

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



2022-2608 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 28 North Paint St., Chillicothe (L)

Investigative Activity:	Interview with Witness
Involves:	Dep. Robert Rush (W)
Date of Activity:	11/17/2022
Activity Location:	Ross County Sheriff's Office – Business – 28 North Paint Street, Chillicothe, OH 45601, Ross County
Author:	SA Andrew Russell

## Narrative:

On Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 19:28 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Ross County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) Deputy (Dep.) Robert Rush (Rush). The interview took place at 28 North Paint Street, Chillicothe, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

Rush was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the November 17, 2022 officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 28 North Paint Street, Chillicothe, Ohio. Reportedly, Rush 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.

Rush stated his radio call sign on November 17, 2022 was 574. He has been employed by the Ross County Sheriff's Office for about 2 years. He has been a police officer for a total of 2 years.

Rush stated he just arrived home and was off duty when he heard radio traffic that was unusual. Rush advised he called Deputy Weaver to obtain additional information and was told that Sergeant Eric Kocheran had been shot on station. Rush advised he lives very close so he drove his personal vehicle to the law enforcement complex. Rush stated when he arrived, the medics were working on Kocheran and an unknown subject. Rush stated that he was told to ride in the ambulance to Adena Hospital with the unknown subject who appeared deceased and advised he did not recognize the subject. Rush then advised he was then given a ride back to the complex with another deputy and that was the extent of his involvement.

The interview concluded at approximately 19:33 hours.

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

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Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 22-11-17 Robert Rush Interview RCSO

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