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Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 3110 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43227

To: Honorable Gary Tyack, Franklin County Prosecutor
 From: Ryan Scheiderer, Special Agent, Ohio BCI
 Date: February 5, 2024
 Involves: Antwan Lindsey (Deceased Subject)
 FCSO [REDACTED]
 CPD [REDACTED]
 CPD [REDACTED]
 CPD [REDACTED]
 CPD [REDACTED]
 CPD [REDACTED]

BCI Case Numbers: 2023-1809
 BCI Laboratory: 23-16794

Investigative Request

On Saturday, July 08, 2023, the Columbus Division of Police and Franklin County Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation's (BCI's) Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting incident. The incident reportedly occurred on July 8, 2023 in the area of 3110 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio and resulted in the death of Antwan K. Lindsey.

Preface:

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the July 8, 2023, officer-involved shooting in Franklin County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Every fact and detail is not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which this document is derived be read in order to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for the majority of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.



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This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.

Investigative Team

Lead BCI Special Agent:

- SA Ryan Scheiderer

Assisting Investigative BCI Special Agents:

- SA Jennifer Comisford
- SA Kyle Douglass
- SA Chadwick Holcomb
- SA Jonathan Scale
- SA Steven Seitzman
- SA Kenneth Smith

BCI Crime Scene Special Agents:

- SA Aja Chung
- SA Cassandra Tackett

BCI Criminal Intelligence Unit:

- Analyst Andrea Bujorian

BCI Investigative Supervisor:

- Acting Special Agent Supervisor James Mulford

Summary of Process

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during the course of this investigation, by the investigative team, in an effort to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Recorded interview(s) of the five (5) officers who discharged their weapons
- Recorded interview(s) of the one (1) officer who discharged a Taser

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- Recorded interviews of sixteen (16) officers who were involved in the incident, at the scene, or otherwise deemed to potentially have relevant information
- Neighborhood canvass of the area surrounding the scene
- Recorded interview(s) of the involved subject and other subjects directly involved in the incident
- Interviews of five (5) civilian witnesses to the incident
- Interviews of family members or associates of the decedent
- Obtained and reviewed postmortem examination (autopsy) and toxicology reports
- Obtained and reviewed police reports of prior law enforcement contacts with the subject
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on the involved subjects, to include criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.
- FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) checks on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine if reported stolen)
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) trace on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine ownership history)
- Review of all available dash cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available body cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available surveillance video which captured any portion of the incident
- Review of Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) data for all equipped police vehicles
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting)
- 3D scans / model of incident area
- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident
- Review of the department's reports, photographs, and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
 - Reviewed data obtained from aforementioned items of electronic evidence
 - Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officers involved in the shooting, to include training and disciplinary records (if any)
 - Reviewed firearm qualification and training records for involved officers
 - Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the officer(s) who discharged their weapons
 - Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding use of force for prosecutorial review
 - Obtained subpoenas for Antwan Lindsey's Grant Medical Center records
 - Reviewed medical records of those injured, obtained through subpoena



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Incident Summary/Overview

On Saturday July 08, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) and Columbus Division of Police (CPD) to investigate a shooting incident between Antwan M. Lindsey (Lindsey) and law enforcement officers from both agencies that occurred at an apartment building located at 3110 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio (Franklin County). Lindsey was fatally shot by officers during the incident. Agents learned that FCSO [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] [REDACTED] was working Special Duty at the Walgreens located at 3015 E. Livingston Avenue when he was approached by a subject later identified as Steven Nida (Nida) who reported that Lindsey was at the incident location with a firearm making threats. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] notified FCSO Dispatch of the complaint and requested CPD be contacted. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] responded to the incident location, encountered Lindsey, and an exchange of gunfire took place between [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and Lindsey near the front door entranceway of the apartment building. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] fired two (2) rounds at Lindsey from his Sig Sauer P226 9mm pistol and it is believed that Lindsey was struck by at least one of those rounds. At approximately 1953 hours, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] aired the "shots fired" emergency. Numerous officers from CPD responded to assist [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and eventually another confrontation between Lindsey and CPD officers occurred in the lower level of the apartment building. Lindsey was fatally shot by CPD officers during that encounter. Agents recovered thirty-eight (38) fired 9mm cartridge cases in the area where officers were positioned when they discharged their pistols at Lindsey. The following CPD officers discharged their firearms during that encounter:

- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Additionally, CPD [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] discharged his Taser during the encounter and CPD Officer Joseph Whitehead had a "Negligent Discharge" of his pistol while approaching the apartment on foot. No law enforcement officers were struck by Lindsey's gunfire and no additional victims were located.



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Subsequent Investigation

The following details were obtained throughout the course of the investigation by compiling information gained from interviews, review of recordings from Body Worn Cameras or Cruiser Video Systems, review of radio transmissions, collection & examination of evidence, and research of open-source data or law enforcement restricted information systems. The following only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Every fact and detail is not presented in this Subsequent Investigative summary. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which the information is derived be read in order to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. (Any times referenced would be credited to the time stamp contained within a video recording or law enforcement record.)

Antwan K. Lindsey:

Antwan Lindsey (Lindsey) was 45 years old at the time of his death on July 08, 2023. Lindsey was not married but had been in a romantic relationship with Tennisha Simpson (Simpson) on and off for approximately 23 years. Lindsey and Simpson had three children together and Lindsey had an additional daughter from a previous relationship. Simpson referred to Lindsey as “Kenny”. Before moving to Columbus, Ohio, Lindsey and Simpson lived together in Cleveland. Simpson moved to 3044 Arrowsmith Drive, Reynoldsburg in 2020, and Lindsey had not maintained a permanent residence with her. Simpson was not sure where Lindsey would stay when not living with her. Prior to moving to Ohio, Simpson lived in Georgia and Lindsey lived with his mother, Betty Lindsey, in Texas.

There was a July 5, 2023, incident (CPD CAD P230514869) at Simpson’s residence involving Lindsey. During that incident, Simpson and Lindsey were arguing and she believed he was high on “weed”. The police arrived and Lindsey left the area. Simpson observed Lindsey carrying a black pistol concealed within his waistband or pocket during that incident. Simpson stated that was the first time she ever observed Lindsey with a firearm.

On Saturday July 8th, Simpson was working at Amazon, but learned Lindsey arrived at her residence at approximately 1730 hours to take a shower and visit with their children. At approximately 1819 hours, Simpson communicated with Lindsey via telephone and text. At that time, they were still working things out from the July 5th incident. Lindsey left the residence driving Simpson’s Ford Focus. Simpson clarified she was not aware Lindsey took the car until she returned home at approximately 1915 hours, but admitted Lindsey had “rights” to take the car for certain activities. Simpson couldn’t offer any



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explanation as to why Lindsey would have been at 3110 E. Livingston Avenue at the time he was shot and killed by law enforcement officers.

