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Investigative Report



2023-1535

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 311 25th Street SW, Canton, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Receipt and Review of Personnel File and Training Records
Activity Date: July 28, 2023
Activity Location: BCI - Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Matthew Armstrong #146

Narrative:

On June 20, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Armstrong (Armstrong) received a copy of the Canton Police Department (CPD) incident report and photographs related to the June 7, 2023, officer-involved shooting. The documents were provided by CPD Lt. Mike Talkington and have been attached to this report for further review.

SA Armstrong reviewed the report and noted the following:

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The report included narratives completed by the following CPD officers:

- Officer Jeffrey Weller
- Detective Alva Watkins
- Officer Trenton Abel
- Officer Trevor Stern
- Detective Michael Herrera
- Detective Matthew Thomas
- Officer Spencer Zernechel
- Officer Brandon Shackle
- Officer Curtis Gutscher II
- Detective J'Tahn Hampton
- Officer Keith Foster
- Officer David Grant
- Officer Anthony Angelo
- Officer Cole Wilson
- Officer Jason Staten
- Detective Robert Huber
- Detective Philip Johnson
- Detective Vincent Romanin
- Officer David Jatich
- Sergeant Michael Rastetter

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- Sergeant Eric Lee
- Officer Benjamin Machczynski
- Sergeant Bryan McWilliams
- Officer Andrew Cook
- Officer Michael Brown
- Officer Yubak Karki
- Sergeant Robert Smith

In reviewing the report, SA Armstrong learned that Det. Romanin called and spoke with the original complainant Brittney Sherwood. He did not complete an interview with her, but she did agree to cooperate and speak with investigators. Detectives Herrera, Thomas and Hampton completed a canvass of the neighborhood surrounding 311 25th Street SW and spoke with the following documented individuals:

- Pat Parks of 316 25th Street SW
- Roger Merkle of 307 25th Street SW
- Rachel Sheets of 315 25th Street SW
- Elwood Thompson and Rosemary Clark of 304 25th Street SW
- Residents at 615 25th Street SW
- Residents at 607 25th Street SW

None of the subjects visually witnessed the actual shooting incident. The information they provided was detailed in the narrative report of Detective Herrera (Page 9) and the narrative report of Detective Hampton (Page 14)



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While on scene, CRT assisted in locating the original complainant of this call. During our search, I spoke with the residence of 615 and 607 25th St. SW. Residents at both locations stated that they have heard domestic disputes between the couple at the POC in the past and that today they heard yelling and screaming coming from the home. Their names were added to the notes of the call. The original complainant was contacted by Det. Romanin.

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Additionally, the narrative reports identified Officer's Angelo, Foster, and Det. Huber as being involved in rendering medical aid to Jeffrey Neff until EMS personnel arrived and took over care.

SA Armstrong did not identify any other relevant information which had not previously been discovered throughout the investigation.

Photographs

There were eight (8) photographs provided. According to the report, Detective Vincent Romanin and Sgt. Robert Smith photographed the area where Officer Dryden was struck by gunfire. His firearm and remaining ammunition were also photographed. Officer Dryden's right leg had no visible injuries at the time of the photographs. The photographs have been attached to this report.

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Attachments:

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2023-06-20 CPD Pictures 230720403

2023-06-20 CPD Pictures 230720424

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221 3rd St SW CANTON 330-649-5800

Incident Number

23-07204

Incident / Offense Report

Offense	Method Received	Time Received	Time Dispatched	Time Arrived	Time Cleared:
	T	06/07/2023 22:06:14	06/07/2023 22:15:45	06/07/2023 22:21:01	06/07/2023

Report Date / Time	Incident Occurred From	Incident Occured To
Date	Date	Date
Time	Time	Time
Wednesday 06/07/2023 23:18:29		Wednesday 06/07/2023 22:06:14

Location of the Incident (Street #, Street, Apt. #, City, State, Zip)

311 25TH ST SW CANTON OH 44707

Zone

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Persons Involved:

- APRIL BETZ - WIT**
- DOMINITA NEFF - WIT**
- MADYLYNN NEFF - WIT**
- JEFFREY J NEFF - SUS**
- JEFFREY J NEFF - VIC**
- JACOB DRYDEN - OIV**

Property:

Amount:

Type: **ADULT**

Units:	Officers:
1st: 37	COLE WILSON
2nd: 42	TREVOR STERN
3rd: 42	TRENTON W ABEL
4th: CRT	MATTHEW THOMAS
5th: CRT	J'TAHN K HAMPTON

Photos: **8**

Codes:	Descriptions:	OFFENSES
DI	DEATH INVESTIGATION	DEATH INV

Weapons Used:
FIREARM

Trade Marks:

Hate Bias

Entry:	Location Type:
	Highway/roadway/street

Refer to Arrest: Incident #: Tow#: Dispatcher: Officer in Charge: **47** Entry Id:

Case Status: **TOT OTHER AGENCY** Cleared Date: **06/08/2023** Cleared By:

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Victim deceased from gunshot wounds.

Reviewing Supervisor:

Bureau Supervisor:

Officer:

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Investigative Persons Involved

Incident #: 2307204 **Relation:** WIT **Arrest #:** **CAD #:** **Date of Contact:** 06/07/2023 **Phone:**
First Name: APRIL **Middle:** **Last Name:** BETZ **Til:** **DOB:** 01/17/1983 **SSN:** **Pager:**
Street #: 2211 **Street Name:** 21ST ST SW **Apt:** **City:** CANTON **St:** OH **Zip:** 44706 **Cell Phone:** [REDACTED] **Employer Phone:**
Hgt: **Wgt:** **Hair:** **Eyes:** **Race:** W **Sex:** F **Physical Marks:**

Offenses:

Resident Class: **Suspected of using:** / **Victim Type:**

Incident #: 2307204 **Relation:** WIT **Arrest #:** **CAD #:** **Date of Contact:** 06/07/2023 **Phone:**
First Name: DOMINITA **Middle:** **Last Name:** NEFF **Til:** **DOB:** 01/26/1982 **SSN:** **Pager:**
Street #: 311 **Street Name:** 25TH ST SW **Apt:** **City:** CANTON **St:** OH **Zip:** 44706 **Cell Phone:** [REDACTED] **Employer Phone:**
Hgt: **Wgt:** **Hair:** **Eyes:** **Race:** W **Sex:** F **Physical Marks:**

