case the suspect fired through a window. I heard commands being yelled for the suspect to identify himself. Suddenly, I heard a volley of gunfire that sounded like approximately 15-20 shots. I immediately aired "shots fired". I saw the officers who made entry leave the house. No one was certain if the suspect had been hit."*

■■■■ wrote in his statement regarding firing his weapon, *"I fired two shots at the suspect. My shot(s) were fired from a standing position. I used my sights when I fired. My shots were fired in a west/southwest direction. I believe I was approximately 25-35 feet from the suspect at the time I fired. There was approximately three seconds between my shots. My target was the suspect's center mass. The backdrop for my shot was the brick wall of the building at 240 W. 8th Ave. I had cover from the dumpster I was behind. It was daylight and the lighting was good. I stopped firing because the suspect fled on foot and was no longer visible. At the time I fired my weapon at the suspect, I do not believe I had any reasonable alternative to protect my life and the lives of the other officers on the scene. I did have a taser with me, however, given my distance from the suspect, the fact that I knew the suspect had a gun and I believed the suspect was turning to shoot at me, I did not believe it would be appropriate to counter their force with a taser."*

CPD ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■

CPD ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ wrote the following in his statement to BCI:

*"At just a little after 8:00am on Sunday the 11th, ■■■■ ■■■■ requested that we be placed on a call dispatched to 1517 Worthington Street, Columbus, Ohio in which a suspect named Asante Miller, an ex-roommate at the address, had reportedly broke into the home through a window. It was believed that he was in the room on the left from the front door. I drove lights and sirens to the address starting south on Olentangy, left (east) on John H Herrick Drive, right (south) on Neil Avenue, left (east) on W 10th Avenue, and right (south) on Worthington Street. I confirmed that the address was 1517 Worthington. It was radioed that the suspect had been known to be violent in the past. I parked on the west side of the street with the passenger door of the cruiser facing the address, which was a two to three-story white house, typical for campus housing, with a large wooden front porch. The front door was open, but I am not sure if the door was forced or merely opened. I followed ■■■■ ■■■■ up the*

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*stairs on the northside of the porch. We both drew our weapons. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] went to the southside of the door and told someone inside to put their hands up. When I got into position on the north side of the door, I could see the head of an individual through the doorway directly west (in front of me) of the open front door. I pointed my weapon in his direction and told him to "put his hands up". He did not comply and moved his head behind a wall out of sight. I radioed that we had a person inside the house refusing to come out. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] went to the back (west) side of the house. I remained on the front porch covering the front door from the left (south) side of the porch door and heard [REDACTED] [REDACTED] air that the suspect had a "33", which is our 10 code for gun. I did not know where the suspect was at the time. I believed he could still be inside the house."*

*[REDACTED]. [REDACTED] continued in his statement, "I radioed to ask if [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had eyes on the suspect. There were several officers who radioed or yelled that the suspect had a gun. As I walked in the direction (southwest) that I believed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to be, I saw the suspect in between two houses, which I now know were 226 and 218 W 8th Avenue to the south of the original address. I aimed my weapon at him and told him to put the gun down. He ran. I could hear Office [REDACTED] repeatedly tell the suspect to put his gun down and I began to follow [REDACTED] [REDACTED] east on West 8th. I aired that the suspect was a light skinned male black approximately 6 feet wearing all black clothing with a bookbag. He had a gun which looked like a black semi-automatic. We turned north back on to Worthington Street. It was aired that the suspect was at Hunter (then Highland) and 8th, which was east of our location. We moved back and forth trying to catch sight of the suspect for several blocks. I eventually saw the suspect at an apartment building off the alley just to the west of the original address. By looking at the map, this appears to be around 240 W. 8th. The suspect was in the lower level of a three (3) story brick apartment building walking north. The first/basement level was sunk down several feet. I could still see he had a gun in his right hand. The gun was tucked into his right side with the barrel pointing in the direction he was walking, parallel to the ground. I, as well as other officers, continued to yell at him to put the gun down. He did not comply and continued north with his weapon in the same position. He gave no indication that he intended on surrendering to authorities. As the suspect got to the northeast corner of the building, the gun was still tucked into the right side of his body with the barrel parallel to the ground. The suspect turned his body partially in my direction with his right side bladed towards me. It appeared he was looking in my direction or the direction of other officers near me, again with the barrel of his weapon parallel to the ground. I knew there were other officers near my location."*