At the time of his death, Lindsey was being supervised by the Ohio Adult Parole Authority (APA) via an Interstate Compact Agreement with Texas on four (4) Possession of Controlled Substances cases. Ohio began supervising Lindsey for Texas on July 22, 2020. Lindsey had a warrant for his arrest out of Summit County Common Pleas Court (CR2022-07-2495) for Failure to Appear with the original charge being Possession of Drugs (F5).

Lindsey was a multi-state offender with a 42-page National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Computerized Criminal History rap-sheet with records in Ohio, Georgia, and Texas. [REDACTED]

While investigating the incident scene, agents recovered a non-law enforcement officer Glock Model 26 9mm pistol in the area where Lindsey was fatally shot by officers. Based on Body Worn Camera (BWC) recordings and Firearm reports from the BCI Lab, that pistol was possessed by Lindsey and used to shoot at [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The last traceable sale of that pistol was on September 10, 2021, by Parma Armory Firearms, LLC. Agents couldn't identify a connection between Lindsey and the subject that purchased the pistol. That pistol is consistent with the description Simpson gave of the pistol she observed Lindsey carrying on July 5th.

An interview with the original complainant, Steven Nida (Nida), revealed that he and his girlfriend, Toni "Summer" Kiser (Kiser) were visiting a friend, "Shawn" at 3110 E. Livingston Avenue, Apartment 22. At some point, Kiser received a call from Lindsey who she knew as "Red". Lindsey asked if anyone had an identification he could use to purchase a motel room for the night because he had a warrant for his arrest. Lindsey then came over to "Shawn's" apartment to meet them.

While at "Shawn's" apartment, Lindsey was on the phone arguing with someone who Nida believed was Lindsey's girlfriend. Nida, Kiser, and Lindsey left the apartment together and learned Lindsey's vehicle (which belonged to Simpson) was missing. Lindsey became irate and accused Nida and Kiser of stealing his vehicle. Lindsey made the comment "I'll fucking kill people about my car". Nida suspected Lindsey was on drugs at the time.



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Nida was able to determine that Lindsey's vehicle had been towed for unauthorized parking and had not been stolen. It was later confirmed by CPD records that Hound Dog's towed the vehicle. When Nida tried to explain that to Lindsey, he brandished a black and red pistol with an extended magazine. Lindsey pointed the pistol at Nida and Kiser and stated he would "kill everyone" if he did not get his vehicle back. Nida was able to leave the apartment and ran to Walgreens to report Lindsey's behavior to [REDACTED] who was working Special Duty inside the store. While talking to [REDACTED] Nida heard two gunshots coming from the direction of 3110 E. Livingston Avenue. Nida observed [REDACTED] respond to the apartment and heard him yelling commands at Lindsey. Nida heard two gunshots which he believed were Lindsey shooting at [REDACTED]

Franklin County Sheriff's Office:

Call Number 230000128130 'Shots Fired in Area' was started on July 08, 2023 at 19:53:24, by Dispatcher T25 and initiated by [REDACTED] when he was approached by Nida at the Walgreens store. After responding to 3110 E. Livingston Avenue and taking gunfire from Lindsey, [REDACTED] provided Dispatch with the following information pertaining to Lindsey ("suspect"): "male Black, black shirt", "He's right at the door", "[REDACTED] I think suspect is down. Nah, he's still moving", "[REDACTED] I got CPD here. He's back in the apartment". When asked by Dispatch if he "hit" the suspect, [REDACTED] responded, "I believe I did."

After taking gunfire from Lindsey, [REDACTED] yelled "Let me see your hands!", that was followed by "Show me your hands!" which he yelled eleven (11) times at Lindsey before discharging his duty pistol at Lindsey at approximately 19:55:03 hours (*BWC timestamp*). [REDACTED] fired two (2) times at Lindsey using his Sig Sauer P226 9mm duty pistol. It is believed that at least one (1) of [REDACTED]'s rounds struck Lindsey causing him to fall to the ground. After firing his first round, [REDACTED]'s pistol malfunctioned. While attempting to clear the malfunction, [REDACTED] ejected two (2) unfired cartridges from the pistol (BCI Item 4). In attempt to clear the malfunction, [REDACTED] removed the inserted magazine, inserted a replacement magazine into the pistol, and racked the slide on his pistol which caused a third (3rd) unfired cartridge (BCI Item 3) to eject from the pistol and fall to the ground. [REDACTED]'s Body Worn Camera (BWC) recording revealed that he did not properly seat the replacement magazine into the magazine-well of his pistol. When [REDACTED] attempted to discharge a second round at Lindsey, the pistol failed to fire due to not having a live cartridge in the chamber. [REDACTED] initiated a "Tap Rack Bang" response to the failure to fire, and as he racked the slide (two times) of his pistol, a fourth (4th) unfired cartridge was ejected onto the ground (BCI Item 4). At approximately 19:55:59 hours,



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██████████ fired his second (2nd) shot at Lindsey and advised Dispatch he believed Lindsey was “down”. Based on ██████████'s response and the change in Lindsey's behavior following that shot, it is believed that ██████████'s second shot struck Lindsey.

At approximately 19:56:28 hours, the first CPD cruiser arrived on scene and Lindsey was observed standing in the glass doorway and could be heard yelling “Fuck you!” several times. ██████████ yelled twenty-one (21) additional commands to Lindsey about showing his hands as officers from CPD arrived on scene. CPD officers also issued numerous commands to Lindsey. ██████████ was not involved in the shooting incident in the lower hallway of the apartment building that resulted in Lindsey's death.

The following screenshots were taken from ██████████ BWC ([20230708_1948_BWC2-082571_1ecb62a](#)) or CVS ([20230708_1952_558_b9ca12d](#)) videos and may assist in understanding the series of events related to this incident.