Offenses:

Resident Class: **Suspected of using:** / **Victim Type:**

Incident #: 2307204 **Relation:** WIT **Arrest #:** **CAD #:** **Date of Contact:** 06/07/2023 **Phone:**
First Name: MADYLYNN **Middle:** **Last Name:** NEFF **Til:** **DOB:** 11/07/2008 **SSN:** **Pager:**
Street #: 311 **Street Name:** 25TH ST SW **Apt:** **City:** CANTON **St:** OH **Zip:** 44706 **Cell Phone:** [REDACTED] **Employer Phone:**
Hgt: **Wgt:** **Hair:** **Eyes:** **Race:** W **Sex:** F **Physical Marks:**

Offenses:

Resident Class: **Suspected of using:** / **Victim Type:**

Reviewing Supervisor:

Bureau Supervisor:

Officer:

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Investigative Persons Involved

Incident #: 2307204 **Relation:** SUS **Arrest #:** **CAD #:** **Date of Contact:** 06/07/2023 **Phone:** 330-999-1873

First Name: JEFFREY **Middle:** J **Last Name:** NEFF **Til:** **DOB:** 01/26/1982 **SSN:** [REDACTED] **Pager:**

Street #: 311 **Street Name:** 25TH ST SW **Apt:** **City:** CANTON **St:** OH **Zip:** 44706 **Cell Phone:** 234-458-4076 **Employer Phone:**

Hgt: 509 **Wgt:** 145 **Hair:** BRO **Eyes:** BLU **Race:** W **Sex:** M **Physical Marks:**

Offenses:

Resident Class: Resident **Suspected of using:** / **Victim Type:**

Incident #: 2307204 **Relation:** VIC **Arrest #:** **CAD #:** **Date of Contact:** 06/07/2023 **Phone:** 330-999-1873

First Name: JEFFREY **Middle:** J **Last Name:** NEFF **Til:** **DOB:** 01/26/1982 **SSN:** [REDACTED] **Pager:**

Street #: 311 **Street Name:** 25TH ST SW **Apt:** **City:** CANTON **St:** OH **Zip:** 44706 **Cell Phone:** 234-458-4076 **Employer Phone:**

Hgt: 509 **Wgt:** 145 **Hair:** BRO **Eyes:** BLU **Race:** W **Sex:** M **Physical Marks:**

Offenses: DI DEATH INVESTIGATION

Resident Class: Resident **Suspected of using:** / **Victim Type:** Individual

Incident #: 2307204 **Relation:** OIV **Arrest #:** **CAD #:** **Date of Contact:** 06/07/2023 **Phone:**

First Name: JACOB **Middle:** **Last Name:** DRYDEN **Til:** **DOB:** **SSN:** **Pager:**

Street #: 221 **Street Name:** 3RD ST SW **Apt:** **City:** CANTON **St:** OH **Zip:** 44703 **Cell Phone:** **Employer Phone:** 330-438-4449

Hgt: **Wgt:** **Hair:** **Eyes:** **Race:** **Sex:** **Physical Marks:**

Offenses:

Resident Class: **Suspected of using:** / **Victim Type:**

Reviewing Supervisor:

Bureau Supervisor:

Officer:

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Incident #: 2307204 **Relation:** OIV **Arrest #:** **CAD #:** **Date of Contact:** 06/07/2023 **Phone:**
First Name: SCOTT **Middle:** **Last Name:** WOHLHETER **Til:** **DOB:** **SSN:** **Pager:**
Street #: 221 **Street Name:** 3RD ST SW **Apt:** **City:** **St:** **Zip:** **Cell Phone:** **Employer Phone:** 330-438-4449
Hgt: **Wgt:** **Hair:** **Eyes:** **Race:** **Sex:** **Physical Marks:**

Offenses:

Resident Class: **Suspected of using:** **Victim Type:**

Reviewing Supervisor:

Bureau Supervisor:

Officer:

On 06/07/2023 I did respond to the scene of an Officer involved shooting that originated at 311 25th St SW. The actual shooting scene occurred in a large grassy area of the I 77 N / RT 800 ramp. Since this was an Officer involved shooting the BCI Crime Scene Unit would be handling the scene and evidence collection. I did stand by initially to help secure the area. Sgt. B. McWilliams later told me to stand by and assist BCI if needed. I did assist searching the scene for evidence once BCI arrived. I cleared the scene when BCI was complete.

On Wed. 6/7/23 at approx. 2226hrs I responded to the scene of an officer involved shooting. The location of the shooting was north of the original incident location (311 25th St SW) in the grass area of the 771 entrance/exit. Patrol officers were performing medical aid on the downed suspect (Jeffrey Neff).

I spoke to a woman near said area, April Betz. She stated that she was the sister of Mr. Neff's wife Dominita Neff. She also stated that she witnessed the incident. I told Ms. Betz that we need to interview her and that she needed to come to our headquarters. She was willing, but stated that she needed to check on her neice, Madylynn Neff. Madylynn is Jeffrey Neff's daughter. I took Ms. Betz back to the original point of call (311 25th St SW) to check on her neice and also assist officers with conducting a safety clearance check of said residence. There was an aggressive dog inside. She aided officers with said dog while a safety sweep was successfully performed. I then transported Ms. Betz to the detective bureau interview room 2. There is nothing further.

Det. AM Watkins #266

Investigative Report**Title / Subject: OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING****23-07204**

Officer Involved Shooting
311 25th St SW
Zone South, 3rd Shift, Car 42
Ptl. Abel #283, Ptl. Stern #223

On 6/7/23 while working afternoon shift patrol in car 42, Officer Stern and I heard Officer Dryden call out that he was chasing a male on foot from a call that started at 311 25th St SW. While Officer Dryden was calling out his foot pursuit he called out shots fired at 2222 hours. Officer Dryden then called out that he had one suspect down and that he has possibly been struck by the suspects gunfire. Officer Stern and I responded to assist.

