



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



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

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Officer Stanley A. Miller (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 04/12/2021  
**Activity Location:** Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital – Business – 500 S. Cleveland Ave., Westerville, OH 43081, Franklin County  
**Author:** SA James H Gore, #168

**Narrative:**

On the evening of April 12, 2021 at approximately 1925 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) James Gore conducted an interview of Security Officer Stanley Miller, of Mount Carmel Saint Ann's Hospital. The purpose of the interview was to determine Ofc. Powell's involvement in the Officer-Involved Critical Incident which took place on the same date in Saint Ann's Emergency Department. The interview took place in Saint Ann's Conference Room B, which was located in the hospital's main pavilion.

Ofc. Miller advised that he has been employed at Saint Ann's as an Armed Safety and Security Officer for 14 years. Miller stated that prior to working at Saint Ann's, he had 20 years experience working as a correctional officer for the Arizona Department of Corrections, and six years military experience prior to that in the United States Navy. Ofc. Miller mentioned that that his position as an Armed Security Officer at Saint Ann's required certification from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA).

Ofc. Miller reported that his normal work schedule is 1400 hours to 2230 hours (2nd Shift), with Tuesdays and Wednesdays off. Miller advised that security officers rotate through several different locations throughout the hospital's campus in two-hour intervals during any given shift. Miller stated that on April 12, 2021, he began his shift in the Emergency Department at 1400 hours.

Ofc. Miller stated that at approximately 1415 hours, he was sitting at the security desk in the Emergency Department lobby when a young female employee approached him and told him, 'You're needed at E.R. 9, and you need to take some people with you.' Miller said as he was heading back toward Room 9, he received a call from an unknown male employee on the security phone, and the caller stated, 'We need you in E.R. 9.'

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Ofc. Miller mentioned that as he approached the vicinity of Room 9, he heard two loud bangs. Miller said he saw a Columbus police officer standing outside of Room 9 with his gun drawn, and he also described seeing what he thought was a Taser on the ground. The police officer reportedly stated, 'He shot at me twice... It's amazing he didn't hit me.'

Miller said he took a step back because the area around the doorway to Room 9 was already getting crowded with other officers. Miller said the officer gave at least 10 or 12 commands for the subject to show his hands. The subject, according to Ofc. Miller, was laying on his side on the floor, with his right hand concealed beneath his body. Miller said the officer continued with his commands, 'Show me your hands! Put 'em on your head!'

Ofc. Miller stated that another security officer, Aaron Cole, was also shouting commands for the subject to show his hands, but the suspect did not comply. According to Ofc. Miller the subject replied several times, 'If I show you my hands, you won't shoot me?' or 'If I show you my hands, you'll shoot me,' or other words to that effect. Miller recalled seeing another male police officer with his gun drawn inside the room with the subject.

Ofc. Miller stated that approximately three minutes after he arrived at Room 9 and witnessed the above described events, another Columbus police officer arrived at the room and she deployed her Taser at the subject. The officer with the Taser, according to Miller, was standing outside the room. Miller recalled seeing the subject flinch when the Taser was deployed, but he did not observe whether or not the Taser probes made contact with his body.

Miller said that officers continued to give commands after the Taser was deployed, and it was his belief that a few minutes passed and then gunfire erupted. Ofc. Miller said he observed that a fellow security officer, Billy Smith, discharged his weapon. Miller said he holstered his own weapon earlier during the ordeal when he observed that 10 to 12 others already had their weapons trained on the room. Miller reported that most of the police officers and security officers were positioned behind a row of physicians' cubicles across from the door of Room 9.

In the aftermath of the shooting, Ofc. Miller said he saw a lot of blood pooling around the subject, but he was not tasked to render aid or transport his body to any other treatment room.

An audio copy of Ofc. Miller's interview is available for further review as an attachment to this report.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01:Stanley Miller Interview – Gore 4-12-2021