██████████ CVS 2: ██████████ arriving on scene and parking at entrance to 3098 E. Livingston Avenue and no one present at front entrance of 3110 E. Livingston Avenue



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██████████ BWC 3: ██████████ ██████████ taking gunfire as he exited his cruiser



██████████ CVS 3: Lindsey at the front entrance at the time gunshots heard on ██████████'s BWC



██████████ CVS 4: Lindsey falling or retreating back inside glass doorway after ██████████ ██████████ fired his duty pistol



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██████████ BWC 6: ██████████ attempting to fix malfunction of his duty pistol



██████████ BWC 7: ██████████ ██████████ ejecting unfired cartridge from his pistol while attempting to fix malfunction (BCI Item 4)



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BWC 8: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ejecting second unfired cartridge from his pistol while attempting to fix malfunction (BCI Item 4)



BWC 9: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] removing magazine from his duty pistol and letting it fall to the ground



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██████████ BWC 10: ██████████ ██████████ inserting new magazine into his duty pistol



██████████ BWC 11: ██████████ ██████████ racked the slide after inserting new magazine causing third unfired cartridge to be ejected onto ground (BCI Item 3)



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██████████ BWC 12: New magazine not fully inserted into ██████████ ██████████'s duty pistol



██████████ BWC 13: ██████████ ██████████ initiated a "Tap Rack Bang" response to the failure to fire and as he racked the slide, a fourth unfired cartridge is ejected from his pistol (BCI Item 4)



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CVS 5: Lindsey can be observed ducking in and out of the front door waiving a jacket



CVS 6: Lindsey pointing towards [redacted] just prior to firing his second shot at Lindsey



CVS 7: Distinct change in behavior of Lindsey following second shot that appears to consistent with Lindsey being struck by a bullet



CVS 8: As the first CPD cruiser arrived on scene, Lindsey is observed standing partially out of the doorway and is yelling "Fuck you" and other "inaudible" communications at [redacted]



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CVS 9: It appeared that Lindsey was Laying on the ground as he pushed open the front door with his hand as additional CDP officers arrived on scene.



BWC 15: FCSO Sgt. Conkel retrieving [REDACTED]'s pistol magazine from the pavement

The following FCSO deputies responded to assist [REDACTED] [REDACTED] but were not involved in any use of force during the incident (*it should be noted that additional deputies eventually arrived on scene after the shooting incident, but the listed deputies were identified by FCSO as being present during the shooting incident*):

- Deputy Jacob Anderson
- Deputy William Castle K9-8
- Deputy Zachary Cooper K9-4
- Deputy Timothy Curren
- Deputy Scott Rambarden
- Sergeant Robert Conkle

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While not directly involved in either shooting incident, FCSO Deputy Zachary Cooper's "K9-4" (Deputy Cooper's) BWC recording, and radio traffic provided additional insight into what information was being broadcast during the incident. When Deputy Cooper arrived on scene at approximately 19:58:47, he was asked by a CPD officer if the involved "██████████" was "██████████". Deputy Cooper informed the CPD officer ██████████ ██████████ was a uniformed ██████████. Deputy Cooper relayed to Dispatch the following information: "Looks like the suspect got... possibly been shot... has been... brought back into the apartments at 3110 East Livingston. No clue where he is. We're holding the front door...CPD is..." followed by "Someone has been 52'd ('shooting'), but there's nothing clear from the front door. Everything is back inside". Deputy Cooper later told Dispatch that CPD was inside trying to make contact. When the gunfire erupted from inside the building, Deputy Cooper alerted Dispatch and requested a medic.

There was nothing remarkable in ██████████ ██████████'s personnel file. It contained a several commendation & thank you letters and there were no documented sustained disciplinary actions involving uses of force, honesty, or Brady issues. ██████████ ██████████ qualified with his Sig Sauer P226 (S/N: ██████████) on July 11, 2022 and obtained a passing score of 23/25.

Columbus Division of Police:

On July 08, 2023 at approximately 19:54:40, the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) received a 911 call from a female caller at 3109 E. Livingston Avenue stating there was shooting across the street at "Bexley Apartments". The caller stated "The man who did the shooting is a White man, black shirt, tan pants. Currently, he shot a gun into 3110.". The caller claimed she heard six (6) "shots" and wasn't sure if anyone had been struck. The caller further advised the subject was standing inside the building at 3110 shooting and there was a "sheriff's officer" shooting, like a "standoff". The caller then stated, "He's trying to shoot the sheriff's deputy". Before ending the call, the caller confirmed the subject was a "White male" wearing black shirt and tan pants and she believed he had been shot.

At approximately 19:54:07, CPD Dispatch received a call from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Dispatch inquiring if they had received any "calls" for "shots fired" at 3110 E. Livingston Avenue. At 19:54:31, CPD Dispatch received another call from FCSO Dispatch stating that a "██████████" was at 3110 E. Livingston Avenue. At 19:55:32 CPD Dispatch aired the incident over Channel 5. A review of CPD's Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) records (P230526159) for this incident revealed CPD Dispatch



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entered the following notable information about the incident (*not all inclusive of everything noted within the record*):

19:54:53 CTY [REDACTED] TAKING GUNFIRE
19:55:32 AIRED CH 5
19:56:06 CALLING HELIPORT THEYRE COMING UP
19:56:32 AIRED DESC FROM /6158
19:56:33 SAME AS THE 33 RUN 230 526 158
19:56:50 SHOOTER IS MW BLK SHRT & BTAN PANTS
19:56:52 CTY HAS ONEDOWN THE ADV 24
19:57:11 CTY HAS ONE SUSP DOWN
19:59:27 ASKING FORLOCATION ON DEPUTY – THEY ARE UNABLE TO LOCATE
19:59:29 ON PS WITH COUNTY
20:00:07 7650 - DEPUTY IS ACCOUNTED FOR
20:00:19 S12B UNITS ON THIS TAKE THIS TO ZONE 2
20:00:55 S12B - ONE OF OUR OFFICERS HAD AN A/D
20:00:58 COUNTY ADVISING SUSP WENT INSIDE AN APT UNK APT INFO
20:02:20 DOWN IN BASEMENT
20:02:36 : OFFICERS STAY ON THE 2ND LEVEL
20:03:18 S121B NEED ABUNKER
20:03:26 :92B – SUSP NOT COMPLIANT
20:03:41 : SHOTS FIRED SHOTS FIRED SHOTS FIRED
20:03:45 : S12B SUSPECT SHOOTING AT THEM
20:04:21 :7653 SUSPECT DOWN

Based on the 911 call CPD they received and limited records/recordings BCI received from CPD and FCSO, it's unclear if CPD was ever advised that the "suspect" (Lindsey) was African American. Dispatch disseminated the description "male White, black shirt, tan pants" via their CAD and aired it over the radio channel(s) being used. Additionally,



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Dispatch initially aired that the involved deputy was “down”, followed by the “suspect was down”.

