



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



2022-1115  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – SR 339 near mile marker 3,  
Belpre (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** Deputy ██████████ (S), Devon Lee Taylor (S)  
**Date of Activity:** 05/27/2022  
**Activity Location:** Washington County Sheriffs Office – Business – 205 Putnam Street,  
Marietta, OH 45750, Washington County  
**Author:** SA Shane R. Hanshaw, #102

**Narrative:**

On Friday, May 27, 2022, at 1104 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Shane Hanshaw (Hanshaw) and SA Poole interviewed Washington County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) Deputy Douglas Aultman (Aultman) relative to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on Thursday, May 19, 2022. The interview took place at the Washington County Sheriff's Office located at 309 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Marietta, Ohio. Also present during the interview was Union Representative Mike Dickerson. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information regarding the activities that occurred on State Route 339 in Washington County. Prior to conducting the interview, SA Hanshaw advised Deputy Aultman that the investigation was a criminal investigation. The interview was audio recorded.

Deputy Aultman was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the May 19, 2022 officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of State Route 339 in Washington County, Ohio. Reportedly, Deputy Aultman did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information obtained during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

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At the onset of the interview SA Hanshaw identified himself as a BCI Special Agent and began by asking some preliminary questions. Deputy Aultman stated his radio call sign on May 19, 2022, was 1016. He has been employed by the Washington County Sheriff's Office as a road deputy for about 3 years. During the incident, Deputy Aultman wore his standard police uniform consisting of black Tactical Dress Uniform (TDU). He also wore a duty belt consisting Taser, handcuffs, duty firearm, glove pouch, and radio. Deputy Aultman was driving a marked WCSO vehicle, cruiser number 8466. Deputy Aultman was not wearing a body camera because he came directly from his home to the scene. Deputy Aultman stated his vehicle is not outfitted with a vehicle camera.

Deputy Aultman stated he was trained in Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) and is a trained medic. Deputy Aultman stated he worked as a registered nurse (RN) for approximately eighteen years prior to being a deputy.

Deputy Aultman considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident. He stated he was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI. He does wear corrective lenses in the form of glasses or contact lenses. Deputy Aultman has never been involved in an OICI and has no prior disciplines for excessive force.

Deputy Aultman said on the day of the incident, he usually starts his shift at 0600 hours. On this particular day he was covering another shift and started at 0500 hours. Deputy Aultman said he turns his radio on prior to his shift while getting ready for work. Deputy Aultman stated he heard some radio traffic, and then received a phone call from a deputy that was currently in training. Deputy Aultman said after being made aware of the situation, he contacted Sgt. McConnell by radio. Sgt. McConnell asked Deputy Aultman if he had a shield, and Deputy Aultman stated that he did not.

Deputy Aultman stated at the time he had limited information about the incident, but traveled directly to the incident location from his residence. Upon arrival, Deputy Aultman said he took a position of cover near the front of Deputy ██████'s vehicle and waited until someone arrived with a shield. Deputy Aultman said he could not see into the vehicle because the driver side airbags were down. Deputy Aultman said at this time, Sgt. McConnell was attempting to make verbal communication with the driver of the vehicle. Once the shield arrived, Deputy Aultman said he provided cover for the additional officers as they approached the vehicle.

Deputy Aultman said after the officers made entry into the vehicle, they called for him to assist because he was the only medical personnel at the scene at that time. Deputy Aultman said the passenger door was open when he reached the vehicle. Upon entering the vehicle, Deputy Aultman said he checked the occupant for a pulse by way of the carotid artery[1] on both sides of the neck. Deputy Aultman stated he also checked for a brachial pulse[2]. Deputy Aultman said at that time the paramedics came to his location. Deputy Aultman said he would not let the paramedics enter the vehicle, but

chose to use the pulse oximeter[3] on the driver's left index finger. Deputy Aultman said in order to place the pulse oximeter on the driver's finger, he had to move the driver's hand. When he moved the driver's hand he stated he saw the barrel of a gun. Deputy Aultman did not recall if the gun was on the driver's lap or leg, but did know the gun was in this general area. At this point, Deputy Aultman stated he believed that rigor mortis[4] had already started to set and he got no pulse readings. Deputy Aultman said one of the medics also leaned in the driver side door and listened for lung functions.

After finding no signs of life, Deputy Aultman said everyone exited from around the vehicle. Deputy Aultman said it was disused at that point that everyone needed to be kept away from the vehicle.

When asked, Deputy Aultman stated he did not fire his weapon, or deploy any type of less lethal during the incident.

At approximately 1134 hours, SA Hanshaw concluded the interview with Deputy Aultman.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

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[1] **Carotid Artery:** The major blood vessels in the neck that supply blood to the brain, neck, and face.

[2] **Brachial Pulse:** Pulse of the radial artery that can be felt in the wrist.

[3] **Pulse Oximeter:** An oximeter that measures the proportion of oxygenated hemoglobin in the blood in pulsating vessels, especially the capillaries of the finger and ear.

[4] **Rigor Mortis:** Stiffening of the muscles and joints of the body after death.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: Interview with Deputy D. Aultman