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████. █████ wrote regarding the shooting incident, *"I heard a gunshot. At the time, I believed it was another officer firing at the suspect, but I was not sure who shot or from what location. I fired four (4) times at the suspect. The suspect moved west with his gun still in his right hand. I stopped firing when I could no longer see him. It appeared to me that the suspect had moved to the south on the other side of the apartment building. █████ █████ and I were joined by █████ █████ █████ and we searched the northwest side of the building believing that he may have hunkered down in a stair well. When it became evident that he was not in the stairwell, we continued to pursue the suspect based upon radio traffic or communication from other officers. Eventually, I again started eastbound on Worthington, turning right on W. 8th. I checked the front door at 197 W 8th Street to see if the suspect could have possibly entered the building. The front door was secured. This was later identified as the address of the 7-A, our 10 code for a forced entry, on a door to the side of the home. After ensuring there were enough officers to enter inside, I remained stationed at the front of 197 W. 8th. I could hear an officer identify himself as Columbus Police more than once. I then heard several shots being fired. I moved to the back of the address and then back to the front. There was a radioed request for a bunker. I eventually posted myself behind a vehicle parked on the south side of W. 8th with other officers. I heard announcements over a loudspeaker and other officers began evacuating the surrounding houses."*

████. █████ wrote in his statement about firing his weapon, *"I now know that I fired four (4) times. When I fired, I fired from a standing position with both hands. I did not use my sights. I fired at the suspect's center mass, which included the suspect's right side as he was bladed in my direction. It was full day light and I did not use my weapon's light. I fired in a westerly direction. I did not see any officers or civilians in my backdrop. My backdrop would have the side of the brick building and sidewalk beyond. I know I heard another officer fire at least once. I didn't have the time, distance, or barrier necessary to successfully deploy less than lethal force. When I fired, dispatch had reported that the suspect had previously been violent. The suspect had been seen with a gun multiple times and ordered to drop the gun on numerous occasions by numerous officers, failed to comply, and fled. He was holding his gun parallel to the ground tucked against his body with the barrel pointed about 3 feet above the ground. Several officers were to my right. He turned his body in my direction. I heard what I believed to be another officer fire, I fired four (4) times. I stopped firing when I could no longer see the suspect. When I fired, I did not believe that I had any other reasonable alternative other than to fire to protect my fellow police officers, the public, and myself from imminent danger of death or severe bodily harm as the suspect had a weapon in*

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*his hand pointed parallel to the ground, he could have very easily shot at officers by just pulling the trigger, and repeatedly refused to follow commands.”*

CPD [REDACTED]

CPD [REDACTED] wrote the following in her statement to BCI:

*“Immediately before this incident, I was in the area of Grant Avenue and 5th Avenue when I heard officers had an individual inside a residence who was refusing to come out. Then I heard an officer air that a suspect was running and had a 33 (gun). I looked at the information on the CAD (computer aided dispatch) system and it appeared that there was a roommate dispute and that a former roommate had broken into his prior apartment and that he was known to carry a gun. From the CAD information, it appeared officers had responded and the suspect had fled. I aired for dispatch to add me to that run, as I was roughly 5 minutes away. I began driving to 1517 Worthington Street. I activated my lights and sirens as I drove to the location. As I was driving to the location, I heard officers airing various locations as they were trying to locate the suspect. I went to the intersection of 8th Avenue and Hunter Avenue. I saw [REDACTED] in cruiser [REDACTED]. I pulled up next to him and he told me to be careful because the suspect was around there somewhere and was lying in wait. I confirmed the suspect’s description with him, which was a tall male black and I believe I had also heard over the radio that he had a black bookbag.”*

[REDACTED] explained her arrival on scene and continued, “As I was running down an alley (I am not exactly sure where I was), I heard shots fired. I did not know who fired or if the suspect had fired at officers. I came up behind [REDACTED] and asked if the suspect was down. Officer Trionfante, [REDACTED] and other officers (including OSU officers) were in the area. No one had a visual on the suspect. We all started going in between houses, into parking lots and alleys looking for the suspect. Dispatch aired that a neighbor called and stated there was a male with a gun running towards King Avenue. We all moved in that direction and continued to look for the suspect. I was searching around the area when [REDACTED] stated there was an open door at the house. Which I now know was located at 197 W. 8th Avenue. I yelled we had a 7A (our code for an open door/window). This was a large house, possibly having multi-unit, as it had several entrances/exits. [REDACTED] approached the door and relayed that it looked forced. I approached the door and saw the broken door lock on the floor. I looked into the house and it appeared to be vacant, as there was not any furniture. [REDACTED] was yelling “Columbus Police” into the residence. We decided to enter and look for the suspect.”