Once Officer Stern and I arrived on scene we were told that the original call location needed to be secured. At this time Officer Stern, Officer Thomas, Officer Hampton, and I responded to 311 25th St SW to secure the scene. As we arrived I noticed there was a female sitting inside of the living room on the couch and appeared to be crying. We made contact with the female and identified her as Madylynn Neff with a date of birth 11/07/2008. I had Madylynn take a seat in the rear of my patrol vehicle for the time being. Shortly after I placed Madylynn in the back seat of my patrol vehicle her aunt arrived on scene. Madylynn's aunt assisted us in securing an aggressive dog inside the residence so we could go inside and do a safety sweep of the residence. Once the dog was secured we did our safety sweep of the residence and did not locate anyone else inside. After clearing the residence I was advised to transport Madylynn to the DB. Madylynn was transported to the DB and turned over to the detectives.

Nothing further.

Ptl. Trenton Abel #283

Investigative Report**Title / Subject: OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING****23-07204**

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Location: 311 25th St SW

Officers: Stern#223, Abel#283

Other Involved: Madylynn Neff

On 6/7/23 at 2222 hours, Officer Abel and I heard over the radio that Officer Dryden state "shots fired" while he was involved in a foot pursuit. Officer Abel and I then responded to his location near Cleveland Ave SW and I77. We arrived on scene and were told to respond to the point of call at 311 25th St SW. We arrived on 25th St and saw a female inside the house crying. We knocked and made contact with the female, who was later identified as Madylynn Neff. Madylynn came out the side door of the house and we placed her in our cruiser. Madylynn advised that there was no one else in the house.

Officer Abel, Brown, Jatich, and Thomas then cleared the house for a safety sweep. Detective Watkins arrived on scene and instructed us to transport Madylynn to headquarters so she could be interviewed. We transported her to the detective bureau and left her with Detective Watkins.

Nothing further at this time.

Stern (U223)

By: PTL TREVOR STERN**Badge# 223****Date: 06/07/2023 Time: 23:37:17 No. 001 Page #: 1****Reviewing Supervisor: _____****Date: _____**

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On 06/07/23, CRT units were at the VICE office getting ready to leave for the night when we heard radio traffic of a subject running. We then heard officers advise that shots were fired.

Det. Hampton and Det. Thomas got in an unmarked vehicle and started making their way to the point of call (near 311 25th St. SW).

I then heard radio traffic that the suspect had open fired at officers and possibly struck U172. I also heard radio traffic that the suspect was down.

I then made a phone call to my immediate Sgt. (Miller) to inform him of the situation and advised him that we would be heading to the scene to lend assistance if needed.

My body camera battery was dead and I was unable to utilize it.

I heard radio traffic requesting units to go to the original point of call (311 25th St. SW). Det. Hampton and Thomas advised that they would go to that location.

I then arrived on scene (311 25th St. SW) a short time later.

Marked units were also on scene at that time.

Det. Watkins arrived on scene as well.

Units on scene did conduct a safety sweep of the residence. I maintained a position on the outside of the residence.

Once it was cleared, Det. Thomas and Det. Hampton did start knocking on houses in the area in attempts to speak with any neighbors that might have witnessed anything. Det. Thomas did have an active body camera.

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Officer Staten was present and did maintain the scene on 25th St. SW.

We then contacted Sgt. Miller and advised him of our actions. We also contacted Sgt. McWilliams and asked if there was anything else needed. Nothing else was needed from us at that time.

We then went back to the VICE office to complete supplements.

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By: PTL MICHAEL HERRERA

Badge# 250

Date: 06/07/2023 Time: 23:40:28 No. 002 Page #: 1

Reviewing Supervisor: _____

Date: _____

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Incident #: 2307204
Officers: Det. M. Thomas #239, Det. J. Hampton #278, Det. M. Herrera #250
Date: 06/07/2023
Location: Cleveland Ave SW at the I77 on ramp/311 25th St SW

On 06/07/2023 I was working in my capacity as a CRT detective. I was working on paperwork when I heard a foot chase being called out over the radio. Very shortly after the initial radio traffic I heard "shots fired, suspect down". I then heard Ptl. Dryden advise the suspect opened fire on him, striking him in the leg and was hit in the chest and possibly the face in the return fire. At this point, myself, Det. Hampton and Det. Herrera were enroute in unmarked vehicles. Ptl. Dryden advised they were on Cleveland Ave SW, in the grass near the I-77 on-ramp.

When we arrived on scene, I observed officers in the grassy area rendering aid to the suspect. I also observed Ptl. Dryden and Ptl. Wohlheter and I briefly checked on their wellbeing. Myself, Hampton and Herrera then asked Sgt. Lee, who had arrived on scene, what he needed from us. He advised to go with a marked car to the original point of call (311 25th St SW).

We proceeded to the point of call with Ptl. Abel and Ptl. Stern, as well as Ptl. Jatich and Ptl. Brown. When we arrived at the point of call, I could see through an open window on the front of the house what appeared to be a white female juvenile sitting in the living room crying. She was clearly upset. We knocked on the door and she came outside. She was secured in the back of a cruiser. Shortly thereafter, a vehicle very quickly pulled into the driveway of the point of call. An irate female exited the car (OHIO GZR1471) and was quickly held back by officers. Det. Watkins arrived on scene shortly thereafter and the female was allowed to go into the residence to secure an aggressive dog that was loose.

Once the dog was secured, we conducted a welfare check safety sweep of the residence. We found nobody else inside the residence. The residence was then secured and preserved.

I then provided CANCOM with the following vehicles that were located at the point of call (all Ohio plates); EZM2399, HVM2561, JYN9623.

We then began speaking to neighbors located immediately around the point of call. Det. Herrera documented all neighbor information and I documented the conversations on my BWC.

The only neighbors who heard anything were located directly next door (to the west) at 315 25th S SW. They advised they heard some sort of disturbance, like a man screaming, and then looked outside and saw a cruiser parked in front of the home. A short time later they heard shots being fired.

Nothing further at this time.

Det. M. Thomas #239

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06/07/23
311 25th ST SW
Officer Involved Shooting
Officer: Zernechel 282

On 06/07/23 while in wagon 56 Officer Dryden called out with a foot pursuit. Shortly after Officer Dryden called out with shots fired 10-25 send everyone. When I arrived on scene Officer Foster was giving CPR to the suspect. I was not needed for medical attention so I helped coordinate responding agencies and locations to block off roadways. Shortley after I was told by supervision to free up and help clear shift calls on the screen.

Zernechel 282, nothing further

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Officer Involved Shooting

Northbound ramp to 77 from southbound Cleveland Ave SW

Officers Mentioned: Ptl. Grant, Ptl. Dryden, Sgt. Smith , Det. V. Romanin, Det. Weller.

