



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



2024-1218

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1822 Sherrick Road SE,
Canton, OH 44707

Investigative Activity: Information Provided/Obtained, Interview with Witness, Meeting
Involves: Mr. Frank Eugene Tyson (S), Richard C. Wiseman (W)
Date of Activity: 04/19/2024
Activity Location: Amvets #124 – 1822 Sherrick Road SE, Canton, OH 44707
Author: SA Charles H. Snyder, #90

Background:

On Friday, April 19, 2024, the Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Stark County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) to investigate an in-custody death of Frank Eugene Tyson, involving officers of the Canton Police Department (CPD). This incident occurred on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at Ohio Amvet Post 124 (Amvet), located at 1822 Sherrick Road, SE, Canton (Stark County), Ohio 44707. Special Agent Charlie Snyder (Snyder) was assigned to assist in this investigation.

Action Taken:

On Friday, April 19, 2024, at approximately 1542 hours, Snyder and Special Agent Jon Lieber conducted an audible-recorded, in-person interview with witness Richard C. "Doc" Wiseman (Wiseman). Wiseman confirmed being present when this incident occurred as well as a member of the Amvet for approximately twelve years. Wiseman said he arrived at Amvet at approximately 1800 hours on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Wiseman said he was watching television and speaking with another member, "Harry" [00:01:26], when he heard the door buzzer sound. He indicated this normally gets his attention. He said he looked and observed the subject (Frank Eugene Tyson) enter Amvet, "...like a bull in a china shop..." [00:01:45].

Wiseman advised that the subject eventually went into the back-room area, where he, "...fell into a table in the corner...". Wiseman said that he also went into the back-room area and began watching the subject. Wiseman knew the subject did not belong to this private club and had never seen him.

The subject had said there was another person outside in front, that had been chasing him.

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Wiseman recalled that someone else had said the person outside was "James" [00:02:29], who lives up the street from the Amvet. "James" reportedly comes in Amvet every couple of days each week for take-out food. Wiseman indicated he did not know who "James" was.

Wiseman said he went outside and spoke to "James". He learned from "James" that the subject had wrecked his car up the street. Wiseman indicated he could see the headlights of a vehicle sitting in the yard, up the street. Wiseman asked "James" if he had gotten the license plate registration from the wrecked vehicle, and he did not get a clear response.

Wiseman then reentered the Amvet and made contact again with the subject, trying to get him to leave. The subject, according to Wiseman, refused and appeared, "...high as a kite...and was extremely argumentative..." [00:03:16].

Wiseman said the Amvet was reasonably full, as normal for Thursday nights, because drawings are held then. He estimated there may have been a total of forty people inside the Amvet during this incident.

Wiseman indicated two CPD officers then entered Amvet and attempted to take the subject into custody. The CPD officers and subject then moved around the described bar, followed closely by Wiseman. As they neared the side doorway, going into the parking lot area, the CPD officers began to handcuff the subject and a bag fell from the subject's clothing.

Wiseman then said the next thing he was aware of, the CPD officers were, "...pumping on his chest..." [00:04:22]. Wiseman also believed the bartender "Rob" [00:04:33], who had originally let the subject into the Amvet, was the person he believed he saw performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation on him. Wiseman indicated this occurred very quickly.

At this point, Wiseman advised the two CPD officers did nothing wrong in this incident. He added they tried to take the subject to the ground and handcuff him and, "...it turned into a fiasco..." [00:05:10].

When asked to further describe the subject's actions, Wiseman said he was, "...screaming and hollering, arms going one-hundred miles an hour, he fell up into the bar, then he fell back here, fell in a chair, he was just, I knew he was lit up..." [00:05:50]. Wiseman added that the subject kept saying the guy outside was trying to kill him. Wiseman added the subject was extremely disruptive and had knocked over multiple bar stools and people during this event. Wiseman estimated there were probably ten to twelve bar stools that were overturned.

Wiseman advised having approximately thirty-seven years of prior law enforcement experience. He also indicated being aware of what occurs when taking someone into custody. Wiseman said there was "absolutely - positively - not" [00:10:51] anything the CPD officers did that was unusual, excessive or beyond what they should have done in this situation.

Wiseman was aware of communications efforts between the CPD personnel and the subject but was unable to recall the specific content of those communications. He did recall the subject kept saying that someone was trying to kill him and to call 9-1-1.

Wiseman was then asked how the CPD officers were dressed, confirming they were in standard

CPD uniforms and were easily recognized as police officers.

Wiseman explained that the jurisdictional boundary location for the parking lot was for the city of Canton and Stark County.

At approximately 1557 hours, the Wiseman interview was concluded.

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

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-04-19 – Richard C. Wiseman – Interview 240419_0007