During officer interviews, agents learned that due to this being a priority call (initially told that the involved [REDACTED] was “down”), CPD officers responded in emergency status from several different zones and assignments near the incident location (Zone 2). Those officers were originally using the radio channels associated with their assignments, which may not have been the radio channel that would have been used for Zone 2, where 3110 E. Livingston Avenue is located. Officers described confusion about the information they were receiving while responding to the scene, which included an accurate description of the “suspect”, was the involved deputy shot or not, was the “suspect” shot or not, and was the involved deputy accounted for and his exact location at the incident scene. Some of the identified contributing factors included use of multiple radio channels by CPD officers, CPD officers overhearing radio traffic from other officers who were on different radio channels, and Information being relayed between Dispatch for CPD and FCSO. Additionally, some of the clarifying radio traffic about the status of the deputy was received while officers were responding in emergency status with the lights and siren activated on their cruiser.

Numerous CPD officers responded to the scene and positioned themselves in many different locations around the apartment complex. After arriving on scene, Officer Joseph Whitehead (Officer Whitehead) unholstered his pistol and ran towards the apartment building. As he was running, Officer Whitehead stepped into a pothole and accidentally discharged a round into the ground. Officer Whitehead fell to the ground a suffered an injury to his leg and ankle. Officer Whitehead reported what had occurred and removed himself from the incident. That gunshot was heard by numerous officers, and many believed it was associated with the involved [REDACTED], who they believed was unaccounted for, or the “suspect”, later identified as Antwan Lindsey (Lindsey).

When [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and Sergeant Jonathon Goodrich (Sgt. Goodrich) arrived on scene, they met up with the involved-deputy, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] [REDACTED] at his marked FCSO cruiser. During his interview, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated he didn't realize [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was the involved deputy. During his interview, Sgt. Goodrich acknowledged he checked on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] s status when he encountered him. During that encounter, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised Sgt. Goodrich that the “suspect” was inside the apartment building. Sgt. Goodrich then ran towards the rear of the apartment building. While making his way towards the rear of the building, Sgt. Goodrich aired over his radio “County guy advised they exchanged fire in front of that building. Towards Livingston Avenue” (*heard on Sgt. Goodrich's BWC*). During his interview, Sgt. Goodrich didn't recall airing that information.



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Numerous CPD officers entered the rear door to the apartment building in an attempt to locate the involved deputy and “suspect”. Officers split up to clear the different levels of the building. Eventually, officers encountered Lindsey positioned within the blue doorway located at the south end of the lower hallway of the apartment building. Lindsey was first encountered by [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and Sgt. Goodrich who were clearing the lower hallway working their way from the north to the south. At that time, officers weren’t aware Lindsey was the “suspect”. When those officers began yelling commands at Lindsey, that caused [REDACTED] and Officer Nicholas Cook (Officer Cook) who had just cleared the second floor and were ascending the stairs towards the third floor at the south end of the building, to turn and make their way towards the lower floor. That’s when those officers encountered Lindsey in the blue doorway. Officer Brady Thomas (Officer Thomas) eventually joined [REDACTED] and Officer Cook at the front entrance.

[REDACTED] who was located in the lower hallway, observed Lindsey was in a black shirt and tan pants which matched the “suspect” description, but he was “Black”, and the “suspect” description was “White”. While issuing verbal commands to Lindsey, [REDACTED] observed what he believed to be a “gun” in Lindsey’s right hand. [REDACTED] yelled “Gun! Gun!” to alert the other officers. [REDACTED] then asked [REDACTED] “Is it a gun?” and neither were able to confirm Lindsey had a firearm. Officers backed away from Lindsey while issuing commands to him about putting his hands in the air.

Officers in the lower hallway could hear officers near the front (south stairs) yelling at Lindsey but were not clear on what was being yelled. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] assumed a kneeling position in the hallway with Sgt. Goodrich and [REDACTED] standing directly behind them. [REDACTED] clarified with Sgt. Goodrich that there were officers positioned on the other side (south) of the doorway Lindsey was standing at. [REDACTED] commented that those officers needed to get away or words to that effect. Sgt. Goodrich started to air that over his radio, but before he could finish the transmission, a “pop” was heard, and Lindsey appeared to lunge towards the officers in the lower hallway. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] discharged their duty pistols at Lindsey striking him and ultimately causing his death. BCI collected thirty-eight (38) fired cartridge cases with ‘Speer’ head stamps where those four (4) officers were located (BCI Item 15). A BCI Firearms Laboratory Report dated September 07, 2023, documenting the examination of the 38 fired cartridge cases would reveal that [REDACTED] fired thirteen (13) rounds, [REDACTED] fired twelve (12) rounds, [REDACTED] fired ten (10) rounds, and [REDACTED] fired three (3) rounds. All four officers advised agents they believed the “pop” they heard was Lindsey firing a gun at officers located at the south end of the building. They were not aware the pop they heard was actually [REDACTED] deploying his Taser at Lindsey from the south stairwell.



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Prior to the officers in the lower hallway discharging their pistols at Lindsey, officers located in the south stairwell had interaction with Lindsey. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was the first officer in the south stairwell to encounter Lindsey. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] observed Lindsey was wearing a black shirt and tan pants. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did not initially see a firearm when he first encountered Lindsey, but at some point, during their encounter, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] observed a black pistol at Lindsey's feet. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did not believe the pistol would be visible to the officers on the other side (north) of the doorway Lindsey was standing at. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] observed the slide of the pistol "drawn back", which to him indicated that there had been a malfunction, or it had run out of ammunition.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] and Officer Cook repeatedly told Lindsey to put his hands up, but he did not comply. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] witnessed Lindsey stick his middle finger up ("flipping the bird") at officers and Officer Cook heard Lindsey state, "Fuck you" and "Fuck you nigga, I'm not doing shit" during the encounter. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] decided to deploy his Taser in an attempt to take Lindsey into custody. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised Officer Cook he would be deploying a Taser and Officer Cook acknowledged the decision. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] announced "Taser... Taser... Taser" and deployed his Taser which made a "popping" sound. The Taser prongs made contact with Lindsey's left side and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] observed him "stiffen up". Immediately following the Taser deployment, gunfire erupted from within the hallway of the lower level.

After Lindsey was shot, numerous CPD officers began rendering first aid to him and requested an ambulance to the scene. Lindsey was transported away from the scene via ambulance and later pronounced deceased.

None of the CPD officers who discharged their firearms or deployed a Taser had any documented disciplinary issues involving uses of force, dishonesty, or Brady issues.

- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] last qualified on the OPOTA firearm's course of fire with his Smith & Wesson M&P pistol on January 09, 2023 and scored a 24/25.
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] last qualified on the OPOTA firearm's course of fire with his Smith & Wesson M&P pistol on March 09, 2023 and scored a 25/25.
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] last qualified on the OPOTA firearm's course of fire with his Smith & Wesson M&P pistol on April 12, 2023 and scored a 25/25.
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] last qualified on the OPOTA firearm's course of fire with his Smith & Wesson M&P pistol on March 09, 2023 and scored a 25/25.

The following screenshots were obtained from Body Worn Camera (BWC) videos of the involved CPD officers and may assist in understanding the events surrounding the incident:



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██████████ BWC 3: Sgt. Goodrich approached the officers and instructed those kneeling to remain kneeling if gunfire started



██████████ BWC 4: "Popping" sound heard which is the sound of a Taser being deployed against Lindsey by CPD ██████████ ██████████ who is positioned in stairwell at south end of building.



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██████████ BWC 5: Muzzle flash visible from ██████████ ██████████ discharging his pistol at Lindsey.

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██████████ BWC 1: ██████████ encounter maintenance worker at rear of building and he tells them "They're inside the building".



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██████ BWC 2: First time Lindsey visible on ██████ BWC



██████ BWC 3: Lindsey facing away from officers



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██████ BWC 4: Lindsey seen stepping towards or falling into hallway after Taser is deployed (audible indication)



██████ BWC 5: ██████ ██████ discharging his pistol at Lindsey



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██████████ BWC 6: Black pistol seen on floor inside front stairwell landing

██████████ ██████████ ██████████ BWC'



██████████ BWC 1: ██████████ ██████████ arriving on scene and ██████████ ██████████ visible behind his sheriff's office cruiser



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██████ BWC 2: ██████ ██████ asking "What do you need, ██████ to Officer ██████"



██████ BWC 10: ██████ ██████ opening rear door to Lower Level and announcing "Columbus Police"



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██████ BWC 11: ██████ ██████ heard saying "Let me see your hands... get your hands up" as Lindsey appears in doorway at south end of hallway



██████ BWC 13: Officers take a kneeling position in lower level hallway



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██████ BWC 14: ██████ ██████ discharging his pistol at Lindsey after "popping" sound from Taser being deployed is heard



██████ BWC 16: Black pistol observed next to tennis shoe on tile floor on south side of hallway door



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██████████ BWC_(Taser)'



██████████ BWC 1: ██████████ arriving on scene and exiting cruiser



██████████ BWC 2: ██████████ advising CPD officers he believed Lindsey had been shot and describer Lindsey as "Male Black, black shirt"



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██████ BWC 5: Sgt. Goodrich advising "Did you guys hear that? County guy exchanged fire up there." to ██████ ██████ and ██████ ██████ while pointing towards ██████ ██████'s cruiser



██████ BWC 6: ██████ ██████ encountering Lindsey at front entrance to lower level hallway



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██████ BWC 7: ██████ ██████ yelling "Hey... hey!" at Lindsey as Lindsey disappeared behind blue hallway door (only Lindsey's left leg visible)



██████ BWC 9: ██████ ██████ and Officer Cook move out of line with Lindsey while issuing the commands "Put your hands up!"



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██████ BWC 10: ██████ ██████ telling officers he is going to deploy Taser against Lindsey



██████ BWC 11: After the gunfire coming from the lower level ceased, ██████ ██████ can be heard uttering "Fucking eh" and the laser sight and probe leads for Taser visible



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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Physical Evidence and Laboratory Reports

Various items of potential evidence were submitted to the BCI Laboratory for analysis. The actual reports should be consulted as the following synopsis does not include many of the details from the full reports.

The BCI Firearms Section performed an analysis of the officers' firearms, as well as the firearm-related evidence collected from the scene, vehicles, and autopsies (casings and bullets). By comparing evidentiary cartridge casings/projectiles to known standards from each weapon, identifications were able to be made as to which casings/projectiles were fired from each firearm. Of the casings/projectiles recovered, the following identifications were made:

FIREARMS:

Item 5: Glock Pistol S/N BSRM780 possessed by Antwan Lindsey

- Source Identification for Items 4 & 5 (BCI #6 two (2) fired 9mm cartridge cases found outside on steps) and (#5 one (1) fired 9mm cartridge case found partially ejected from Glock pistol)
- Operable



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Item 14: Smith & Wesson pistol S/N [REDACTED] possessed by CPD [REDACTED]

- Source Identification for Item 8 (thirteen (13) fired 9mm cartridge cases (BCI 15 Scene 1))
- Source Identification for Items 6EB2, 11, 20EB3, 20EB4, 20EB8 (four (4) fired jacketed bullets and one (1) fired bullet fragment)
- Inconclusive on Item 12 one (1) fired jacketed bullet located on first floor of apartment building (BCI 20, Scene 1)
- Operable

Item 15: Smith and Wesson pistol S/N [REDACTED] possessed by CPD Officer Joseph Whitehead

- Source identification for Item 13 (one (1) fired 9mm cartridge case from suspected negligent discharge (BCI 23, Scene 1)
- Inconclusive on Item 12 one (1) fired jacketed bullet located on first floor of apartment building (BCI 20, Scene 1)
- Operable

Item 16: Smith and Wesson pistol S/N [REDACTED] possesses by CPD [REDACTED]

- Source Identification for Item 8 (twelve (12) fired 9mm cartridge cases (BCI 15, Scene 1)
- Source Identification for Items 6EB1, 6EB3, 10EB2, 20EB1, 20EB6, 20EB7 (six (6) fired jacketed bullets)
- Inconclusive on Item 12 one (1) fired jacketed bullet located on first floor of apartment building (BCI 20, Scene 1)
- Operable

Item 17: Smith and Wesson pistol S/N [REDACTED] possessed by CPD [REDACTED]

- Source Identification for Item 8 (ten (10) fired 9mm cartridge cases (BCI 15, Scene 1)
- Source Identification for Items 20EB2, 20EB5, (two (2) fired jacketed bullets)
- Inconclusive on Item 12 one (1) fired jacketed bullet located on first floor of apartment building (BCI 20, Scene 1)
- Operable

Item 18: Smith and Wesson pistol S/N [REDACTED] possessed by CPD [REDACTED]



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- Source Identification for Item 8 (three (3) fired 9mm cartridge cases (BCI 15, Scene 1)
- Source Identification for Items 7, 9, 10EB1 (three (3) fired jacketed bullets
- Inconclusive on Item 12 one (1) fired jacketed bullet located on first floor of apartment building (BCI 20, Scene 1)
- Operable