Det. Sgt. McWilliams

Officer B. Shackle #210

On 6/7/23 I was assigned to midnight shift in car 95 with Ptl. Grant. At 2222 hours we were leaving the parking garage and heading to headquarters for midnight shift roll call when we heard Ptl. Dryden advise that he was in a foot chase and shortly after we heard over the radio that shots had been fired, the suspect was down, and that the suspect had opened fire on officers striking Ptl. Dryden.

I called into Sgt. Smith and asked if he wanted us to skip roll call and go to the scene of the officer involved shooting which he stated that he did. I advised dispatch that we would be enroute to the scene. My body camera was dead and we did not have a chance to go to headquarters for a new battery, so I advised dispatch of this.

As we arrived on scene I observed officers rendering medical aid to a white male laying in the open field between the on ramp to 77 north and the highway itself. This male will be the suspect. As I got to the officers, Det. V. Romanin, who was assisting in rendering medical aid, advised that the suspects firearm was laying next to where they were working. I located the firearm and stood over it to preserve it's as evidence. CFD medics arrived took over medical aid and transported the suspect to the hospital. The scene was cleared and I stayed with the firearm until I was relieved by Det. Weller who placed a yellow evidence marker labelled "A" next to the firearm. Sgt. McWilliams then arrived on scene and relieved Ptl. Grant and I from the scene.

We returned to headquarters to complete our supplements.

nothing further
bs210

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Incident #: 2307204
Officers: C. Gutscher 221
Date: 06/07/2023
Location: Cleveland Ave SW at the I77 on ramp/311 25th St SW

On 06-07-2023 I was working on a report. While working on the report I head Officer Dryden call out in a foot pursuit with one male. A short moment later I heard shots fired and Officer Dryden requesting all units. I rushed to my cruiser and responded to the scene. I arrived on scene and did a Officer check on Officer Dryden because he stated he was hit in the leg. I did not observe a GSW on Officer Dryden or feel any blood I directed my attention to the male on the ground. Officers started to render aid while I held the flash light for them. Medics arrived on scene and tranported the male to the hospital.

Sgt. Lee advised me to clear up and answer calls.

Nothing further at this moment.

Ptl. C. Gutscher 221

Investigative Report**Title / Subject: OFFICER NEEDS HELP****23-07204**

Officer needs help, OIS
3rd Shift, CRT, Unmarked
Victim: Ptl. J. Dryden #172
Suspects: Jeffrey Neff 41 W/M

Officers: Det. Hampton #278, Det. Thomas #239, Det. Herrera #250, Ptl. Abel #283, Ptl. Stern #223, Sgt. Lee #32

On June 6th, 2023 I was debriefing my shift with members of CRT at the VICE office. Around 2222 hours I overheard a unit on the radio calling out that he had one suspect running from him. Seconds later I overheard that unit calling out with shots fired and that he was struck by the suspects gunfire. I left the VICE office with Det. Thomas in our unmarked and proceeded to assist the unit who needed immediate help.

While enroute, CanCom assisted in providing me with a precise location of the officer who was struck by gunfire. I was advised that the suspect was down hard, and that aid was being rendered to the officer and suspect. Once on scene, I briefly checked on the welfare of the unit struck by the suspects gunfire. I then asked Sgt. Lee who was on scene what he needed me to do. Sgt. Lee advised me to go to the POC, 311 Cleveland Ave SW to hold the scene until the DB and backup units arrived. Once on scene, I held a perimeter until more units arrived. Once backup was on scene, a protective sweep of the home was conducted. I continued to hold the perimeter while units were inside of the home conducting the sweep. The residence was cleared and a W/F juvenile was assisted from the home and into a cruiser.

While on scene, CRT assisted in locating the original complainant of this call. During our search, I spoke with the residence of 615 and 607 25th St. SW. Residents at both locations stated that they have heard domestic disputes between the couple at the POC in the past and that today they heard yelling and screaming coming from the home. Their names were added to the notes of the call. The original complainant was contacted by Det. Romanin.

Sgt. McWilliams was contacted and advised CRT that nothing further was needed on scene.

Nothing further. J. Hampton #278

2307204
06/07/23
311 25th ST SW
Officer Involved Shooting
Officer: Foster 178

Officers began calling a foot pursuit out on the radio. I began to head to the area of their call. I had lights and sirens on. I then heard officers scream shots fired on the radio. I arrived on scene and found officers in the field between the entrance ramps to 77 on Cleveland Ave SW. I ran to their location. I was told they needed a medical kit. I went back to my vehicle and got my med kit. A male was lying in the grass with a firearm near his body. He appeared to have wounds to his body. Myself and another officer provided CPR until a medic arrived. I helped medics to put the male, who was on the ground onto a cot and then I helped them push the cot from the field to the ambulance. I was then told by a supervisor to clear up and begin responding to waiting calls.

Keith Foster 178

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2307204
Officer Involved Shooting
Northbound ramp to 77 from southbound Cleveland Ave SW
Officers Mentioned: Ptl. B. Shackle, Ptl. Dryden, Sgt. Smith Sgt. Lee
Det. Sgt. McWilliams
D.Grant 285

On the listed date and time myself and Ptl. B. Shackle were exiting the parking garage enroute to headquarters for roll call. Ptl. Dryden transmitted over the air that he had a suspect running. He then transmitted " shots fired suspect down, send more cars". Ptl. Shackle called Sgt. Smith to ask he if wanted us to go to Ptl. Drydens locations or report to roll call. Sgt. Smith advised to go to Ptl. Drydens location, which we did.

When we arrived on scene we could see several officers in the large grass area between IR 77 N and the on ramp from Cleveland Ave S. We made our way down the hill to their location to help. When we arrived several officers were already performing live saving measures on a white male lying in the grass. I found Sgt. Lee on scene and asked what I could do to help, he advised that the scene needed taped off. I did get caution tape from car 88 and taped off the scene at the top of off ramp and on ramp to Cleveland Ave S.

Ptl. Shackle was standing by evidence and when he was relieved by ID, we were then relieved by Sgt. McWilliams from the scene.

