



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



2023-0290
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1818 Jisco West Rd, Jackson,
OH 45640 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Trooper Sherry Wells (W)
Date of Activity: 01/31/2023
Activity Location: OSHP Jackson Post – 10179 Chillicothe Pike, Jackson, OH 45640,
Jackson County
Author: SA James Poole

Narrative:

On Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at approximately 1850, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) interviewed Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Trooper Shelly Wells (Trooper Wells) who was a witness to the officer-involved shooting that took place on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. The incident involved a Jackson County Sheriff's (JCSO) Deputy Lieutenant [REDACTED] (Lt. [REDACTED]) and the now deceased William Beach (Beach). The interview took at the OSHP Jackson Post. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

This interview was audio recorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview.

Trooper Wells stated she was working her normal shift with Trooper Folder when they both were dispatched as negotiators to 1818 Jisco Road Jackson, Ohio, on a barricade situation. While on her way Trooper Wells explained she called the OSHP Intelligence unit to provide as much information on Beach as possible before she arrived on scene to include three past phone numbers. Trooper Wells was also informed this was out of a trespassing situation.

Trooper Wells stated she arrived on scene and took cover behind a white pickup truck parked in front of the shed/cabin that Beach was barricaded in. She explained it was very hard to understand Beach due to the distance and all the doors and windows shut to the shed/cabin. Trooper Wells stated that while arriving, deputies explained that Beach told them he had a handgun and possibly swallowed a bottle of pills.

Since one of the deputies was closer to the window as security and had a rapport with Beach, Trooper Wells explained she helped him ask questions to Beach. Throughout the time Trooper

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Wells was there negotiating, she explained how Beach was up and down with his voice, made statements which included. "go ahead and shoot me," "not coming out, you'll shoot me," "life is over," and would only respond in short answers of 'yes's' and 'no's'. During negotiating, Trooper Wells stated she called all three phone numbers for Beach and received no answer. She also explained how they were able to throw the negotiating box phone through the window, but Beach refused to answer it. Trooper Wells also stated there were periods of time where Beach would not respond. She explained she had a deputy throw a rock at the side of the shed/cabin to get his attention because she didn't know if he was still alive or not.

During the negotiating, Trooper Wells asked Beach if he had a gun and Beach stated, "Yes." Towards the end of the negotiating time Beach asked for a cigarette. Trooper Wells stated since he was making suicidal comments it would not be a good idea to give him a flame to catch the shed/cabin on fire.

The JCSO decided it was time to approach the shed/cabin. Trooper Wells stated she saw Lt [REDACTED] approach with a shield in his left hand and his pistol in his right with two other deputies following. After one deputy used a ram to break open the door Trooper Wells stated she could see Lt [REDACTED] use his shield to push the door open due to boxes barricading it in. After seeing him push the door open, Trooper Wells heard one shot, but couldn't see who shot. She also heard Beach being tased.

Trooper Wells then heard deputies ask for aid where she helped bring an aid bag in the shed/cabin to assist with any type of medical help. She then noticed Beach was shot in the upper shoulder collarbone area where she helped keep pressure on the wound while the medics arrived to transport Beach to the hospital.

SA Poole asked how long the situation lasted starting when Trooper Wells arrived on scene. Trooper Wells stated a couple hours.

SA Poole asked Trooper Wells how Beach's demeanor was. Trooper Wells stated he was up and down emotionally and could possibly be on drugs.

SA Poole asked if Trooper Wells saw who shot. Trooper Wells said, "No."

The interview concluded at 1906.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-01-31 Trooper Sherry Wells Interview