



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



2022-1472
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 2793 Waterpark Drive, Mason,
OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Carl Hoskins (W)
Date of Activity: 07/13/2022
Activity Location: Warren County Sheriff's Office – Business – 822 Memorial Drive ,
Lebanon, OH 45036, Warren County
Author: SA Perry K. Roeser, #114

Narrative:

On July 13, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents (SA) Perry Roeser and SA Doug Eveslage interviewed Warren County Tactical Response Team member Carl Hoskins (Hoskins) regarding his involvement with an Officer-Involved Critical incident under BCI investigation. Hoskins, a full-time Springboro police officer, was alerted to the SWAT callout during the afternoon of July 11, 2022.

In the early morning of July 12, 2022, the OICI occurred at the Baymont Inn at 2793 Water Park Road, Mason, Ohio. The Tactical Response Team was contacted by the Mason Police Department when an escaped inmate from an area detention facility took a female hostage in room #310. A Tactical Response Team member shot and killed the involved individual, Thomas Cromwell after they breached the hotel door.

The details below summarized the pertinent portions of the recorded interview with Hoskins and were not taken verbatim unless noted by quotations. The interview began at 1433 hours.

Attorney Joe Hegedus represented Hoskins for the interview. Hoskins stated he worked for the West Carrollton Police Department for three years before he joined the Springboro Police Department in 2018. Hoskins noted his unit number was #160, was assigned to the uniform patrol division, and worked the first shift with rotating days off. Hoskins explained he joined the tactical response team in May of 2022.

Hoskins stated he was off work when he received the notice for the SWAT callout, which arrived at 1611 hours. Hoskins said he headed to Springboro PD, grabbed a cruiser and his gear, and headed to the scene's location. Once at the site, Hoskins explained the first assignment he was issued was rear security on the back side of the motel, outdoor perimeter. Hoskins said he remained on the rear security detail until he was told to assist his team members on the third

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floor of the motel.

Hoskins said his instruction was that if the team breached the room, he would deploy a flash bang upon entry. Specifically, the flashbang would be deployed through room #308 interior wall port when the wall was breached. Hoskins said at approximately 2300 hours the Hamilton County SWAT Team relieved his team, so they could get a break from the stand-off with the involved subject. Hoskins said his team went to a nearby location (Deerfield Township Fire Department) and rested until they returned to the motel approximately two hours later.

Hoskins said once the team was back in position, they received word the team would make a deliberate breach of room #310. Hoskins re-established his place in room #308. Hoskins noted an 8-second countdown began for the team to initiate the action. Hoskins said at the 3-second count, the walls on both sides of room #310 were breached. Hoskins said after the wall charge exploded, he deployed a flash bang into room #310. Hoskins noted, "I forgot to pull my pin when I deployed my flashbang." Hoskins stated he got out of the way so his team member could use his long rifle through the port in the wall. Hoskins said the team then received word that the suspect was down.

Hoskins said after the team cleared the motel, they returned to the task force office and awaited instructions. Hoskins stated that a BCI Crime Scene agent arrived at their location, photographed the team members, and was relieved of duty.

SA Roeser asked Hoskins if his failure not to pull the pin of the flashbang hurt the team's mission. He said, "No". SA Roeser asked Hoskins, who reported on the team members' action. Hoskins replied he was unsure who generated an official report on the response team's actions.

The interview with Hoskins was concluded at 1446 hours and was audio recorded for additional details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-13 / Carl Hoskins Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.