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Case Title: Officer Involved Critical Incident– Todd Jordan (S)

Case Number: 2022–2888

Preface:

The following prosecutor summary serves as an overview of the criminal investigation into the Officer–Involved Critical Incident (OICI), which occurred at Sidney Foodtown located at 1010 Wapakoneta Avenue, Sidney, Ohio. The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) investigated the incident.

This report only summarizes the investigation activity and information gathered by BCI. This report does not present every fact, detail, and complete summary of all interviews. Audio and video recordings exist for some of the interviews revealing further details of the statements regarding the incident. Therefore, it is recommended that each report from which this document was derived be reviewed to fully understand the investigation.

Synopsis of Incident:

On December 21, 2022, BCI received a Request for Assistance from the Sidney Police Department, Acting Police Chief William Shoemaker, regarding an OICI located at Sidney Foodtown, Sidney, Ohio. Sidney Police Captain Jerry Tangerman explained 911 calls for service arrived, which described a man inside a grocery store discharging a firearm. When officers arrived at the location, the man with the gun, later identified as Todd Jordan (Jordan), refused to comply with officers' commands. It was reported Jordan reached into his coat pocket and brandished a firearm. Four (4) Sidney police officers discharged their firearms in the direction of Jordan. Jordan was transported to an area hospital but succumbed to the injuries.

Foodtown store's video surveillance system was downloaded and examined. The video depicts

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Jordan, who arrived at the location in the early morning hours in his vehicle. Jordan discharged his firearm from his car at store employee Dylan Wooddell who walked past Jordan's car in the parking lot. Jordan then entered the store with a Smith and Wesson revolver in his right hand. Once in the store, Jordan discharged his firearm at Annette Wooddell near the cash registers, missing her. Jordan then attempted to shoot customers as they fled for safety in refrigeration coolers in the rear of the store.

Acting Police Chief Shoemaker asked BCI to conduct an independent investigation into the circumstances surrounding the OICI. BCI's Crime Scene Unit was requested to process the inside of the grocery store and the outdoor scene. Special Agent (SA) Perry Roeser from BCI's Special Investigation Unit (SIU) was assigned to lead the criminal investigation.

The involved officers have been interviewed with their respective attorneys present. Additionally, all evidence from the case has been submitted to BCI, London, Ohio.

Summary of Investigative Process:

- OICI scene processed by BCI Crime Scene Unit
- Video surveillance processed by BCI Cyber Crimes Unit
- BCI's Criminal Intelligence Unit processed video and E-trace report
- Firearms and cartridge cases were examined by the BCI Laboratory-Firearm section
- Obtained written letter of Request for Assistance for BCI
- Obtained cruiser and body-worn camera (BWC) video from Sidney Police Department
- Obtained training and personnel records for Sgt. Burmeister, Officer Viapiano, Officer Shappie, and Officer Wesbecher
- Received Dispatch Logs, radio recordings, and Uniformed Incident Reports from multiple police agencies
- Obtained Sidney Fire and Rescue EMS Patient Care Report
- Obtained Search Warrant for Jordan's vehicle
- Obtained copies of the Sidney Police Department's policies regarding the Use of Force, First Aid, and BWC
- Obtained written witness statements
- Obtained all other known records or recordings

Investigative Interviews:

Interviews conducted during the investigation were with victims Annette and Dylan Wooddell. Customers and employees of Sidney Foodtown: Sherrie Redinbo, Andrew Rempe, Brendan Fout, Daniel Wourms, Skyler Piper, Virgie Claim, Ida Spangler, Mary Swank, Diana Sniffen, Travis Gossard, Angela Grilliot, Annette Gordan, Lonnie Miller, Roni Henderson, Nicole Juba, Nancy Ward, and Sidney Firefighter Ray Hess.

Involved Officer Interviews:

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On December 11 and 12, 2022, BCI investigators interviewed the involved officers. Sidney Police Sergeant Christopher Burmeister, Officer Jason Viapiano, Officer Andrew Shappie, and Officer Aaron Wesbecher stated they were in fear for their lives, the lives of their fellow officers, and the lives of the civilians inside the grocery store when Jordan brandished a firearm in their presence. Officers described Jordan with a thousand-mile stare, not saying anything as officers shouted orders to comply. Before officers discharged their firearms, Jordan reached into his right side pocket and pulled out a gun on officers.

Subsequent Investigation:

BCI Firearms Laboratory Report:

Seven (7) cartridge cases were recovered from the scene. The involved officer's weapon's (four) (4) rifles were submitted to BCI Laboratory for analysis. Jordan's firearm, a Smith & Wesson Revolver, a .38 Special, and fired projectiles from the scene were also submitted to BCI. The laboratory confirmed that the recovered cartridge casings (.223) were fired from the involved officers' rifles. Furthermore, the surrendered rifles were operational. The projectiles (bullets) retrieved from the store's interior were microscopically confirmed to be from Jordan's revolver.

BCI DNA Laboratory Report:

No DNA was associated with the OICI.

BCI Cyber Crimes Report:

No Cyber Crime analysis was conducted on Jordan's cell phone located in his vehicle.

Summary:

BCI strives to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into the Officer-Involved Critical Incident. All persons with relevant information regarding the investigation have been interviewed, and all known records have been obtained and reviewed. BCI will continue to offer investigation assistance to any newly identified witnesses or information related to this criminal investigation. It would appear that BCI's investigation into this Officer-Involved Critical Incident would be concluded unless such added information/witnesses were identified through Grand Jury or other processes.

As always, we remain available for consultation and look forward to your assessment of this investigation and your decision as to any additional efforts, processes, or further assistance/involvement you might determine to be necessary. _

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