



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



2023-1809
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 3110 E. Livingston Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio 43227 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Date of Activity: 07/08/2023
Activity Location: Columbus Police Substation 11/12 – 950 E. Main St., Columbus, OH 43205, Franklin County
Author: SA Kenneth J. Smith, #53

Narrative:

On July 8, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Columbus Division of Police to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at 3110 E. Livingston Ave., in Columbus, Ohio (Franklin County), between Columbus Division of Police, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and Antwan Lindsey.

On July 8, 2023, Franklin County Deputy Zachary Cooper was interviewed regarding his involvement related to the OICI. The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device. This report is a summary only. The entire interview can be reviewed on the recording. The interview was conducted by Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Ken Smith at the Columbus Division of Police Substation 11/12 at 950 E. Main Street Columbus. The interview began at approximately 2330 hours.

Deputy Cooper has been a deputy with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for approximately 22 years and is currently assigned to road patrol as a K9 handler on second shift from 1500-2400 hours. On July 8th, Deputy Cooper was working his normal shift. He stated he was wearing a black shirt with black uniform pants, an outer vest carrier with equipment and was clearly marked with a 'Deputy' badge and Franklin County Sheriff's Office patches. Deputy Cooper had both a Body Worn Camera as well as cruiser camera and both were operational and functioning during the incident.

Deputy Cooper was at 1731 Alum Creek Drive at the Franklin County K9 building with Deputy Castle when they heard [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who was working a special duty assignment at the Walgreen's on Livingston, on the radio. The transmission was garbled but was something to the effect of shots fired in the area. Less than a minute after that it was updated to shots fired by [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Deputy Cooper ran lights and sirens to the scene with Deputy Castle and FCSO Sgt. Conkel behind him. It took approximately four minutes to reach the scene.

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Once at the scene, Deputy Cooper observed about a dozen Columbus PD cruisers on scene and all the Officers were taking positions of cover from the front of the apartment building at 3110 E. Livingston. Deputy Cooper retrieved and loaded his AR-15 and took cover behind his cruiser. Columbus PD officers advanced up to the corners of the building and Deputy Cooper advanced up to the telephone pole and then the west side of the building. Deputy Cooper observed that several Columbus PD officers had entered the building and made contact with the subject from the lobby area. The officers were issuing commands to the subject who appeared to be on the bottom floor (downstairs from the lobby). A few seconds later he heard gunshots (maybe 15).

SA Smith asked Deputy Cooper if he had spoken to ██████████ ██████████ after the incident. Deputy Cooper advised that he had given him a hug and asked him if he was ok. ██████████ ██████████ replied that he was ok. Deputy Cooper observed numerous live rounds on the ground at ██████████ ██████████ s feet in the rear of ██████████ ██████████ cruiser and surmised that ██████████ had dropped a magazine during the shooting and the rounds had spilled from it.

Deputy Cooper then moved his cruiser so that the Columbus Fire medics could enter the scene. He remained on scene until directed to respond to substation 11/12 to meet BCI for an interview.

Agent's Note: At 5:17 minutes into the interview, a Union representative interrupted and asked to pause the interview. The interview was resumed at 0020 hours.

The interview was concluded at 0021 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 02: 2023-07-08 Interview of FCSO Deputy Cooper