



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



2022-2121
Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 6463 Tara Brooke Court,
Hamilton, OH 45011 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer Anthony Hetzer (W)
Date of Activity: 11/01/2022
Activity Location: Hetzer, Officer Anthony – Business – 9577 Beckett Road, West Chester, OH 45069, Butler County
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Narrative:

On October 8, 2022, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at 6463 Tara Brooke Court, Hamilton, Ohio, which resulted in the death of Stephaun Jones. BCI Special Agent Lauren Frazier interviewed Officer Anthony Hetzer (Officer Hetzer) with the West Chester Police Department about his involvement with the OICI.

The details below summarize the pertinent portions of the recorded interview. Please refer to the audio recording for additional information.

The interview with Officer Hetzer (Badge #293) was conducted on November 1, 2022, at 0922 hours at the West Chester Police Department located at 9577 Beckett Road, West Chester, Ohio. Officer Hetzer has been a police officer at the West Chester Police Department for approximately four years, serves on SWAT, is a Field Training Officer (FTO), and defensive tactics instructor.

On October 8, 2022, Officer Hetzer stated that officers were using radio channel Law 5 to communicate with other agencies. Fairfield Township officers requested a K9, so West Chester Officer Veeneman and his K9 were dispatched to the scene. Officer Hetzer said that radio dispatch said that "officers were being shot at and the suspect is possibly pinned down by the house." West Chester Lt. Lovell dispatched West Chester Officer Popplewell to respond with the K9 as cover and Officer Hetzer responded as well.

No other information reference the subject or incident was known until they arrived on scene at the Morris Road address. Officer Hetzer stated that conflicting information was given in regards to the subject and whether he had a gun. Once they were made aware that the subject had just been involved in a homicide, Officer Veeneman, his K9, and Officer Popplewell attempted to

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track the subject and Lt. Lovell and Officer Hetzer assisted with deploying a drone.

At some point, Officer Hetzer said that he heard approximately three gunshots in the distance and heard an officer via radio say, "shots fired suspect down." Lt. Lovell requested that Officer Hetzer respond to the Tara Brooke scene. When he arrived on scene multiple officers were rendering aid. Officer Hetzer followed the squad to the University of Cincinnati Hospital, where the subject was pronounced deceased.

The interview concluded at 0930 hours. A copy of the audio recording is attached (see attachment #01).

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-11-01 / Officer Anthony Hetzer Audio Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.