DG 285

By: PTL DAVID GRANT

Badge# 285

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Investigative ReportTitle / Subject: **SHOOTING****23-07204**

Location: 2400 Block Cleveland Ave SW
Call Type: Shooting
Assignment: West Side, First shift, Car 20
Persons Mentioned: Suspect- Jefferey Neff
Officers: Angelo 202, France 262

On June 7th, 2023 while getting ready for my shift I heard Officer Dryden 172 call out he was in a foot chase then state "shots fired suspect down." I got the keys from my partner Officer France 262 and went to the scene. I arrived on scene and saw multiple Officers rendering aid to the suspect. I had a med bag and went to assist. Det. Huber and Officer Foster were unloading a med kit. I was handed supplies. The suspect later identified as Jeffrey Neff had multiple gun shot wounds. I began to pack a wound in his right arm pit with gauze. I then checked for a pulse on the suspect but not feel one. I immediately began cpr there was no rise or fall in the chest. I completed multiple rounds of cpr then was relieved by Officer Foster. I then immediately went back to packing the suspects wound in his arm pit. I put a chest seal of the gauze packed in the wound to hold it as it was the only thing available to me at the time. Officer Foster advised me the chest seal on his chest needed replaced. Officer Foster removed the chest seal and the chest was dried with gauze and I replaced the chest seal. I then continued CPR on the suspect. I was one again relieved by Officer Foster doing chest compressions and the Canton Fire Department arrived on scene to take over medical treatment. I then met back up with my partner Officer France.

I did escort the Fire Department to Mercy Medical Center so they could arrive as quickly as possible. The suspect was placed into room 8 and the pronounced deceased at 2302 hours by doctors. The room was held and neither my partner or myself entered. We were relieved by Officer Rosen 235 to hold the room until BCI and the corner could arrive.

End of report nothing further. Ptl. A. Angelo 202

By: PTL ANTHONY P ANGELO**Badge#** 202**Date:** 06/08/2023 **Time:** 01:15:33 **No. 012** **Page #:** 1**Reviewing Supervisor:** _____**Date:** _____

Investigative Report**Title / Subject: OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING****23-07204**

Officer Involved Shooting
311 25th St SW
Ptl. Wilson #268

On 06/07/23, while working afternoon shift in cat #37, I heard Officer Dryden call out with a foot pursuit that started at 311 25th St SW. Officer Dryden advised he was chasing a white male with a red shirt. He then advised that shots were fired and the suspect shot at Officers, and he was struck and the suspect who was later identified as (Jeff Neff) was struck and was down.

When I arrived on scene I observed Officer Dryden standing next to the suspect Neff, and observed a handgun laying next to him. At that time Officer Dryden said he was stuck in his leg, I checked his leg where he pointed to and he had a small tear in his pants but I did not observe any bleeding. At that time I took Officer Dryden away from the scene and over toward the cruisers.

Once I got Officer Dryden over near the cars, I observed a hysterical female who was standing in the grass in the on ramp to 77 north. When I approached her and asked her who she was she stated that the suspect was her husband. At that time I took her back to my cruiser and placed her in the back seat. A short time later I was advised by the DB to take the female to headquarters and into the DB room so detectives could speak with her. When I asked her for her name she refused to give it to me but was later identified as (Dominita Neff). While en-route to the DB I was advised to try and get a name for the suspect and the only thing she would tell me is his name was Jeff, and said she was not speaking anymore until she got a lawyer.

After I dropped Dominita off at the DB, I responded back to the scene. Once on scene I helped try to locate Officer Drydens pistol magazine. Once that was located I was requested to come over to the original point of call to relieve Officer Staten. Not long after relieving Officer Staten, Officer Gilmore arrived to relieve me. I then headed back over to the on ramp to 77 while BCI did their investigation.

Nothing further at this time.

C. Wilson #268

When I arrived on scene, Detective Watkins asked if I could get the information for one of the females that was on scene. I gathered April Betz information and passed it on to Detective Premier when he arrived. I then assisted Officer Grant with putting up caution tape before going to assist other officers at the original point of call. When I arrived on 25th St SW, April was gathering items from the house since she was going to be transported to HQ to be interviewed. I asked April if she knew exactly where the foot chase occurred and she told me the victim ran between the two cars in the driveway, then north along the west side of the garage between the garage and trampoline. April was willing to show me the backyard, but I advised her we were not going into the backyard at that time. After speaking with April, I assisted Officer Hampton with putting up caution tape. I then sat in my cruiser waiting for BCI investigators to arrive on scene.

Staten 236

On 06/07/2023 while working in the Detective Bureau I overheard radio traffic of shots fired and 10-25 from patrol officers. I immediately ran to my unmarked cruiser and responded directly to the scene. I was able to locate Ptl. Dryden and Ptl. Wolheater in a grassy area near the IR 77 NB on ramp in the 2400 block of Cleveland Ave SW.

Once I made contact with the officers I insured that they did not sustain any injuries. At that time Ptl. Dryden stated that he was shot in the leg however the bullet never entered his body. I had him show me and I was able to see what appeared to be damage to his work pants near the hidden pocket. At that time Ptl. Dryden dropped his pants and I saw no visible injury to his body at that time other than a small red mark. I then asked Ptl. Wolheater and he stated that he was not shot and sustained no injuries.

At that time my focus went to the suspect who was laying in the grass, handcuffed. I was able to observe blood on his shirt and a small hole near the back of his head just above the neck. At that time I began life saving measure on the suspect. I cut his shirt off which uncovered a bullet hole to the suspects chest near his heart area. I quickly had officer's place a chest seal over the wound on the suspect. I then rolled the suspect onto his stomach and did not locate any type of exit wound in correlation to the chest wound. I then noticed a bullet hole under one of the suspects arm pit but cannot remember which arm. I had officers begin to treat that wound and while doing so I observed another bullet wound to the suspect's forearm. That wound was not actively bleeding at the time. Upon Ptl. Angelo checking the suspects pulse he found none and began to preform CPR on the suspect. This measure continued until CFD medics arrived on scene to take over the medical treatment. While preforming chest compression it was noticed that the suspects chest seal had shift off the wound. The old chest seal was removed, the area was wiped down and a new chest seal was placed over the wound.

The medics transported the suspect to Cleveland Clinic Mercy Medical Center and Ptl. Angelo escorted them. Once at the hospital, Ptl. Angelo and Ptl. France held security on the room.

