



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
Involves: Joseph J. Whitehead (W)
Date of Activity: 07/09/2023
Activity Location: Columbus Division of Police Substation 9 – 3022 Winchester Pike,
Columbus, OH 43232, Franklin County
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On Saturday, July 8, 2023, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) and Columbus Division of Police (CPD) requested the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding a shooting incident between Antwan M. Lindsey (Lindsey) and law enforcement officers from both agencies. The incident occurred at an apartment building located at 3110 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio (Franklin County). Lindsey was transported by ambulance to the Grant Medical Center, where he was pronounced deceased.

On July 9, 2023 at 0001 hours, BCI Special Agent Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) interviewed CPD Officer Joseph Whitehead (Officer Whitehead). The interview took place at CPD Substation 9. The interview was audio recorded. Officer Whitehead advised that he wished to make a statement to SA Seitzman. Officer Whitehead was represented by his Fraternal Order of Police attorney, Nicole Wannemacher.

The information provided below summarizes key points from the recorded interview and is not a verbatim account. 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 audio recording be reviewed.

Officer Whitehead advised that he has been a CPD officer for one year. He was working his normal shift on July 8, 2023. His usual work hours are 1400–2200 hours. He is assigned to CPD Substation 11. He was wearing his standard department-issued uniform. He was also wearing a body-worn camera, which was activated during his involvement with the incident. He said he recalled a "10-3, officer needs assistance" aired over the radio. He followed his sergeants to the scene on Livingston Avenue.

Upon arrival, Officer Whitehead unholstered his pistol and ran toward the scene. As he was

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running, he stepped into a pothole and accidentally discharged a round into the ground. He then fell to the ground. He said he injured his leg and ankle. He told a supervisor what happened and went back to his cruiser to remove himself from the incident.

While he was at his cruiser, he recalled hearing a "burst of gunfire." While he heard the gunfire, he did not visually observe the shooting incident and did not know what occurred.

The interview was concluded at 0006 hours. The audio recording is attached below.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-7-9/ Interview with Columbus PD Officer Joseph Whitehead