

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



2022-1139 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 947 SR-28 Business, Milford, Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity:	Interview with Officer
Involves:	Camille Artice Weems (S)
Date of Activity:	05/26/2022
Activity Location:	Miami Twp. (Clermont County) Police Department - Business - 5900 McPicken Drive, Milford, OH 45150
Author:	SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On May 26, 2022, at 1338 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) and Doug Eveslage (SA Eveslage) conducted an interview with Miami Township Police Officer Robert Bunnell (Officer Bunnell) regarding his involvement in the Officer-Involved Critical Incident on May 20, 2022, between the Miami Township police officers and Camille Weems (Ms. Weems). The Officer-Involved Critical Incident occurred in the parking lot of 947 SR-28 Business in Miami Township.

Officer Bunnell was identified as a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in an Officer-Involved Critical Incident. Reportedly, Officer Bunnell did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information known or observed by Officer Bunnell.

Officer Bunnell attended the meeting with his Fraternal Order of Police attorney, Stew Matthews, and Fraternal Order of Police (Ohio Labor Council) Staff Representative, Barry Gray.

Officer Hickey advised that he has worked for the Miami Township Police Department (MTPD) for approximately five years. Prior to working for MTPD, he worked for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office as a corrections officer for approximately two and a half years. He is assigned to dayshift, which is from 0600-1800 hours. He is assigned to uniformed road patrol. He told agents he was wearing an MTPD bike uniform. The uniform consists of a navy blue shirt with MTPD shoulder patches, navy blue shorts, and an external ballistic vest with an MTPD badge and name tag. The vest has the word "POLICE" across the back in reflective lettering. His badge number is 39, and his radio call sign is six-mary-39.

Regarding the Officer-Involved Critical Incident on May 20, 2022, Officer Bunnell advised agents of the following:

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Officer Bunnell heard an earlier dispatch to 947 SR-28 Business (Berry Lane Apartments) regarding a subject, later identified as Ms. Weems, with a gun who was worried someone was coming after her. He did not respond to that call. [Agent's note: Officer Bunnell used the term "female subject" during the interview. For clarity, knowing that the female subject had been identified as Ms. Weems, her name will be utilized in this report.]

At approximately 1700 hours, he was dispatched to the Berry Lane Apartments for a person in the parking lot with a gun. He was the first officer to enter the apartment complex. He saw Ms. Weems in the parking lot holding a gun in her right hand. He recalled Ms. Weems initially holding the gun down to her right side, but he also remembered her waving the gun back and forth as she walked toward the officers. He turned his car to the left into the grass, where he parked behind a bush for cover. He retrieved his department-issued AR-15 rifle. He remembered hearing a gunshot at that time. He said the gunshot sounded as if it was coming from the area of Ms. Weems. He feared for his life after hearing the shot. He maneuvered around his vehicle and lost sight of Ms. Weems. He remembered hearing another shot, which sounded like it came from Ms. Weems' location. He then heard Officer rounds. He looked behind him and saw Officer firing his rifle. He heard Officer yell that Ms. Weems was down. The officers gave Ms. Weems commands to drop her weapon. Officers formulated a plan and subsequently moved up to Ms. Weems to render aid. An officer kicked the gun away from Ms. Weems, but he was uncertain which officer.

Officer Bunnell ran back to his cruiser to retrieve medical supplies. He responded back to Ms. Weems. He observed Officer Ann Morgan putting pressure on a wound. He gave Officer Morgan gauze to pack the wound. He applied a chest seal to a wound on Ms. Weems' back. An ambulance crew arrived and took over medical aid.

Officer Bunnell was instructed by Sgt. Daniel Tobias to stand next to Ms. Weems' gun. He recalled that it looked like a black and silver pistol. The slide was locked back to the rear. He did not touch the gun. He waited with the gun until the crime scene tape was placed around the scene.

SA Seitzman presented Officer Bunnell with a Google satellite image of the scene. He marked where certain parts of the incident occurred to the best of his recollection. He signed and dated the diagram. The map will be added to the physical case file.

The interview was concluded at 1354 hours. See the attached audio recording of the interview for more information.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022–05–26 / Interview with MTPD Officer Robert Bunnell Attachment # 02: Officer Robert Bunnell diagram

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Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.

Exhibit 2