Item 19: Sig Sauer pistol S/N [REDACTED] possessed by FCSO [REDACTED]

- Source identification for Item 3 (two (2) fired 9mm cartridge cases (BCI 5, Scene 1) found behind [REDACTED]'s cruiser
- Inconclusive on Item 12 one (1) fired jacketed bullet located on first floor of apartment building (BCI 20, Scene 1)
- Operable

Item 20: Bullet recovered from body of Antwan Lindsey (BCI 5, Scene 4)

- One (1) lead fragment unsuitable for comparison

CHEMISTRY

BCI Crime Scene Item 12.1 (BCI Lab Item # 21) three (3) baggies with white powder substance located in front right pockets of pants cut from Lindsey

- 21.1. Off-white substance - 4.37 g +/- 0.05 g - found to contain Cocaine. Determined using chemical testing and instrumental analysis.
- 21.2. White powdery substance - 2.50 g +/- 0.05 g - found to contain Cocaine. Determined using chemical testing and instrumental analysis.
- 21.3. Crystalline substance - 0.95 g +/- 0.05 g - found to contain Methamphetamine. Determined using chemical testing and instrumental analysis.

Investigative Interviews

The following information comprises extremely abbreviated versions of the statements made by the witness and/or participants of this incident deemed by the author to be of most relevance to the overall understanding of the incident. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of each interview, including those not synopsized below.



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2023-07-08 Interview with Steven Franklin Nida (IR-6)

Steven Nida (Nida) was interviewed by SA Steven Seitzman on July 08, 2023, at the incident location. Nida and his girlfriend, Toni 'Summer' Kiser (Kiser) were visiting their friend, "Shawn" at Apartment 22 inside 3110 E. Livingston Avenue. While at "Shawn's", Kiser received a call from Antwan Lindsey (Lindsey) whom she knew as 'Red' and had previously met at a carry-out. Lindsey asked Kiser if anyone had an identification card he could use to purchase a hotel room for the night because he had a warrant for his arrest due to missing a court date. Lindsey then came over to "Shawn's" apartment and met with Kiser and Nida.

Once at "Shawn's" apartment, Lindsey was observed on the telephone arguing with someone who Nida believed was Lindsey's girlfriend. When Nida and Kiser were about to leave the apartment to help Lindsey secure a hotel room, Lindsey discovered his car was missing. Lindsey immediately accused Nida and Kiser of stealing his car. Lindsey made the comment "I'll fucking kill people about my car". Nida believed Lindsey was high on drugs at the time the car was discovered missing.

Nida contacted the towing company (Hound Dog's) for the apartment complex and learned they had towed the car from the property. Nida went back to "Shawn's" apartment to inform Lindsey that his car had been towed, and at that point, Lindsey pointed a pistol at Nida and Kiser. Lindsey told Nida and Kiser that he would "kill everyone" if he did not get his car back. "Shawn" had previously left the apartment and was not present when Lindsey brandished the pistol.

Nida was able to leave the apartment and ran to Walgreens located at 3015 E. Livingston Avenue where he notified [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who was working special duty, of Lindsey's actions. While speaking with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] outside the Walgreens, Nida heard two (2) gunshots from the area of the apartment complex. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] responded to the apartment complex in his marked cruiser.

Nida went to the area of the bus stop located near TAT Ristorante Di Famiglia where he observed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] confront Lindsey and give him commands such as "Drop the weapon" and "Come out with your hands up". Nida heard two gunshots which he believed came from Lindsey while [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was confronting him. Nida observed Lindsey on the ground at the entrance of the apartment building and did observe Lindsey in possession of the pistol. In total, Nida believed he heard five or six gunshots, but never visually observed Lindsey firing a gun. Officers from CPD arrived on scene and they ran towards the rear of the apartment building. Nida thought he heard one or two additional



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gunshots from outside after the CPD officers arrived on scene. Nida was not certain where Kiser went after the incident but spoke with her via telephone and she was unharmed. Nida didn't witness any law enforcement officers discharge a firearm during the incident.

2023-7-09 Interview with Columbus Police Officer Joseph Whitehead (IR-7)

Officer Whithead was interviewed by SA Steven Seitzman on July 08, 2023 at CPD Substation Number 9. On July 8th, Officer Whitehead was working his normal shift and wearing a standard CPD uniform. Officer Whitehead responded to the "10-3, officer needs assistance" at 3110 E. Livingston Avenue which was aired over the radio.

Upon arrival, Officer Whitehead unholstered his duty pistol and ran towards the apartment building. As he was running, Officer Whitehead stepped into a pothole in the grass and accidentally discharged his pistol into the ground. Officer Whitehead fell to the ground due to an injury to his ankle/leg. Officer Whitehead went back to his cruiser and removed himself from the incident.

2023-08-18 FCSO ██████████ ██████████ Interview (IR-19)

On August 18, 2023 SA Ryan Scheiderer and SA Chad Holcomb obtained a written and audio statement from Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) ██████████ ██████████ (██████████ ██████████) regarding the July 08, 2023 shooting incident between law enforcement officers and Antwan Lindsey (Lindsey). Fraternal Order of Police Attorney Kate Harshman was present for the statement.

██████████ ██████████ is assigned to the FCSO Special Investigations Unit (SIU) as a ██████████ ██████████ and dresses in a standard FCSO ██████████ deputy sheriff uniform and drives a fully marked cruiser. On July 8th, ██████████ ██████████ was working special duty security at the Walgreens located at 3015 E. Livingston Avenue. ██████████ ██████████'s partner, ██████████ ██████████ was secured in his cruiser which was parked outside of the Walgreens.

Excerpts from written statement:

"Prior to firing my weapon, the suspect had threatened at least one individual in the apartment complex with his gun. I had heard/saw what I believed to be the suspect shoot in or near the apartment complex, causing me to respond to the scene. When I arrived and exited my cruiser, the suspect shot at me requiring me to duck behind my cruiser for cover. There were civilians to the west of suspect in the parking lot next to 3110, civilians behind us on the south side of Livingston Avenue, and undoubtedly



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civilians in the apartment complex. I repeatedly told the suspect to show me his hands. He repeatedly failed to comply. The suspect continually failed to comply with my orders, continued to open the door to the apartment complex and dodge in and out, and then pointed his body and his covered hand, which I believed held a weapon due to the fact he previously shot at me, towards me. I fired.”

”Once I was able to fire again after my gun malfunctioned, the suspect had continued his noncompliance and his fervent mannerisms with the sweatshirt still in his hand. He pointed his body and hand in my direction. I fired again. I did and do not believe that I had any other reasonable alternative other than to fire to protect myself and the civilians in the area as our lives were in imminent danger of death or severe bodily harm. The suspect was acting erratically, had previously fired his weapon at me, and could have easily fired his again at me or at any of the civilians in the immediate area at any time.”