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█████ discussed the search of the residence and the shooting incident, █████ went to the right to begin clearing the house. Officer Trionfante went with him. I went to the left with OSU ██████████ I had my firearm in the "high-ready" as I was clearing the house. I cleared the back room that was a laundry room and an empty bedroom. I came out of the bedroom and announced it was clear to ██████████ I went to clear the other bedroom directly next to the room I had just cleared. The door to that room was only open about an inch or so. I opened the door-I do not recall if I pushed the door open with my hand or foot. Suddenly, I saw the suspect with a gun pointed at me as I simultaneously heard rounds being fired. I immediately fired my weapon while retreating into the room I had just cleared. I yelled "he's in there!" A second or two later, I heard gunfire and I believed the suspect was firing at the other officers. I came back around the doorway (the doorways to the two bedrooms are right next to each other) and pushed the door open and again fired at the suspect. The door to the bedroom the suspect was in closed and I retreated into the already cleared bedroom. ██████████ kicked the door open but I do not believe he saw the suspect as there were no additional rounds fired. He yelled for me to come out and I came out of the bedroom. Officer Trionfante told me to go outside and check myself to make sure I had not been struck by the suspect's gunfire. I walked outside the house and checked to make sure I was not struck. I also did a tactical re-load, as I was not sure exactly how many rounds I had fired."

█████ wrote in her statement regarding her decision to fire her weapon, "I believe I fired ten rounds at the suspect. This is based off of the round count, as I had 8 rounds remaining. I know that I fired two sets of shots at the suspect, I believe they were separated by 3-4 seconds. I believe I was approximately 10-15 feet from the suspect at the time I fired. I initially fired from a standing position with a two-handed grip, I believe I may have dropped to my knee as I was firing the first time due to other officers firing behind me. I do not believe I used my sights. I did not have any cover or concealment when I first fired at the suspect. For my second set of shots, I was trying to use the doorway and door as some concealment. My backdrop was the wall of the room which was also an exterior wall of the residence and the exterior of the house was brick. My target was center mass. I stopped firing the first time because I moved out of his line of fire, into the other bedroom and could no longer see the suspect. I stopped firing the second time because the door to the bedroom he was in closed. When I initially exchanged gunfire with the suspect, I thought OSU ██████████ was to my right but I was not sure exactly where the other officers in the house were but I knew none of them were in my backdrop. During the second set of shots, I heard ██████████ to my right but did not have a visual on him. However, I knew no officers had entered the bedroom the suspect was in because the room I was in had a doorway

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*right next to that bedroom. Prior to my encounter with the suspect, he had fled from officers and refused multiple commands. He broke into a vacant residence and hid from us, despite multiple announcements being made. Instead of coming out and making himself known, he hid until I pushed open the door to the room he was in and he immediately tried to shoot me. At the times I fired my weapon, I was in immediate fear for my life as the suspect had just fired his weapon at me. I do not know how many rounds the suspect fired at me. I believed the suspect was going to seriously injure or kill me. The second time I fired my weapon, I believed the suspect was again shooting at me and other officers. I do not believe I had any other reasonable alternative to protect my life, as well as the lives of the other officers in the residence at the time I fired my weapon. I believe my actions were consistent with my training as a police officer."*

CPD [REDACTED]

CPD [REDACTED] wrote the following in his statement to BCI:

*"Around 8:00 a.m. on the day of this incident, I had recently cleared from a run when I heard an officer (that I believe was either CPD [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] who were partnered up) air something like, "We got someone inside and they won't come out." Moments later [REDACTED] aired "he's got a gun!" There were only a few officers in the area, so I marked on the run. I believe dispatch also assigned Officer Trionfante. The run was classified as a 10-8 (burglary). I believe the address was on Worthington Street near the 8th and 9th Avenue intersections."*

