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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 6463 Tara Brooke Court, Hamilton, OH 45011 (L)



Investigative Activity: Processing of Involved Officers (Scene #2)

Activity Date: October 8, 2022

Activity Location: Hamilton Police Department located at 331 S. Front Street, Hamilton, OH 45011

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Chad Holcomb, #61

On October 8, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb and Crime Scene Technician (CST) Amy Gill were assigned to assist the Fairfield Township Police Department with an officer involved critical incident that occurred in their jurisdiction. SA Holcomb was informed that a homicide had occurred in the City of Hamilton earlier in the evening. The suspect, Stephaun Jones (Jones), was later located in Fairfield Township. Two City of Hamilton PD (HPD) officers approached Jones and he reportedly brandished a firearm. HPD Officer (Ofc.) Leisinger and Ofc. Bowlin discharged their agency issued rifles striking Jones. Jones was transported to a local hospital where he later died due to his injuries.

SA Holcomb and CST Gill responded to the Hamilton Police Department where Ofc. Lesinger and Ofc. Bowlin were located at. SA Holcomb was informed that both officers discharged their rifles and neither one of them used their handgun.

Ofc. Leisinger was photographed as he was upon arrival. He was wearing his agency issued uniform with an external vest carrier. Ofc. Leisinger was asked to remove his handgun, clear the weapon and place it on the table. The magazine seated in this Glock handgun was one cartridge short of a full magazine. Ofc. Leisinger stated he had dispatched an animal and had yet to replace the cartridge. His two spare magazines were fully loaded. The firearm and magazines were documented through photography.

Ofc. Bowlin was photographed as he was upon arrival. He was wearing his agency issued uniform with an external vest carrier. Ofc. Bowlin was asked to remove his handgun, clear the weapon and place it on the table along with all spare handgun magazines. All magazines were fully loaded. The magazines and firearm were documented through photography.

Hamilton Police Sgt. Hayes then provided SA Holcomb he rifles used by the officers. A Smith & Wesson, M&P15, .223 rifle with serial number and a red dot sight was photographed. The rifle was rendered safe by HPD before SA Holcomb examined it. The rifle had a total of 25 cartridges and a magazine. A sticker that stated 'Unit 492' (Ofc. Bowlin) was on the stock of the firearm. The rifle, magazine and cartridges were all collected as item #1.

A Smith & Wesson, M&P15, .223 rifle (s/n: with a red dot scope and a TLR light was photographed. The rifle had a cartridge in the chamber and a magazine containing 25 cartridges. A

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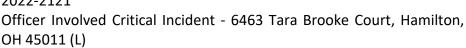
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sticker that stated 'Unit 431' (Ofc. Leisinger) was on the stock of the rifle. The rifle, magazine and cartridges were all collected as item #2.

No additional items of evidentiary value were collected. Examination of the involved officers and firearms was concluded at 2355 hours.

On October 9, 2022 at 0329 hours, SA Holcomb placed items #1-2 in the BCI temporary evidence locker #1 located in London, Ohio.

On October 11, 2022, SA Holcomb removed items #1-2 from the BCI temporary evidence locker at 0843 and submitted the evidence to the BCI Laboratory for examination.