Follow-up questions:

Agents asked a series of clarifying questions after receiving ██████████ ██████████'s official statement. The following is a summation of the information gained from those questions.

██████████ ██████████ was carrying a Taser, but felt it was not an appropriate response to Lindsey's actions because of distance and Lindsey was “armed with a firearm”. ██████████ ██████████ never considered deploying his partner, ██████████ ██████████ for similar reasoning. ██████████ ██████████ clarified he never actually saw a firearm on Lindsey, but based on Lindsey holding his arm out which was covered by a “coat”, and hearing gunshots, he believed Lindsey was armed. ██████████ ██████████ observed an unknown male subject inside the apartment building foyer behind Lindsey during the incident. ██████████ ██████████ did believe that subject was associated with Lindsey.

██████████ ██████████ stated that Lindsey never complied with any of his orders. ██████████ ██████████ never observed Lindsey “surrendering” or “giving up”. ██████████ ██████████ stated that had Lindsey got on the ground or exited with his hands up, he would not have discharged his firearm at Lindsey. According to ██████████ ██████████ there was no other means to de-escalate the situation with Lindsey due to Lindsey firing shots prior to his arrival, firing shots at ██████████ ██████████ there were numerous civilians present, and Lindsey was not complying with orders. ██████████ ██████████ denied any prior contacts with Lindsey.



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2023-08-29 CPD [REDACTED] Interview (IR-23)

On August 29, 2023, SA Ryan Scheiderer obtained a written and audio statement from Columbus Division of Police (CPD) [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] [REDACTED]) regarding the July 08, 2023, shooting incident between law enforcement officers and Antwan Lindsey (Lindsey). Fraternal Order of Police Attorney Lathan Lipperman was present for the statement.

On the day of the incident, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was working his normal assignment Z2E1-3 during Evening Midwatch (1900-0500) and was alone in Cruiser [REDACTED]

Excerpts from written statement:

"I was in fear for my life and for the lives of the other officers covering the suspect at the times I fired. I believed that the man was the same individual that had fired at the Franklin County deputy. First, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] announced that he thought that individual had a gun. That man was also the only civilian I saw inside the building. And finally, he was not complying with Officers' repeated commands to show his hands and seemed to mutter "fuck you" after we gave those orders."

"Once I got to the ground floor, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] exclaimed that he thought the man standing at the other end of the hall had a gun. I could not tell whether he had a gun, but I believed it was likely he had a gun since he had already used deadly force and shot at a [REDACTED]. I had also heard what I believed were at least two gunshots only minutes before this incident. And I believed the suspect had fired those rounds since I did not hear any officer air shots fired. At the times I heard those shots, I believed the deputy was still unaccounted for and possibly somewhere inside the apartment building."

"From the time I first saw the suspect until I heard the pop, his right hand/arm was in front of his body almost the entire incident, and his left hand/arm was hidden behind the door and doorway. He was ordered numerous times by multiple officers to show his hands. But he refused to comply or surrender. I believed he was deliberately hiding his hands from our view."

"At the moment I heard the loud pop, the suspect's left hand/arm were still hidden behind the door. And his right arm/hand was near the top of the blue door like he was holding onto it. From in the hallway, the loud pop sounded like a gunshot. That sound also seemed to come directly from the suspect such that he had fired his weapon. I believed he likely had the weapon in his left hand since it was still hidden from my view. I was not sure whether the suspect was firing at officers that might have been near the entrance or whether he was firing at me and the other officers with me. But I



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believed he was shooting at officers and that I or the others would be seriously injured or killed. That fear was heightened since neither I nor any of the other officers with me had cover or concealment and the hallway was narrow with only one escape far behind us, making it much likelier the suspect could strike one or more of us. At the time I fired my weapon, I did not believe I had any other reasonable alternative to protect my life or the lives of the other officers from the deadly threat presented by the suspect's actions."

Follow-up questions:

SA Scheiderer asked a series of clarifying questions after receiving [REDACTED] [REDACTED] s official statement. The following is a summation of the information gained from those questions.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated the initial radio traffic from Dispatch was that the deputy had been shot or was down. Then [REDACTED] [REDACTED] heard the "suspect" was down. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] clarified he wasn't sure if the deputy had been shot, the "suspect" had been shot, or both. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] didn't observe any FCSO vehicles when he arrived on scene but observed several CPD cruisers. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] never observed anyone other than officers near the front entrance of the apartment building at 3110 E. Livingston Avenue. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was never provided with the any locations of the involved-deputy or Lindsey throughout the incident. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did not know the status of the involved deputy during the incident, but he believed he requested an update and never heard a response. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] didn't know the exact origin of the single gunshot he heard but could tell it was from the incident location. While exiting the apartment building after the shooting incident, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] observed a FCSO cruiser parked out front.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] believed his actions during the incident were consistent with the training he had received from CPD. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] believed deadly force was the only option available to him based on the information he had at the time he fired his weapon. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] never observed Lindsey in possession of a firearm but heard [REDACTED] [REDACTED] announce he observed Lindsey with a "gun". [REDACTED] [REDACTED] never observed Lindsey discard a firearm. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] never observed any actions or behaviors from Lindsey that would indicate he was surrendering or would comply with officers. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was asked if Lindsey had done any behaviors consistent with surrendering or verbally stated he was surrendering, would he have been taken into custody and he replied, "He would have been". [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had experienced prior incidents where a



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“suspect” was initially non-compliant with officers, but then surrendered and they were taken into custody without deadly force being used. Had Lindsey “given up” or “surrendered”, ██████████ ██████████ would not have discharged his firearm at Lindsey.

2023-08-29 CPD ██████████ ██████████ Interview (IR-26)

On August 31, 2023 SA Ryan Scheiderer obtained a written and audio statement from Columbus Division of Police (CPD) ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████) regarding the July 08, 2023 shooting incident between law enforcement officers and Antwan Lindsey (Lindsey). Fraternal Order of Police Attorney Nicole Wannemacher was present for the statement.