*[REDACTED] explained his arrival on scene and continued, "A brief time later, one of the officers yelled that he saw the suspect running (I believe) south. I ran in that direction with several other officers, crossing West 8th Avenue. As I approached the alley just south (and parallel to) West 8th Avenue, an officer pointed left (east) and said the suspect ran in that direction. I cut left (east) and moved towards Worthington Street along the alley with several other officers. I believe it was then one or more OSU officers joined us. I repeatedly warned the other officers that the suspect still had the gun in his hand. I continued east along the alley and crossed Worthington Street with several other officers. I believe we stopped at the southeast corner of the first building off that street. One of the officers said he saw the suspect run north of our location. Officers fanned out and searched the vicinity. I moved north to search around some of the houses in that area. A side door to one of those houses was open. (I now know the address of this house to be 197 W. 8th Avenue, but I was not sure of the address at the time.) I yelled out we had an open door. Officers Trionfante and [REDACTED] joined me. That door was elevated about 3-4 steps off the ground. I asked Officer Trionfante to*

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*cover me as I moved past the open door. On closer look, the door appeared kicked in: there was debris scattered about and the handle/lock was on the ground."*

█████ then discussed the search of the residence and the shooting incident, "I moved up the steps and stood just outside the entrance. I yelled into the house, "Columbus Police! Sound off!" I quickly peered inside, but I did not see anyone. The house seemed vacant as there was no furniture or signs anyone was living there. I believe Officers Trionfante and █████ stacked up behind me on the stairs. I yelled "Columbus Police!" a few more times, but I did not see or hear anyone inside. From peering inside, the entranceway led to a hallway about 10-15 feet straight ahead. The hall ran perpendicular to the entrance. There was also an open door immediately to the right of the entrance that led to another room. I told █████ to cover the hallway and that Officer Trionfante and I would clear the room to the right. I went into the house and cut right into the next room. Officer Trionfante followed closely behind me. █████ and another officer (who I now know to be OSU █████) moved towards the hallway, and I believe started clearing that part of the house. The first room off the entrance had a closet and an opening that led to another part of the house. I quickly cleared the closet, and Officer Trionfante posted near the opening to the adjoining room. She said she saw several other doors in the next room. Just as we were preparing to clear those rooms, the sound of gunfire erupted from another part of the house, specifically from where I last saw █████ and █████"

█████ explained his involvement in the shooting incident, "█████ yelled "he's in here!" I quickly doubled back. █████ was posted at the hallway entrance, firing down the hallway. I yelled "who's in there? █████" I stood right behind █████. █████ leaned forward, and peered down the hallway. The suspect was standing in a bedroom about fifteen feet directly ahead. He had the gun in his (I believe) right hand with the barrel of the weapon raised and levelled at me and █████. It was at that moment I fired at the suspect. I believe I fired only one round as a moment later the bedroom door swung shut and I could not see the suspect. I believed █████ was trapped in the bedroom with the suspect, and I feared if I continued firing without a clear line of sight I could inadvertently strike her if she tried to escape. █████ stopped firing a second or two after me. The suspect was not firing at that time. I still believed █████ was trapped in the bedroom with the suspect. I yelled "Where's █████" and stepped out from behind the wall and kicked open the bedroom door. As I did so, I saw █████ in my peripheral vision, crouched down in the bedroom immediately adjacent to the bedroom the suspect was in. I did not see the suspect in the bedroom. The bedroom door shut a second later

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*(there were springs on the hinges automatically closing it once opened). Since the suspect was not firing at that moment, I quickly grabbed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and pulled her from the bedroom, through the hallway towards the entrance."*

*[REDACTED]. [REDACTED] reported police actions taken after he fired his weapon, "Officer Trionfante, who I believe had been behind me, told [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to check herself for gunshot wounds and to get outside. I continued covering the bedroom from behind the wall. I reloaded at Officer Trionfante's suggestion, dropping my used magazine on the ground. I stepped out from behind the wall and kicked open the bedroom door again, but I could not see the suspect. I asked whether he could get to the other bedroom from his location, and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] yelled back that she did not think so. I continued covering the bedroom. I believe by that point [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had stepped somewhere behind me. In assessing how to extract the suspect, Officer Trionfante said we should wait since we had him contained in the bedroom. A few seconds later, I heard what sounded like the suspect reloading his weapon (i.e., racking a round) followed by a gunshot moments later. I did not know where the suspect fired, but the other officers and I quickly retreated out of the entrance. We took cover around the corner of a neighboring house. Officer Trionfante aired for SWAT, and other officers fanned out as containment around the house. After a few moments, we realized the target house had multiple windows facing our direction, so we moved back. I took cover behind several parked cars in the back (south of) the house. I covered the house as additional officers arrived on scene. I pointed out the house to those officers and held in place. I did not see or hear anything from inside the house during that time."*

