

## Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation



## **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).

Printed Name of Interviewee

Signature of Interviewee

BCI Agent (Signature)

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## Joe Hegedus

From: Skylar Halsey <halseys@monroeohio.org>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 4:18 PM

To: Joe Hegedus

**Subject:** Re: Use Of Force Narrative

On 02/11/2022 I was stationed in the area of Sackett and Bridle Creek while plain clothes detectives watched for a Dustin Booth to leave his residence. Dayshift officers along with second shift officers had interaction with Booth earlier in the day after Booth had run from a traffic stop into his residence. Officers on scene at the time along with administrative staff tried speaking with Booth to exit his residence to which he did not. Officers were advised that Booth was in a manic episode and had not slept for multiple days. Booth was walking around the interior of his home carrying a firearm. Officers at this point per administrative staff were advised to clear from the residence while plain clothes detectives stood by to watch the residence to see if Booth would leave.

Officers responded to the PD for a debrief of the incident which is where I received all of my information due to me not being on scene at the residence, since I was advised per Captain Curlis to take calls for service during that time. Officers were advised by administrative staff that detectives would watch the residence and when Booth was to leave, officers would conduct a high-risk traffic stop on the vehicle. Due to Booth's prior interaction with officers earlier in the day, I was advised that Booth would have a warrant for his arrest. Due to Booth's mental state, officers were going to use the warrant as probable cause to stop the vehicle, but the officers' main goal was to get Booth to the hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

I was then advised to station my vehicle in the area of Sackett and Bridle Creek. Officers were getting play by play information from detectives on scene on what was happening on the exterior of the residence. Sgt. Caudill was interacting with Booth's friend via text message on what Booth was doing on the interior of the residence and that he was going to try to get Booth out of the residence and into his vehicle without any firearms on his person. Detectives on scene advised that Booth had entered his friend's vehicle and it appeared that they were beginning to leave the residence. Sgt. Caudill advised that his friend believed he did not have a firearm on him at this time. Prior to pulling out of the driveway, Booth got out of the vehicle and re-entered his residence. Booth came back outside and got back into the vehicle. At this point, Sgt. Caudill advised that his friend was now unsure if Booth had a firearm.

The vehicle then left the residence and turned NB on Bridle Creek. I began to follow the vehicle at a safe distance, allowing other officers to get in position to make a traffic stop. I then asked Sgt. Meyers where he wanted me to conduct my traffic stop to which he stated at the stop sign next to OTS near the intersection of New Garver and SR 63. Upon approaching OTS, I activated my overhead lights and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. Upon stopping, I noticed through the rear-view window it appeared Booth and his friend were actively fighting inside the truck. I announced this over the radio. Booth's friend stepped out of the vehicle with his hands in the air stating that Booth had a gun. Booth also got out of the passenger side with his hands in the air walking away from officers. I was unable to see Booth due to the position of the truck. I then began to approach the truck to get a better visual of Booth. At this time, Booth was actively walking towards SR 63 and officers were giving commands to Booth to stop, to which he did not. Officer Doughman released his K-9 which was ineffective. Officer Doughman then got into a physical altercation with Booth, taking Booth to the ground. During this time, I continued to use lethal cover on Booth. Booth then began to stand, when he pulled from his waistband area what appeared to be a large silver pistol and raised it towards Officers. At this point, I was in fear for my life and the lives of the officers next to me. I then discharged my firearm at Booth along with other officers. Booth then fell to the ground with his firearm still within arms reach. I continued to provide lethal cover on Booth while Sgt. Meyers kicked the firearm away from Booth. Officers then called for EMS to respond and began to conduct life-saving measures for Booth. I personally placed a tourniquet on Booth's left leg and assisted with placing a tourniquet on his right leg. During this time, Booth kept stating that he loved us and that

he just wanted some water. At this point, EMS was on scene and transported Booth to the hospital. Nothing further to report.

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