Shortly after medics transported the suspect myself and Det. Johnson responded to Aultman Hospital to make contact with Ptl. Dryden. Upon arrival we made contact with Union President Sean Flaherty as well as Sgt. Rastetter who had transported Ptl. Dryden. Myself and Det. Johnson remained on scene for approximately one hour and then departed. We then responded to Mercy Hospital to make contact with Ptl. France and Ptl. Angelo.

Upon contacting the officers we learned that the suspect was pronounced deceased. We advised them to hold security on the room until the coroner or a BCI agent responded to take possession of the body. Myself and Det. Johnson then responded back out to the incident location.

While at the incident location we held scene security until BCI arrived. Once they arrived, we aided them briefly locating the shell casing and Ptl. Dryden's pistol magazine. We were able to locate these items and at that time BCI took lead on photographing and collecting the evidence.

Once we completed assisting BCI I was tasked with recovering Ptl. Dryden and Ptl. Wolheater's marked patrol vehicle. With the permission of on scene BCI agents, the vehicle was taken out of its original location and transported to CPD headquarters. Both officers were able to recover their equipment from the interior of the vehicle. Noting further at this time.

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While on scene at headquarters I heard Ptl. Dryden initiating a foot pursuit on the radio. As I was listening to the traffic I heard that there were shots fired with the suspect down. I also heard what I believed to be an officer was struck. All detectives ran out of the detective bureau and headed to the scene. I responded with Detective V. Romanin. We confirmed the location while en route to be IR77SB on-ramp from Cleveland Ave. I made notifications to the DB sergeants.

When we arrived on scene I observed several officers in the grassy area in the circle of the on-ramp. The suspect was unresponsive in the grass as officers attempted life saving measures. Next to the suspect was a small revolver that officers were making sure to secure. Ptl. Dryden was checking himself for injuries along with other officers assisting him. I checked on Ptl. Dryden to make sure that he was not injured and okay. He advised that he was shot in the right leg where the zipper of his pocket was. There was a small tear in the pants at the zipper and appeared the bullet ricocheted off the zipper. I also learned that Ptl. Wohlheter was Ptl. Dryden's partner and was there during the altercation but he did not fire.

Once the scene was secured Detective Huber and I went to Aultman Hospital to sit with Ptl. Dryden. We sat with Dryden for awhile until Aultworks came to do the drug/alcohol screen. Union president Flaherty and Sgt. Rastetter stayed on scene with Ptl. Dryden.

We went to Mercy hospital to get an update on the suspect. We met with Ptl. Angelo and France who advised that the male, Jeffrey Neff had expired. We did briefly look at the suspect to see he had multiple gunshot wounds. We noticed he had a wound to his chest off center left, left forearm, right side of his head, and possibly one under his left armpit into the side of the body. We left Mercy and headed back to the scene.

Once on scene we met with Sgt. McWilliams who had us standby for BCI. Once they arrived on scene we relayed the information that we had obtained of the situation. I then assisted BCI agents in looking for shell casings. I did not handle any evidence but simply supplied light with my flashlight. We did locate multiple shell casings and Ptl. Dryden's magazine which is documented in their report. It appeared, per BCI, that 17 rounds may have been fired.

Detective Huber was asked to get Ptl. Dryden and Wohlheter's cruiser and take it back to headquarters. I transported him to the cruiser and followed him to headquarters.

On 06/07/2023, at approximately 2222 hours, I heard Ptl. Dryden call out over the radio that he was chasing a subject on foot. A short time later, I heard "shots fired" called out over the radio. Det. Johnson and I then immediately responded from CPD HQ Detective Bureau in my assigned unmarked unit. Ptl Dryden provided his location which was near the entrance ramp to I77 northbound from Cleveland Ave. SW southbound. Upon arrival, I observed other officers rendering medical aid to a white male subject laying on the ground. I provided them with my emergency trauma kit to supplement their efforts. I observed Ptl. Dryden nearby and escorted him away from the immediate vicinity of the subject laying on the ground. Ptl. Dryden explained that he had been shot in the leg, but was unsure if he was bleeding. I took photos of Ptl. Dryden and an apparent hole in his right pant leg where he stated he was struck by gunfire. Sgt. Rastetter arrived and took over contact with Ptl. Dryden. I then escorted Ptl. Wohlheter to CPD HQ in my DB vehicle to make contact with Sgt. Smith. After checking in with Sgt. Smith, I remained with Ptl. Wohlheter until he was later released by Sgt. Smith.

A female subject was brought into the CPD Detective Bureau by a patrol unit. She refused to identify herself to them. I briefly spoke to her in an effort to learn her name. She stated her name was Domnita Neff and that her husband was the subject shot by police. She stated his name was Jeffrey Neff and his date of birth was 01/26/1982. I did not interview her any further.

I observed in the call notes that the original caller initially stated they wished to remain anonymous. Given the circumstances, I called her to see if they would be willing to identify themselves for follow up investigation. I called the listed number [REDACTED] and spoke to Brittany Sherwood. She was polite and advised she be cooperative. She provided her contact information agreed to speak with investigators. Ms. Sherwood advised that "she" contacted her and requested her to call the police so that "she" didn't have to. I took that to mean "she" was referring to Domnita Neff.

Nothing further at this time.

Det. V. Romanin 209

On 07JUN2023 around 2221 hours, Ptl. Brown and myself were returning home from a special assignment funeral detail for the Honor Guard, in southwestern West Virginia. While around the Dover/ New Philadelphia area we heard Ptl. Dryden advised over the air that he had one running, shortly followed by "shots fired, suspect down". Dryden advised to send everyone and that he was shot in the leg. Brown and I arrived a short time later to assist. We helped to clear 311 25th St SW along with CRT, after being advised to do so by Sergeant Lee. We did so with negative contact.

K9 Officer D. Jatich 185

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06/07/23
Officer Involved Shooting
311 25th St. SW Canton Ohio
Sgt. Rastetter #46

On 06/07/23 at approx 2222 hours I was at HQ and heard radio traffic from Ptl. Dryden that he was in a foot chase from 311 25th St SW. A short time after that radio traffic I heard Dryden call out with suspect shooting at him then heard suspect down and Dryden possibly hit on the leg. I then ran down to the basement and jumped into car 15 and drove to the scene.