*[REDACTED]. [REDACTED] wrote in his statement regarding his decision to fire his weapon, "I believe I fired one round during this incident. As I am not overly familiar with the immediate area where this incident occurred, and I have never been inside the house where the suspect was located, I cannot be sure about the direction of my shot. But I believe based on the layout of the residence I fired in a southerly direction. My target was the suspect's center mass. I did not use my weapon's sights. I fired with a one/right-handed grip. My backdrop was the interior wall behind (south of) the suspect. I believed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] could be in the bedroom with the suspect, but she was not in my line of sight when I fired, nor was any other officer. The situation rapidly and chaotically evolved after shots were first fired in the residence: I would estimate that the time between the first shot and [REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s extraction from the bedroom was about fifteen seconds. There was adequate lighting. I was not moving when I fired. I fired standing behind [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with the right side of my body partially exposed into the hallway from behind the wall. That wall provided some cover and concealment, but the right side of my body and some of the right side of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s body*

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*was exposed. And again, I believed Officer [REDACTED] was trapped in the bedroom with the suspect, likely without any cover or concealment given the small size of the room."*

*[REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also wrote in his statement, "At the time I fired, I believed the suspect posed a deadly threat to my life and to the lives of the other officers in the house, especially to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Before arriving on scene, I knew the suspect reportedly had a weapon and had fled from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. After I arrived, I encountered the suspect outside an apartment building. He was carrying a black semiautomatic handgun. Multiple officers repeatedly ordered him to drop his weapon and surrender, but he refused to comply. I did not fire at that time, though, and neither did any of the other officers initially, because the suspect did not point his weapon at any of the officers. But several gunshots erupted an instant after the suspect cut around the corner of the building. I could not see him at that time, but I believed he likely either fired his weapon and/or levelled it in the direction of officers, causing them to fire. Before we went into the residence, I loudly and repeatedly yelled "Columbus police!" and ordered the suspect to make himself known. From his location, he would have easily been able to hear those commands. But he did not comply. As I cut right into the house, I saw [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] moving towards the hallway entrance to my left. Seconds later, several gunshots erupted from that part of the house. Once I cut back to that location, I did not see and could not find [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and I feared she was in the bedroom with the suspect engaging in a shootout. I believed the suspect was shooting at her, and when I peered around the hallway, the suspect was standing straight ahead, with the barrel of his weapon aimed at me and [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. As I only saw the suspect for a flash, I could not tell whether he was firing at that moment, but I believed he had already shot one or several times at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and that he intended to kill me and those officers, and it was then I fired at the suspect. I did not believe I had any other reasonable option to protect my life or the other officers' lives from the deadly threat presented by the suspect's actions."*

OSUPD [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

OSUPD [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] wrote in her statement to BCI:

*"At approximately 8:15am, an OSUPD officer aired a report of a 6-foot tall black male running with a 33 (the 10-code for a gun) in our area and Lieutenant Alan Horujko told all units to respond to set up perimeter on Neil Avenue. When I arrived in the area of 8th Avenue and Neil, I heard gun shots south of my location. I drove south down the alley towards where I heard the gunfire. I initially parked near that area and waited for more information outside my cruiser with my gun a low ready. I approached OSUPD Officer David Ferimer, who was on foot at the location. Eventually, we were told*

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*that the suspect was wearing dark clothing and was on the run, not pinned down like we previously thought. I got back in my cruiser and drove closer to the reported location. I parked in an alley south of West 8th Avenue pointed in the direction of Worthington Street (east). After I got out of my cruiser, I saw the suspect running east in the alley just south of W. 8th Avenue and across Worthington Street. I ran across Worthington (east) to where OSU Cruiser 34 (Officer Ferimer) was parked on the northeast corner of the Worthington and the alley. I notified Officer Ferimer that I had seen the suspect. I first took cover on the passenger side of Cruiser 34 and then at the brick wall at the side of what I now know to be 1476 Worthington St."*

