



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



2021-0888
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 500 South Cleveland Ave.,
Westerville, Ohio 43081 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Robinette Bowman (W)
Date of Activity: 04/12/2021
Activity Location: – 500 south cleveland avenue, westerville, OH 43081, Franklin County
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Narrative:

On Monday, April 12, 2021, at approximately 1705 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Jim Mulford (SA Mulford) interviewed Robinette Bowman (Bowman) in response to an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred earlier this date at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville, OH. An altercation happened between Miles Jackson (Jackson) and officers from the Columbus Division of Police, Westerville Police, and St. Ann's Security Department. Jackson died as a result of gunshot wounds from this incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

This interview was audio recorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview:

Bowman explained she is a registered nurse at St. Ann's. She was scheduled to work from 1000 hours to 2200 hours this date. Jackson was not her patient. She was only walking through that area when she noticed the altercation.

Bowman was aware Jackson was in room number nine and was in-custody of two (white shirt) police officers. She was near the room when Jackson was being discharged from the hospital. As she approached Jackson's room, she heard the officers yelling for help and to have someone call security. Bowman witnessed the officers struggling with Jackson on the hospital bed. He was lying face down with his arm underneath his body. The officers were yelling commands and ordering Jackson to give up his hands. According to Bowman, Jackson was actively resisting and failing to comply with the officers' orders. Jackson yelled "Fuck you" to the officers several times.

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In response to Jackson's noncompliance, one of the officers struck Jackson several times in the back with his hand. Bowman contacted security and requested they respond immediately. As she was on the phone, Bowman witnessed the officers and Jackson fall to the floor where the altercation continued, and one of the officers utilized a taser on Jackson. Bowman then watched Jackson raise his right arm, an officer yelled "Gun", and Jackson fired two shots. Bowman believed the shots were fired in her direction. She thought one the projectiles grazed her shoe and the other one went past her midsection. Bowman confirmed seeing Jackson raise a black handgun prior to the shots being fired.

Bowman then ran from the area and started notifying others of the shooting as she started to move patients to a safer area. She witnessed several more officers running into the hospital and then she heard multiple gunshots.

After the incident, medical personnel moved Jackson to the trauma room where Bowman was assigned. She assisted other medical personnel with providing emergency care to Jackson.

Bowman had no further information.

Later this date, SA Mulford spoke with BCI Crime Scene Supervisor Joshua Durst (SAS Durst) regarding Bowman's interview. It was decided that Bowman's shoes could be needed as evidence. SA Mulford contacted Bowman who had already left the hospital. Bowman advised she threw her shoes (white Crocs) into the locker room trashcan. Agents located the shoes from the trashcan and examined them for bullet holes. SAS Durst identified the black scuff mark on the front of the shoes and advised it was inconclusive whether the scuff was from a gunshot or something else. The shoes were photographed for future reference.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:04-12-21 Robinette Bowman Interview