



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



2024-0109
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 9714 St Route 93, Pedro, OH
45659

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: ██████████ ██████████
Date of Activity: 01/24/2024
Activity Location: Lawrence County Sheriff's Office Annex – 715 Lane Street, Ironton, OH 45638
Author: SA Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 1042 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) and SA Matt Collins (SA Collins) interviewed Lawrence County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) ██████████ (██████████ ██████████ ██████████) who was accompanied by his attorney, Keith Washburn, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at the LCSO Annex located at 715 Lane Street, Coal Grove, OH 45638. The interview was audio recorded.

██████████ ██████████ read, understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. 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 recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Preliminary and Demographic Information:

Name: ██████████ ██████████	Rank: ██████████ ██████████
Badge Number: ██████████	Cruiser/Vehicle Number: ██████████
Radio Call Sign: ██████████	Immediate Supervisor: Sgt. Wilson & Sgt. Wissler
Radio Channel Utilized: N/A	Mobile Data Terminal: Choose an item.
Cruiser Description: Marked SUV	Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions: ██████████ ██████████ was only person in vehicle

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Assignment: Patrol – Middle part of county	Normal Shift: 1100 – 2100
In-Car Camera: Not Present	Spotlight: Present; Not utilized
Emergency Lights: Present & Utilized	Siren: Present & Utilized
Shift Day of Incident: 1100–2100	Duty Status: On-Duty
Days Off: Saturday, Sunday & Monday	Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: No
Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: At least 8 hours	Consider Self Well Rested?: Yes
Total Length as Officer: Since 2016	Length at Current Agency: Since 2018
Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid): No	Corrective Lenses: Contact Lenses
Uniform Worn: Black shirt with Deputy patches, external vest marked ‘Sheriff’ on front and back and badge on the front	Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest: Carried a Taser
Ballistic Vest: External Armor	Body Worn Camera: Not Present
Other Recording Devices: N/A	Partner: N/A
Injuries: No	Equipment Damage: No
Training or Areas of Specialty: No	OPOTC Certification: Collins Career Center Police Academy, 7/21/2016
Military Experience/Training: No	Use-of-Force Training: Yes
Prior Shooting Incidents: No	Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints: No
Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident: No	Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview: No
Alcohol in Past 24 Hours? No	Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident: About a week prior to incident

Officer’s Firearm(s):

Weapon #1

Make: Glock	Model: 22
Caliber/Gauge: .40 caliber	Serial: [REDACTED]
Type: Semi-Auto Handgun	Method of Carry: Right Hip
Magazine Capacity: 15	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 15+1
Extra Magazines: Yes	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: 15
Discharged During Incident? Yes	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Rounds Remaining After Incident: 15	Number of Rounds Fired: 1
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Personally Owned
Last Qualification Date: 10/19/2023	Type of Holster, if any: Level 3, Hip holster

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Weapon #2

Make: Taurus	Model: G2c
Caliber/Gauge: 9mm	Serial: [REDACTED]
Type: Semi-Auto Handgun	Method of Carry: Located in Sheriff's Cruiser
Magazine Capacity: N/A	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): N/A
Extra Magazines: N/A	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: N/A
Discharged During Incident? No	Primary or Backup Weapon: Backup
Rounds Remaining After Incident: N/A	Number of Rounds Fired: N/A
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Personally Owned
Last Qualification Date: 10/19/2023	Type of Holster, if any: N/A

On January 9, 2024, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated he was in dispatch talking to two other deputies when the call came in. Dispatch advised them of a heated domestic and physical altercation. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] initiated an emergency response and responded to the location of the call, 9714 State Rote 93, Pedro, Ohio 45659. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] estimates it took him about 10 minutes to respond to the address. Deputies Cochran and Mullins were also responding to the scene.

As [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was responding to the scene, dispatch advised that a male and female were outside the residence and that they were in a physical altercation. The 911 caller stated that the male had what she believed to be an ice pick and that the male had stabbed the female in the face. As [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was coming around a curve on State Route 93, he was informed that the parties were separated, but saw that they were not when he was arriving on scene. Dispatch relayed that the 911 caller said that the male had an ice pick up to the female's throat and advised deputies that the male was Skylar Corbin (Corbin).

As [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was arriving on scene, he turned off his audible siren but kept his emergency lights activated. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] arrived on scene, pulled his vehicle down the driveway and radioed what he was observing; Dep. Cochran arrived right behind him. As [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was exiting his vehicle, he drew his firearm and told the male, Corbin, to drop the weapon. He described the weapon as a "metal spike with a sharp point um, approximately four inches long." [REDACTED] [REDACTED] walked around the front of his car, to the front passenger side, and noticed that Corbin had positioned himself behind the female. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] does not believe he announced "Sheriff's Office" upon arriving on scene because of the immediate threat to [REDACTED] life. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] told Corbin to drop the weapon. The female, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that she needed help and to please help her. Corbin then stated that he wasn't in his right head. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that Dep. Cochran was to his left but wasn't sure exactly where he was positioned.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] again told Corbin to drop the weapon and release the female. At that time, Corbin lowered his left hand from her neck with the edged weapon and stated, "I'm going to fucking kill you." When Corbin said this, he moved his head to the left of [REDACTED] and lowered the edged weapon and "... forcibly brought it back up uh, as he was going to stab her." At that time is

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when [REDACTED] discharged his weapon and struck Corbin in the head.

Agents referenced BCI Photo #2 (see attached) and had [REDACTED] mark where he was standing when he discharged his weapon and marked the photo with an 'X' and a square box approximately where Corbin was standing.

[REDACTED] stated that he fired one shot and was holding his firearm in his right hand with his left hand bracing it. [REDACTED] was using his iron sights on his firearm and his target was the bridge of the nose / center of Corbin's head. The backdrop was a tree, open field and a church. [REDACTED] estimates that he was approximately 20 feet from Corbin when he discharged his weapon. SA Holcomb asked [REDACTED] why he fired his weapon. [REDACTED] responded, "To save the life of the female."

After [REDACTED] discharged his weapon, [REDACTED] came towards him, and the other female (Donna Gullett) was behind him. He kept his weapon drawn on Corbin as Deputy Cochran removed the edged weapon out of Corbin's hand and placed him in handcuffs. EMS was staged down the road and was on scene within one minute of being told to come to the scene. [REDACTED] then secured the two females, [REDACTED] and Gullett, in patrol vehicles.

[REDACTED] was asked why he didn't use his Taser. He responded that there was no way to use the Taser due to the positioning of Corbin behind the female. [REDACTED] was asked if he believed he was properly identified as law enforcement, he replied, "absolutely."

[REDACTED] interacted with Corbin when he worked in the jail, but it was years before. He has never had any personal relationship with Corbin.

The interview concluded at approximately 1101 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is also attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

Attachments:

- Attachment # 01: [REDACTED] signed CIN
- Attachment # 02: [REDACTED] referenced Images During Interview
- Attachment # 03: 2024-0109 - [REDACTED] Interview

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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).

[Redacted Name]

Printed Name of Interviewee

1-24-2024 1057
Date / Time

[Redacted Signature]

Signature of Interviewee

Chad Holcomb

BCI Agent (Printed)

SAC Holcomb #61

BCI Agent (Signature)

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BCI Image #1



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BCI Image #2



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