██████████ continued, "I proceeded to the parking lot to the east of that building. Officer Ferimer and I were joined by several CPD officers. We moved forward as a group, attempting to clear the parking lot in all the directions. We eventually approached several homes that faced north onto what I now know was West 8th avenue. I and other officers tried to clear the yards/driveways behind these homes. A CPD Officer, who I know now was ██████████ yelled that there was a 7-A at one of the residences, the 10-code for broken entry. I moved in that direction. I now know that the entry occurred on a side entrance of 197 W. 8th Avenue. The door next to the door upon which we made entry had a 234 address. The doors (the one labeled 234 and the open door) were located on a raised concrete patio with stairs that were open in the direction of West 8th Avenue. I stood off the porch covering the doors and windows while three (3) Columbus Police officers, who I now know were ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ and Officer Deeann Trionfante, were positioned at the door and ██████████ was announcing the presence of "Columbus Police". I did not know any of these officers prior to this event. As they entered, I ran towards the concrete stairs. Officer Trionfante asked for "one more" to come in, so I followed her into the apartment. Upon entering the apartment, it appeared to be vacant. There was a small room at the entry, which opened to the right and then directly in front of us through a doorway that appeared to have the door removed. ██████████ and Trionfante went right upon entry. I moved forward with ██████████ who upon reaching the opening straight in front of the outside door went left as I covered the kitchen area to the right. From my vantage point in the doorway that was directly in front of us upon entry, I could see through the kitchen to another room beyond. I heard ██████████ yell that she was coming out "clear" as she left one room to my left and entered another."

██████████ reported in her statement her involvement in the shooting incident, "I then heard 2-3 gunshots and pulled back into the small entry room for cover. I believed that it was the suspect firing at us. At the time, I believed ██████████ had been

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*struck and fallen back into the room on my left for cover. I yelled something like “he’s in there” to indicate the location of the shooter. The shots echoed so much that I knew it would be hard for the other officers to know from where it was coming. I looked around the left side of the doorway that was straight in front of us upon entry. I could see a room with a door open directly to my left and a door straight ahead with a white door that swung into the room beyond. I saw a tall, light-skinned black male with a gun held up and pointed in my direction. The suspect fired a round in my direction. I fired my weapon at his center mass. I would estimate that I fired 5-6 rounds. I knew at some point that [REDACTED] was on my right side and was also firing. I believe the suspect was also firing at us at this time. The door swung closed and I stopped firing. At some point, though I do not remember exactly when in the order of events, I saw the suspect with his gun to his head. [REDACTED] was yelling at [REDACTED] to get back to us. He kicked the door that led to the room with the suspect and came back to cover near me in the entry way. He helped [REDACTED] move back and pushed her towards me in the entryway and she made her way outside.”*

*[REDACTED] also wrote regarding the incident, “[REDACTED] Officer Trionfante, and I retreated slightly into the entry room. Officer Trionfante told us that anyone who had fired should tactically reload, which I did. [REDACTED] was standing closest to the doorway with his weapon pointed in the direction of the room where the suspect was last seen. Officer Trionfante was just behind him. I was standing with my weapon at down ready closer to the outside door. I believe that [REDACTED] was out on the porch of the dwelling at this time. [REDACTED] and I began calling the suspect out of the room. [REDACTED] stated that he was going to kick the door to the room. At that point, I believe I heard the suspect reload his weapon. Upon review of the video, it also sounded like the suspect shot at us, but I don’t remember that at that time. We backed out of the apartment at Officer Trionfante’s urging and I moved to cover at a residence east. I explained to a CPD officer with a rifle where the suspect was. My Lieutenant, Alan Horujko, was there, as were several other OSU and CPD officers. I relayed to Lt. Horujko that I had shot at the suspect. I remained station at this location for approximately a half of an hour. I was then relieved and went to Substation 4 to await my FOP representation. I had no further involvement with incident.”*

*[REDACTED] wrote in her statement about firing her weapon, “I am also unable to tell from the video of the incident how many times that I fired, but I would estimate 5 to 6 times. When I fired, I fired from a standing position. I fired one-handed by my right dominate hand. I did not use my sites. I fired from the cover of the large plaster wall that separated my body from the suspect. I fired at the suspect’s center of mass. My backdrop was the closet that I believe the suspect was initially hiding in and window*