When I arrived on scene I saw Ptl. Foster doing CPR on suspect and Dryden was inside Det. Romanin's car. I walked over to check on Dryden to make sure he was ok. I then received a call from Sgt. Smith and he asked me to take Dryden to the hospital to get checked out and get blood and urine test. Smith also asked me to have Lee stay on scene and handle the scene until BCI arrived.

I then transported Dryden to Aultman Hospital to be looked at for possible injury and for Aultworks to conduct blood and urine test. I stayed with Dryden the whole time while at Aultman. After Dryden was released from Aultman I transported Dryden back to HQ. Sgt. Smith took custody of Dryden's firearm, 2 mags, 35 rounds, BWC and uniform pants so we could give them to BCI when they arrived.

I have no other information at this time.

Sgt. M. Rastetter #46

On 6/8/23, while at HQ, I heard radio traffic from Officer Dryden calling out a foot pursuit from a trouble call he and Officer Wohlheter were on. Shortly after that, Dryden called out that shots fired and that he was also struck. I immediately grabbed Cruiser 17 and responded. Dryden called out that the suspect was down and that they were in the grassy area of the Cleveland Ave SW to 77 N ramp. I did arrive on scene after mutiple other units. There was an unknown female running up to the scene. I did stop her and brought her back towards the cruisers. She was making statements about the officers shooting. I did instruct Officer Staten to take over and gather her information. Medical Aid was already being administered by other units on the suspect. I check on Dryden. He appeared okay but did described that he was struck in the leg but was possibly just a graze. I then went to check on Wohlheter. He was still down by the suspect assisting with aid. As there were plenty other units working on the suspect, I did remove him as he was directly involved in the incident. I then coordinated with Sgt. Rastetter on scene on if he wanted the scene or to get the officers to the hospital. He took Dryden to the hospital for post OIS procedures. Wohlheter did not need to go to hospital and was brought to HQ by Det. Romanin.

I made sure the ramps from 77 N and Cleveland Ave were blocked. I instructed CRT Hampton and Thomas, Officers Jatich and Brown to go back to POC and help secure the residence. Officer Shackle was securing the area where the suspect went down and the gun from the suspect. At this time, the scene appeared all secured.

I spoke with BCI on the phone and advised that we needed Crime Scene and Investigative Unit. They did respond and advised them of the incident. They completed on scene and we opened up the roadway.

Nothing Further.

Sgt. Lee #32

Investigative Report**Title / Subject: OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING****23-07204**

Report #2307204
Date: 06/08/2023
Address: 311 25th St Sw
Call type: OIS
Officer: Machczynski 265

On June 8th, I was dispatched to relieve Officer Karki who charge of the crime scene log at the scene of the incident. I was on scene for approximately 30 min. BCI completed their investigation on scene and the roadway was opened back up. I then took the crime scene log and filed it in the record room basket.

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Machczynski 265

Investigative Report**Title / Subject: FELONIOUS ASSAULT/ DEATH INV.****23-07204**

Location of Incident: South of 2400 Blk. Cleveland Ave SW
Type of Call: Felonious Assault / Death Investigation
Assignment: Detective Bureau
Persons Mentioned: Officer J. Dryden 172 - Victim / Mentioned
Jeffrey J. Neff - 311 25th St NW DOB: 1-26-1982 SSN: [REDACTED] - Deceased
Pros. Katie Erchick - Canton City Prosecutor
Sandra Suiste 1817 Berger PI NE Canton Ohio 44705 [REDACTED] Jeffrey Neff's mother
Brittney Sherwood - 310 Donald SW Canton, Ohio Ph [REDACTED] (Original Caller)
Officers Mentioned: Sgt. A. Birone 54, Sgt. R. Smith, S. Wohlheter 212, Y. Karki 189 and J. Staten 236

On June 7, 2023 at approximately 2223 hrs. I received a call from Det. Premier and Sgt. Smith in reference to an officer involved shooting stemming from a call that Officer Dryden and Wolheter responded to at 311 25th St. SW. After learning the details I made contact with Can-Com and advised them to make contact with BCI and advise them we are requesting there assistance for an officer involved shooting. I also reached out to the City Prosecutor Katie Erchick and advised her of the incident to prepare her if we needed there assistance. I made contact with Sgt. Birone and requested him to come and he was tasked with handling the Detective Bureau and went to the scene.

At the scene, I made contact with BCI Agent Larry Hootman and Special Agent Armstrong and told them that we were here to assist them in any way needed. I briefed Agent Armstrong of what I knew at the time along with other detectives from the Canton Police Department that were on scene within moments of the incident. It was learned that Officer Dryden did a combat reload and BCI Agents were attempting to locate the magazine for a reference point. Detectives along with myself did help search the grassy area to the north of the onramp from Cleveland Ave SW to IR 77 N.B.. I did learn after calling Sgt. Rastetter that Officer Dryden had just went in a northbound direction through two group of trees when this incident happened. The magazine was observed along with spent shell casings in the same area.

As other investigators arrived on scene they inquired of the time frame of this incident and I provided them what was known to me through Can-Com and provided BCI Agents with the name and address of the original caller. Agents then made contact with Brittney Sherwood and canvassed the neighborhood of 311 25th St NW. Canton Police Officers provided assistance at the crime scene, closure of on and off ramps and remained at the residence of 311 25th St SW until a determination was made by BCI that they were not going to be obtaining a search warrant for this residence.

At 0306 hrs. I notified Can-Com that ODOT could open up the off ramp to Cleveland Ave SW as BCI completed evidence collection at the location of incident.

On June 13, 2023 at 1310 hrs. I received a call from my secretary that Jeffrey Neff's mother was at the front desk and wanted to speak to a supervisor. I met Sandra Suiste and she was taken to the detective bureau conference room. I explained Mrs. Suiste that the Ohio Attorney General's Office (BCI) is conducting the investigation and offered her condolences on her loss. Mrs. Suiste stated that it took her a few days to be able to gain the strength to come in but it need to be said. She stated that Jeffrey Neff on at least thirteen occasion discussed suicide by cop and has also mentioned to her that he contemplated killing his wife and then committing suicide. I immediately contacted Agent Armstrong and provided him Mrs. Suiste contact information and provide Mrs. Suiste Agent Armstrong's contact information. After Mrs. Suiste left the Canton Police Department I provided a follow up voicemail to Agent Armstrong advising what Mrs. Suiste had told me.

