



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



2023-0052

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1785 Rt. 28, Lot 419, Goshen Township, OH 45122 (L)

Investigative Activity: Documentation of Involved Officers
Activity Date: January 6, 2023
Activity Location: Goshen Township Police Department: 6757 Goshen Road, Goshen, OH 45122
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Chad Holcomb, #61

On January 6, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb was assigned to assist the Goshen Township Police Department (GTPD) with an officer involved critical incident (OICI). It was reported that GTPD was attempting to arrest Thomas Dewald, Jr., (Dewald) for outstanding domestic violence warrants. After GTPD confronted Dewald, he reportedly pulled a knife and cut his own throat. He later died due to his injuries.

SA Holcomb responded to the Goshen Township Police Department located at 6757 Goshen Road, Goshen, Ohio 45122 at 1545 hours. All of the involved officers were located at the police station. While at the police department, SA Holcomb and SA Lauren Frazier had a chance to view a body worn camera that was activated at the time of the incident. No firearms were discharged during the OICI.

SA Holcomb then met with GTPD Detective [REDACTED] Sergeant Dillon West and Officer Matthew Richwine who were all present during the OICI. All involved officers were photographed as they were upon arrival. All officers were wearing their agency issued uniforms and had markings on their uniforms and external vest carriers as being law enforcement.

No items of evidentiary value were collected. Documentation of the involved officers was concluded at 1555 hours.