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*behind the suspect. I did not see any civilians or officers in my backdrop. At the time I fired, I knew that the suspect had been running with a gun and that dozens of officers had been chasing him on foot throughout the neighborhood. At the time, I believed that he had previously exchanged gun fire with police officers at another location. I knew he had broken into an apartment. He had fired upon [REDACTED] and myself. I believed for a time that [REDACTED] had been shot until she was pulled back to safety. I saw the suspect with a gun raised at me and the suspect had fired a round in my direction when I fired. He had repeatedly been told to come out, to show his hands, but had refused all orders from police. He gave no indication that he intended to leave peacefully. I was unable to deploy a taser because the suspect was actively shooting at us and I didn't have the time or distance necessary to successfully deploy less than lethal force. At the time I fired, I did not believe I had any other reasonable alternative other than to fire to protect my own life, the lives of the other officers around me, and the public from death or imminent bodily harm."*

**Dispatch-Related Information**

Multiple 911 emergency calls related to this incident were reviewed, and the following was noted:

- 2024-08-11\_07.53.27\_Redacted.wav - Male caller at 1517 Worthington Street advised a former roommate, who he described as "dangerous", broke into their house. Caller reported he and several other roommates were still in the house. Caller identified Asante Miller and explained there had been multiple dangerous altercations with Miller in the past. Caller advised Miller was known to carry a gun.
- 2024-08-11\_07.59.23\_Redacted.wav - Male caller at 1517 Worthington Street called back with additional information about Miller, and stated he and other roommates were upstairs, and Miller was still downstairs in the room near the front door. Caller provided a physical description of Miller but stated he did not know what Miller was wearing. Caller provided the passcode to the front door. Caller also described Miller as bipolar and warned dispatcher that Miller might "freak out" when police arrive.

Several additional 911 callers reported hearing gunshots and seeing an individual with a gun matching Miller's description in the area.

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**Video Recordings**

BCI received body-worn camera (BWC) video evidence related to the incident from CPD and OSUPD, which was subsequently reviewed. Please review the actual videos and the correlating investigative report for specific details. BWC video shows CPD officers making contact with Miller at 1517 Worthington Street, where Miller flees via the back door. Officers encounter Miller at the rear side of the residence, who can be seen with an object in his right hand as officers announce Miller has a gun. Miller is given numerous commands to drop his firearm, to which he does not comply. A foot pursuit and search ensues before officers encounter Miller again in the parking lot area of 242 West 8th Avenue. Officers continue to give verbal commands to Miller to put his gun down, Miller appears to have a firearm in his right hand. Miller does not appear to respond or comply to police's verbal commands. Responding officers fire several gunshots towards Miller, who can then be seen running away. After another foot pursuit and search of the area, officers locate a forced entry/open door at 197 West 8th Avenue. Officers announce their presence and attempt to call Miller out of the structure, but receive no response. While searching the building, [REDACTED] pushes open a bedroom door and several gunshots ring out. [REDACTED] announces Miller's location and moves to cover in an adjacent bedroom door frame. Miller can be seen briefly in [REDACTED]'s BWC video, standing near a closet and facing [REDACTED] directly, as [REDACTED] fires several shots from her duty weapon towards Miller. Several other responding officers fire shots towards Miller as well. Officers take cover in the entry area of the apartment after [REDACTED] announces Miller is reloading his gun, when a single gunshot can be heard. Officers then retreat to the exterior of the building. No additional gunfire can be seen or heard.

**Conclusion**

All persons known to have relevant information regarding this investigation have been interviewed (or attempted), and all known pertinent records and evidence have been obtained and reviewed. BCI will continue to offer investigative assistance into any newly identified witnesses or information relative to this criminal investigation. BCI's investigation into this Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) is concluded unless such new information/witnesses is/are identified through grand jury or other means.

Agents remain available for consultation and/or to perform any additional investigation, analysis, processing and/or other assistance/involvement which might be deemed to be necessary to the investigation.

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**Contact Information**

The preceding information comprises only a portion of facts and circumstances collected during the investigation of the officer-involved critical incident. For further review of specific information or documentation collected during the investigation, please refer to the individual reports and documents from which this summary was derived. Any questions regarding the content or context of the information contained in this document can be directed to the attention of Special Agent Kyle Douglass. SA Douglass can be reached via email at [Kyle.Douglass@OhioAGO.gov](mailto:Kyle.Douglass@OhioAGO.gov) or by telephone, at 614-949-6278.

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