



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



2021-0888

Officer-Involved Critical Incident- 500 South Cleveland Ave, Westerville

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: John David Jones #1735
Activity Date: 4/12/2021
Activity Location: Capital City Lodge #9
Authoring Agent: SA Matt Collins, #151

Narrative:

On Monday, April 12, 2021, at 1933 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Collins (SA Collins) interviewed City of Columbus-Division of Police (CPD) Officer (Ofc.) John David Jones (Jones), who was accompanied by his attorney, Nicole Wannemacher, from the Law Offices of Harshman and Wannemacher-Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at the Capital City Lodge #9. The interview was audio recorded.

Jones was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the April 12, 2021, officer-involved shooting which occurred at the St. Ann's Hospital, 500 South Cleveland Ave, Westerville, Ohio. Reportedly, Jones did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Jones stated his radio call sign on April 12, 2021, was K-9/2. Jones stated he is a "city-wide" K-9 unit and turns his radio to the zone he is operating in. He explained, in the case of this incident, he had turned to Zone 1. Jones has been employed by the CPD for about 27 years. All of his time in law enforcement has been with CPD. During the incident, Jones wore a T-shirt with K-9 emblems and markings. Jones, while his normal shift was from 1400 to 2100 hours, indicated he was at training on April 12th, beginning at around 0630 hours. Jones wore a concealed ballistic vest and duty belt. He drove his marked police K-9 vehicle, a Ford Explorer, marked with CPD emblems and emergency lights. Jones said he had activated his emergency lights in response to the "officer in trouble call" and his in-car camera was activated. Jones said he later secured the dash camera video as evidence, under the CPD incident number. He stated 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. Jones utilizes hearing aids and had them in during the incident and interview.

Jones stated, on April 12, 2021, he'd just completed K-9 training for the day and he was in his marked K-9 vehicle, in the area of St Rt 23 and Campus View. He recalled Ofc. Ryan Krichbaum, vehicle unit 9011, air "10-3, 10-3." Jones stated dispatch advised the 10-3 was at St. Ann's



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Hospital. Jones indicated he was close to the Cleveland Avenue exit and responded lights and siren. While enroute, he heard radio traffic, "he's got a gun and something to the effect that an officer's trapped in the room with him." Jones stated it sounded to him as if there was a hostage/barricade situation. Almost as though the officer was taken hostage in the room. Jones stated he turned his radio channel to the SWAT channel, advised them of the location of the incident and to monitor the radio traffic on channel 1.

Jones pulled into the emergency room parking lot and ran to the front door. Jones witnessed multiple Mount Carmel doctors, nurses and other staff, fleeing from the hospital. Those individuals were pointing/directing Jones in the direction he needed to go. Jones said a female inside further pointed or directed him down the hallway, where the incident was taking place. Jones said he witnessed CPD Ofc. Houseberg in that area, crouched down in front of a nurse's station. Jones initially believed it was Westerville Police Department (WPD) officers with Ofc. Houseberg, but later learned it was Mount Carmel security staff.

Jones stated he witnessed Krichbaum to the right and a subject, Miles Jackson (Jackson), inside the room lying partially on their stomach and/or right side. Jones said Ofc. Houseberg told him, she was going to deploy her taser and needed him as her cover-officer. Jones said he'd asked where "Andy" (Ofc. Howe) was. He was told, Ofc. Howe was still inside the room with him. Jones said he heard officers giving Jackson commands to show them his hands and to put his hand on top of his head. Jones stated, from what he understood of events, Jackson was refusing to put his right hand on top of his head.

Ofc. Houseberg approached the room, announced "taser, taser, taser." Jones said, as soon as Ofc. Houseberg deployed her taser, Jackson fired a shot. Jones said multiple other officers began firing back. Jones, however, said he did not have a clear shot or line of sight to Jackson and therefore did not fire. Once the shooting stopped, Jones went in to access Jackson and make sure it was secure. When he did so, Jones said he saw Jackson had one hand which was handcuffed. Utilizing the same set of handcuffs, Jones secured Jackson's other hand. Jones said another officer stood over Jackson's gun and they advised the scene was secure for medical staff to begin treating Jackson. At the direction of medical staff (Dustin), Jones assisted in getting Jackson onto a gurney.

Once in trauma room #98, Jones was directed by medical staff to assist in removing Jackson's clothing. Jones said he'd taken Jackson's shoes off and started pulling down his sweatpants, when live bullets started coming out of the sweatpants and landed on the floor. Jones stated he picked up two (2) live 9mm rounds which he determined were not CPD issued rounds. Jones said



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he also witnessed a projectile or fired bullet come out of Jackson's clothes. Jones said he placed all three items with Jackson's clothes.

Jones said he witnessed the trauma doctors discussing the injuries to Jackson and his survivability. He heard them pronounce Jackson dead at 1445 hours and Jones advised the same on the radio.

Jones said he was relieved by a blonde female WPD officer. Jones said he told her about the clothing, bullets and projectile.

The interview concluded at approximately 2009 hours.

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