



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



2023-1626
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 439 E Mulberry Street,
Lebanon, Ohio 45036 (L)

Investigative Activity: Initial Briefing
Involves: Lebanon Police Department (O), Warren County Sheriffs Office (O)
Date of Activity: 06/18/2023
Activity Location: Ruffner, Jane – Home – 439 E. Mulberry, Lebanon, OH 45036,
Warren County
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Narrative:

On June 18, 2023 at approximately 0130 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Dave Hornyak arrived at the scene of an Officer-Involved Critical Incident that occurred in Lebanon, Ohio, approximately 90 minutes earlier. The agent obtained an incident briefing from Captain Michael McCutchen of the Lebanon Police Department who advised of the following:

On Saturday, June 17th at approximately 2330 hours, the Lebanon Police Department and the Warren County Sheriff's Office responded to 439 E. Mulberry Street on a 911 call reporting that Dione Kellum was armed and threatening his ex-girlfriend at her home. Arriving officers and deputies made contact with Kellum, who was known to some of the responders and had a history at the address, including being the subject of an active protection order prohibiting from being at the residence.

Kellum was observed by officers to be holding a handgun to his own head and did not comply with repeated demands and requests to put the down weapon. After continued attempts by responders to deescalate the situation, Kellum moved to the back of the residence and fired one shot from his handgun into the ground, at which time officers did not return fire. Kellum then produced and began to raise a shotgun in the direction of the officers, possibly firing one round. Sgt. [REDACTED] and Deputy [REDACTED] each fired on Kellum who was struck by at least one round. Kellum fell to the ground and then shot himself in the head with his own pistol. EMS teams were staged nearby and responded immediately to begin lifesaving efforts. Kellum was first taken to Atrium Hospital and then transported to the Miami Valley Hospital in critical condition.

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