



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



2021-0888
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 500 South Cleveland Ave.,
Westerville, Ohio 43081 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Aaron Dickison (W)
Date of Activity: 04/12/2021
Activity Location: Westerville Police Department – Business – 29 South State Street,
Westerville, OH 43081
Author: SA James A. Mulford, #39

Narrative:

On Monday, April 12, 2021, at approximately 2106 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Jim Mulford (SA Mulford) and John Butterworth (SA Butterworth) interviewed Westerville Police Department (WPD) Lieutenant Aaron Dickison (Lt. Dickison) in response to an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred earlier this date at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville, OH. An altercation happened between Miles Jackson (Jackson) and officers from the Columbus Division of Police (CPD), Westerville Police, and St. Ann's Security Department. Jackson died as a result of gunshot wounds from this incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

This interview was audio recorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview.

Lt. Dickinson was interviewed in a conference room at the WPD. Also present for the interview was his FOP attorney Kate Harshman. Agents introduced themselves and informed Lt. Dickinson that BCI was conducting a criminal investigation and his participation was voluntary and by no means an internal investigation. Lt. Dickinson voluntarily agreed to speak with agents.

Lt. Dickinson has worked as a police officer for the City of Westerville for approximately 15 years. He is currently assigned as a Patrol Lieutenant.

Lt. Dickinson explained he was off duty but still at WPD headquarters for a retirement gathering when they were notified of an officer in trouble (10-3) at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital. Lt. Dickinson along with several other officers that were at the retirement gathering immediately

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responded to the hospital.

On the way to the hospital, Lt. Dickinson stated they were notified by dispatch that three more shots had been fired at the incident location. Lt. Dickinson and WPD Officer Timothy TJ Ryan (Officer Ryan) entered through the emergency room doors together. As they enter the hospital, he could hear more gunshots.

As Lt. Dickinson approached the incident room he noticed several officers in the hallway and behind the nurse's station. He recalled also seeing lots of smoke. Lt. Dickinson and Officer Ryan immediately entered emergency room nine and took custody of Miles Jackson. Lt. Dickinson stated he assumed the surrounding officers had just fired their weapons so he intervened to assist.

Lt. Dickinson stated Jackson had noticeable wounds to his person with large amounts of blood lost. They identified a firearm laying directly beside Jackson. Officer Ryan stepped on the weapon to insure their safety until Jackson was secured. Lt. Dickinson and other officers placed Jackson on a gurney where he was immediately removed from the room for medical treatment.

During his contact with Jackson, Lt. Dickinson became covered in blood and had blood in his eyes and mouth. He left the incident room and cleaned the blood from him with the assistance of medical personnel.

Lt. Dickinson recalled seeing a firearm, a handgun magazine, and taser wires on the floor in the room. He also remembered seeing a taser in the hallway on the ground.

Lt. Dickinson reported he was carrying his department issued Sig Sauer 9MM handgun during the incident, but did not fire his weapon.

SA Mulford asked Lt. Dickinson if he had any previous contact with Miles Jackson. Lt. Dickinson advised that WPD Officers Everhart and Lammert had initial contact with Jackson when he was transported to the hospital. Lt. Dickinson said he briefly stopped and spoke with the officers while they were dealing with Jackson. He claimed to only have been on scene for approximately 5 minutes and did not speak with Jackson. They believed Jackson was giving false information regarding his identification. Lt. Dickinson cleared the area and heard via the radio that a squad was transporting him to the hospital. He also recalled hearing traffic on the radio stating Jackson had possible warrants. The WPD officers remained with Jackson at the hospital until CPD officers arrived.

Lt. Dickinson confirmed he was the supervisor in charge during the initial contact with Jackson. SA Mulford asked if Jackson was in custody prior to being transported to the hospital. Lt. Dickinson stated he did not know.

Lt. Dickinson had no further information or involvement. The interview concluded.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:04-12-21 Aaron Dickison Interview

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