



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



2022-0727  
 Officer-Involved Critical Incident - 914 Salt Springs Road, Youngstown,  
 Ohio 44509

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer  
 Involves: Officer Tom Schneeman  
 Activity Date: May 2, 2022  
 Activity Location: 1360 Som - Center Road, Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124  
 Authoring Agent: Special Agent Al Bansky #115

**Narrative:**

On May 2, 2022, at 1130 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Al Bansky (Bansky) interviewed Struthers City Police Officer (Ofc.) Tom Schneeman (Schneeman), who was accompanied by his attorney, Thomas Hanculak. The interview took place at the Law Offices of Thomas Hanculak.

Ofc. Schneeman was identified as being the officer who was involved in the April 1, 2022, officer-involved critical incident, which occurred in the area of Salt Spring Road and Steel Street, Youngstown, Ohio. Reportedly, Ofc. Schneeman discharged his firearm.

Ofc. Schneeman read, understood and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form.

The interview was audio recorded.

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

**Preliminary and Demographic Information:**

<b>Name:</b> Ofc. Tom Schneeman	<b>Rank:</b> Officer (Ofc.)
<b>Badge Number:</b> 1091	<b>Cruiser/Vehicle Number:</b> 77
<b>Radio Call Sign:</b> 109	<b>Immediate Supervisor:</b> Capt. Matt Haus
<b>Radio Channel Utilized:</b> Channel 1	<b>Mobile Data Terminal:</b> Present; Not Used
<b>Cruiser Description:</b> All black with the words Police on both sides with emergency lights	<b>Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions:</b> None
<b>Assignment:</b> Road patrol	<b>Normal Shift:</b> 2 pm to 10 pm
<b>In-Car Camera:</b> No	<b>Spotlight:</b> Yes
<b>Emergency Lights:</b> Present & Utilized	<b>Siren:</b> Present & Utilized



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<b>Shift Day of Incident:</b> Friday	<b>Duty Status:</b> On-Duty
<b>Days Off:</b> Sunday and Monday	<b>Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours:</b> High School security from 10 am to 2 pm
<b>Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident:</b> 7 hours	<b>Consider Self Well Rested?:</b> Yes
<b>Total Length as Officer:</b> Approximately 6 years	<b>Length at Current Agency:</b> 6 years
<b>Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid):</b> None	<b>Corrective Lenses:</b> Glasses
<b>Uniform Worn:</b> Dark blue shirt and pants with police patches on both sleeves. Metal badge ballistic vest	<b>Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest:</b> Ballistic vest, 9mm Glock pistol, flash light, two sets of cuffs, taser, radio
<b>Ballistic Vest:</b> External Armor	<b>Body Worn Camera:</b> Present & Used
<b>Other Recording Devices:</b> None	<b>Partner:</b> None
<b>Injuries:</b> Back	<b>Equipment Damage:</b> Cruiser
<b>Training or Areas of Specialty:</b> Swat Training	<b>OPOTC Certification:</b> Current, Kent State
<b>Military Experience/Training:</b> None	<b>Use-of-Force Training:</b> Annul training
<b>Prior Shooting Incidents:</b> Yes, September 21, 2021	<b>Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints:</b> None
<b>Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident:</b> Blood pressure pills	<b>Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview:</b> None
<b>Alcohol in Past 24 Hours?</b> None	<b>Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident:</b> Week ago

**Officer's Firearm(s):**

**Weapon #1**

<b>Make:</b> Glock	<b>Model:</b> 45
<b>Caliber/Gauge:</b> 9 mm	<b>Serial:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Type:</b> Semi-Auto Handgun	<b>Method of Carry:</b> Holster
<b>Magazine Capacity:</b> 17	<b>Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber):</b> 18



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<b>Extra Magazines:</b> Two	<b>Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines:</b> 17
<b>Discharged During Incident?</b> Yes	<b>Primary or Backup Weapon:</b> Primary
<b>Rounds Remaining After Incident:</b> Two full mags (17)	<b>Number of Rounds Fired:</b> 18
<b>Right/Left-Handed Carry:</b> Right-Handed	<b>Ownership:</b> Department Owned
<b>Last Qualification Date:</b> 11/6/2021	<b>Type of Holster, if any:</b> Safari land

**Narrative:**

Ofc. Schneeman was asked to explain what occurred in the incident, beginning with information he received. Ofc. Schneeman provided the following information to SA Bansky:

On April 1, 2022, at approximately 1700 hours, Ofc. Schneeman was on patrol and received information that Captain (Capt.) Matt Haus (Haus) was attempting a traffic stop on a tan-colored Chevrolet Malibu on State Street and heard, "I'm in pursuit, he hit me in the drive thru."

Ofc. Schneeman was down the street on State Street and pulled over, off the road, and saw the pursuit heading directly toward him. Ofc. Schneeman observed Capt. Haus with his emergency lights and siren on, in pursuit of the Chevrolet Malibu. As both vehicles passed, Ofc. Schneeman joined the pursuit with speeds up to 80 miles per hour. The pursuit eventually ended at the intersection of Salt Spring Road and Steel Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

According to Ofc. Schneeman, Capt. Haus struck the suspect's vehicle on the right rear area, using a "pit maneuver," while Ofc. Schneeman then struck the suspect's driver's door, not "allowing him to get out, run on foot."

Ofc. Schneeman exited his cruiser and described the suspect as a white male, heavy set, with facial hair and wearing a black shirt. At this time, Ofc. Schneeman had his service weapon in his right hand and his taser in his left hand, giving several commands, "Show me your hands over and over."

According to Ofc. Schneeman, "His right hand was on the gear shift, trying to move his vehicle. I deployed my taser, but I do not know if the taser made good contact or not. I see his right hand come up and he turns towards me. I yelled gun, gun and ducked down while in a seated position. The gun was pointed directly at me. I could see the barrel. I fired 18 times and believed I was stationary at that time."

Ofc. Schneeman then took cover behind his cruiser and reloaded his service weapon with another magazine. Ofc. Schneeman yelled to Capt. Haus advising, "He has a gun, he has a gun." Ofc.



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Schneeman then started giving commands, "Show me your hands, screaming over and over." Ofc. Schneeman then turned off the sirens in both police cruisers, so both officers could communicate to each other.

According to Ofc. Schneeman, he checked on Capt. Haus and then stood in front of his cruiser, waiting for additional officers. Ofc. Schneeman advised, except for Capt. Haus, there were no other officers present at this time. Ofc. Schneeman "peaked" into the suspect's vehicle and noticed that the suspect "wasn't breathing."

At this time, several Youngstown City police officers arrived on scene. Ofc. Schneeman went to his cruiser and retrieved a bulletproof shield. Ofc. Schneeman and one of the Youngstown police officers started approaching the suspect's vehicle with their weapons drawn.

According to Ofc. Schneeman, he could see the "gun on the floor" and believed that the suspect was "dead." The crime scene was then being secured by Youngstown police officers. Ofc. Schneeman and Capt. Haus went to Mercy Health Hospital.

SA Bansky asked Ofc. Schneeman to describe the weapon when he first seen it. Ofc. Schneeman advised the weapon was a "black semi-automatic."

SA Bansky asked Ofc. Schneeman did the suspect fire his weapon. Ofc. Schneeman stated that he "didn't know."

The interview concluded at approximately 1220 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is also attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.







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## Criminal Investigation Notification

1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is **not** a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

K Matt Haws  
Printed Name of Interviewee

5-2-22 10:12a  
Date / Time

[Signature]  
Signature of Interviewee

T. M. Amodeo, Atty.

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BCI Agent (Printed)

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