Sgt. Bryan McWilliams #39

Investigative Report**Title / Subject: OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING****23-07204**

2307204
Officer Involved Shooting
6/7/2023
Car #25 Officer A.Cook #246

On 6/7/2023 I was at the Stark County Jail when I heard officers call on the radio that they were in a foot pursuit and then shortly after they announced on the radio they had shots fired with the suspect down. They advised the suspect opened gunfire on them resulting in the officers returning gunfire. Once I left the jail I made my way to I77 SB exit ramp onto Cleveland Ave SW. Once I arrived on scene Sergeant Lee informed me that he wanted me to answer calls in the city. I then left the scene.

Ptl. A.Cook #246

By: PTL ANDREW COOK

Badge# 246

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Investigative Report**Title / Subject: FELONIOUS ASSAULT ON A****23-07204**

Date: June 7th, 2023
Incident: Fel. Assault on a Peace Officer / OIS
Incident Location: 311 25th ST SW
Officers: M. Brown #293, D. Jatich #185
Assignment: West Virginia State Police Funeral Detail, K9 Marked Unit #64

On June 7th, 2023 I was back in route to the city with Officer Jatich #185 in car #64. We were on 77NB coming back from the Funeral for the late SGT Cory Maynard of the West Virginia State Police Department. Officer Jatich #185 and I did have the in car radio for car #64 turned on as well as we were logged into New World on the in car tablet system. While in route back to the city we heard Officer Dryden #172 advise he had a subject running on foot toward the highway from 311 25th ST SW. As we continued listening to the traffic we heard shots were fired at the Officers and an Officer had been struck after returning fire.

We turned on the overhead lights and sirens and proceeded to the point of the call. We arrived at the entrance / exit ramp to 77NB from Cleveland Ave SW. Did observe multiple units with Officer Dryden #172 and Officer Wohlheter #212. I walked over and saw Officer Dryden #172 pointing toward his right pant leg and was able to observe what appeared to be a mark on his pocket. I spoke with Officer Dryden #172 and Officer Wohlheter #212 briefly before proceeding to ask SGT Lee #32 how I could be of assistance to the shift. SGT Lee #32 instructed myself and Officer Jatich #185 to head back to the original crime scene and assist other marked and unmarked units with ensure the residence was clear.

I advised dispatch we would be in route to the scene and also stated I did not have my body camera at the time. I did put on my duty belt and issued vest then we proceeded to the scene. Once on scene myself, Officer Jatich #185, Officer Abel #283, and Detective Thomas #239 did clear the residence and located no one else inside.

After clearing the residence we proceeded to refuel our cruiser and then back to the scene of the incident. After a short period SGT Lee #32 did advise we were relieved from the scene.

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M. Brown #293

6/07/2023

Officer Involved Shooting

311 25th ST SW

Assignment : Afternoons NS, Car 37

Officer(s) : Karki 189, Wilson 268

On June 7th, 2023, Officer Wilson and I were at headquarters getting ready to leave when I heard over the radio some male was running away from officers. Which was followed up by a shot fired, and the subject is down.

Officer Wilson and I started driving to 311 25th ST SW. Upon our arrival, I observed a white female that was hysteretically crying and talking on the phone. I approached her and asked if she saw anything. She informed me the man that just got shot was her husband. She stated the male ran and jumped over the barrier that was on the off-ramp. She was unable to answer any other questions. She was then escorted to the back of our cruiser and placed inside the cruiser.

Officer Grant then advised me to start a crime log scene which I did. During the time I was working on the crime log scene, I was relieved by Officer Machczynski.

Nothing further at this time

Karki 189

2307204

Date: 6/7/23

Sgt. Smith 47

Shooting

Location: Near 77N on ramp from 2500 Cleveland Ave SW

Victim: Jeffery Neff / 311 25th St SW

Officers: J. Dryden / Wohlheter

Officers: Sgt. Rastetter, Sgt. Mongold, Sgt. Lee, Foster, Angelo, France, Staten, Karki, Cook, Grant, Shackle, Condon, Gilmore, Stern, Able, Wilson, Krug, G. Marino, Zernehel, C. Gutscher, Jatich, M. Brown, Huber, Hampton, Thomas, Herrera, Weller, and Rosen

On 6/7/23 at the start of my shift as OIC, Officers Dryden and Wohlheter engaged with a suspect during a Disturbance Call investigation. Neighbors i.e. complainant stated a male and female were fighting. Within approx. 30 seconds of officers engaging in the foot pursuit Dryden called out the direction and description of the suspect. His next transmission was that shots were fired and the suspect was down with a GSW to the chest. It was later discovered that the suspect was struck at least twice by Dryden's gunfire.

I immediately started to make necessary notifications, and advised Rastetter and Lee of what need done on scene. On today's date 6/10/23 it's my understanding from speaking to officers on the call that Upon officer's arrival Jeff fled on foot, made it to the other side of a fence separating his property from the IR77N on ramp from the 2500 Blk of Cleveland Ave SW, and continued thru the grassy area of the ramp. He then turned and fired a gun towards both officers, at which time Dryden believed he was shot in the right thigh. He possibly dropped to a knee, un-holstered his duty weapon and began firing at the suspect. He fired several rounds striking the suspect at least 2X, head & chest.

As officers began arriving on scene to assist Foster & Angelo began first-aid. Other officers secured the scene, Rastetter transported Dryden to Aultman for OIS testing. Lee stayed on scene and managed officers there until DB, Weller, and BCI arrived. CRT also assisted in securing the scene and 3rd Shift was held over to assist with scene and answer the approx. 15-17 pending calls. Dryden did return to HQ where I assisted in supplying him with another duty weapon and rounds, and I also took pictures of his legs due to him sustaining what appeared to be a minor injury to his right thigh from the suspects weapon.

The End

On 06/07/2023 I did respond to the scene of an Officer involved shooting that originated at 311 25th St SW. The actual shooting scene occurred in a large grassy area of the I 77 N / RT 800 ramp. Since this was an Officer involved shooting the BCI Crime Scene Unit would be handling the scene and evidence collection. I did stand by initially to help secure the area. Sgt. B. McWilliams later told me to stand by and assist BCI if needed. I did assist searching the scene for evidence once BCI arrived. I cleared the scene when BCI was complete.

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