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Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 23897 US Rt 23, Circleville
43113 (L)

Date of Activity: 02/25/2023
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Narrative:

On February 25, 2023 at approximately 0451 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent David Wieging (SA Wieging) obtained a recorded statement from Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Trooper John Moore (Trooper Moore) regarding the February 25, 2023 shooting incident between Pickaway County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) Deputy Alfredo Magana and PCSO Corporal Jon Campbell and Pamela Crosten (Crosten) that occurred in the early-morning hours outside Room 104 of the Rodeway Inn located at 23897 US Route 23, Circleville, Ohio, 43113.

It was reported that the Circleville Police Department (CPD) and the PCSO were dispatched to locate a suicidal female with a gun. When officers and deputies arrived they located the female, who brandished a firearm. Deputy Magana and Corporal Campbell discharged their firearms, striking the female, who was transported to Grant Hospital and later died from her injuries.

Trooper Moore stated his unit number is 1142 and he agreed to speak freely to SA Wieging. He stated his work hours are 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and due to coverage issues today he was out to 2:00 a.m. Trooper Moore's days off are Sundays and Mondays. Trooper Moore is assigned to OSHP Circleville Post 65.

Trooper Moore explained the PCSO requested their assistance at the scene. According to him, they can hear the county's traffic on the radio, but they can not communicate directly with them. Upon arriving on scene, there was a county unit and a couple CPD officers. He made contact with the county unit who advised there was a barricaded suspect who stated she was going to do suicide by cop. They did not know which room this female was in so they remained behind cover. After they were told she was in Room 104, a CPD officer and PCSO deputy approached the room. At that point they were not certain which window went with what room. Next, the window blinds separated and a female subject took a gun, tapped it on the window and pointed it at officers. The officers began yelling "gun, gun, gun" and they all got behind cover.

Trooper Moore said he retrieved his rifle and got behind the engine block of his cruiser. The female had the gun to her head and commands were given to put the gun down. Trooper Moore believed everyone on scene was giving commands and trying to negotiate with the

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female. He knew for certain that himself and PSCO Sergeant Hugus gave commands to put the gun down. Trooper Moore stated the female shut the blinds and opened them again with the gun to her head. She then exited the room and stood on the sidewalk and pointed the firearm toward Trooper Moore's direction. She then pointed the gun toward Sergeant Hugus and PCSO Deputy Magana, and that is when PSCO Deputy Campbell, directly to Trooper Moore's right, discharged his firearm and he believed Deputy Magana discharged his firearm.

Trooper Moore said he did not fire a round and neither did Trooper Jenkins. Trooper Moore said the female went to the ground with the gun separating from her person. They immediately went up to the female and rendered first aid. Trooper Moore began packing her wounds and tourniquets were put on both of her legs. As they approached, Trooper Moore instructed two other officers to clear the room. The gun was secured in a CPD trunk.

Trooper Moore helped loading the female on a gurney, but did not know where she was transported. Trooper Moore believed the female fired at officers, but he did not know definitively. Trooper Moore related he did not speak to any staff at the hotel or with anyone who may have been in any adjacent rooms to Room 104.

A copy of the audio-recorded interview with Trooper Moore is attached to this report.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Audio Interview with OSHP Trooper John Moore 2.25.2023