██████████ ██████████'s regular assignment is 2B12. On the day of the incident, ██████████ ██████████ was working a temporary assignment with duty hours of 12:00-22:00 as part of the Safe Streets program in Cruiser ██████████

Excerpts from written statement:

“We were about a third of the way down the hallway when I noticed a male black at the door at the south end of the hallway. The door opened from the west side into the stairwell and away from us. The door was only partially opened (a few inches) and the male was standing with the majority of his body inside the stairwell but some of his right side (shoulder, foot) was in the hallway. The man was in a black shirt and tan pants which matched the suspect but the male was black and the suspect description was white, so I was not certain this was the suspect. ██████████ ██████████ yelled at him to show us his hands. I also gave verbal commands to put his hands up. He had a jacket in his right hand and as he moved, I saw what I believed to be a gun in his right hand, it appeared as if he was holding it sideways and the top of the gun was towards us. I yelled “gun! gun!” The barrel of the suspect's gun looked gold and coupled with the fact that he also had a jacket in his hand, I was not 100% certain it was a gun and wanted confirmation. I believe I asked ██████████ ██████████ “is it a gun?” I believe he replied that he could not tell and yelled at the suspect to put his hands up.”

“At the time I fired my weapon at the suspect, I was in fear for the life of officers in the south stairway/stairwell. Immediately before I fired my weapon, I heard what I believed to be a gunshot and the suspect rotated towards us. I believed that the suspect had just fired at the officers in the south stairwell/stairway and was going to fire at us. I knew that prior to my arrival the suspect had fired at a Franklin County Sheriff ██████████ and I believed that he also fired when we were inside the building. The suspect was given multiple opportunities to comply and surrender. At the time I fired my weapon, I do not believe I had any other reasonable alternative to protect the lives of the officers in the south stairway/stairwell, my own life and the lives of the other officers in the



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hallway with me. I truly believed the suspect presented a deadly threat and that he had fired at the officers in the stairway and was about to fire at us.”

“I now know that the suspect is Antwan Lindsey. I do not recognize this person as anyone I have ever had any prior encounters with, neither professionally nor personally. I have now had the opportunity to review the footage of this incident after this event. After reviewing the footage, it appears that the suspect had dropped or placed his weapon on the ground on the other side of the door. I could not see that from my position in the hallway. It also appears that what I believed was a gunshot immediately prior to discharging my weapon was the pop of the taser being deployed. On the footage, I can hear officers yell taser, taser but during this incident I did not hear the taser announcement. Immediately before the taser was deployed, we were discussing the location of the officers in the south entrance/stairway and Sgt. Goodrich (who was directly behind me) had just started to air over the radio which was not only coming across all of our radios but also echoing from the basement hallway. In addition, there was a door at the other end of the hallway, which was only opened a few inches and it separated us from those officers. From reviewing the footage, it also appears that what I thought was the suspect turning and lunging towards us was the result of the impact of the taser on him. However, when I observed this, I did not know the taser had been deployed.”

Follow-up questions:

SA Scheiderer asked a series of clarifying questions after receiving [REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s official statement. The following is a summation of the information gained from those questions.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] confirmed he had initially heard radio traffic from Dispatch advising the involved deputy was “down”, meaning he had been shot. Then information came across the radio that Lindsey was also “down”. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] didn't remember receiving any clarification on who, if anyone, had actually been shot. When he arrived at 3110 E. Livingston Avenue, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] didn't observe anyone near the front entrance to the apartment. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was never informed of the exact location of the involved-deputy or Lindsey. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated Lindsey possessed a black pistol with “gold” around the ejection port/breech when he encountered Lindsey in the lower hallway. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] asked other officers if they also observed Lindsey with a firearm. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] never observed Lindsey disarm or discard a firearm. None of Lindsey's actions were consistent with him attempting to surrender or giving up. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] confirmed he had prior experiences where subjects were initially noncompliant, but then complied and were taken into custody without further incident. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated there was no other option other than lethal force, to counter Lindsey's actions during the incident.



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██████ ██████ denied any history of sustained disciplinary actions reference uses of force. ██████ ██████ stated there was confusion on radio traffic during the incident because the incident occurred in Zone 2 which meant Channel 2 was the primary channel, but some information was being aired on Channel 5 (Zone 5). Officers may not have been receiving the same information due to different dispatchers on each channel. ██████ ██████ admitted he was not aware of what the CPD officers were doing at the south end of the building due to different channels being used. ██████ ██████ stated he reacted to what information he had before him, and his actions were consistent with training he received from CPD.

2023-08-29 CPD ██████ ██████ Interview (IR-27)

On August 31, 2023, SA Ryan Scheiderer obtained a written and audio statement from Columbus Division of Police (CPD) ██████ ██████ (██████ ██████) regarding the July 08, 2023, shooting incident between law enforcement officers and Antwan Lindsey (Lindsey). Fraternal Order of Police Attorney Nicole Wannemacher was present for the statement.

██████ ██████ regular assignment is 13B9. On the day of the incident, ██████ ██████ was working his normally assigned shift of 14:00-22:00.

Excerpts from written statement:

“At the time I fired my weapon at the suspect, I was in fear for the life of officers in the south stairway/stairwell, as well as my life and the lives of the other officers in the hallway with me. Immediately before I fired my weapon, I heard a pop that I believed was a gunshot and I believed that the suspect had just fired at the officers in the south stairwell/stairway and that he was turning to fire at us. I knew that prior to my arrival the suspect had fired at a Franklin County Sheriff Deputy. We gave the suspect multiple opportunities to comply and surrender but despite repeated commands; he did not. I do not believe I had any other reasonable alternative to protect the lives of the officers in the south stairway/stairwell, as well as my own life and the lives of the other officers in the hallway with me at the time I fired my weapon.”

“I now know that the suspect is Antwan Lindsey. I do not recognize this person as anyone I have ever had any prior encounters with, neither professionally nor personally.”



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"I have now had the opportunity to review the footage of this incident. After doing so, it appears that the suspect had dropped his weapon on the ground on the other side of the door. I could not see that from my position in the hallway. It also appears that the pop I heard was the taser being deployed and that what I believed the suspect was turning towards us, his movement was likely due to the effects of the taser. On the footage, I can hear officers yelling taser, taser but during this incident I did not hear it. When they were yelling taser, taser, Sergeant Goodrich (who was directly behind me) was airing into the radio and the acoustics in the hallway coupled with the radio traffic made it difficult to hear what was being said. At the time, I truly believed that the pop I heard was the suspect firing at the officers."

Follow-up questions:

SA Scheiderer asked a series of clarifying questions after receiving ██████ ██████'s official statement. The following is a summation of the information gained from those questions.

██████ ██████ stated that while responding to the scene, he heard radio traffic advising the involved deputy was down, and that was followed by clarification that the deputy wasn't down, it was the suspect. The initial description of the "suspect" from Dispatch was a "male/White", but ██████ ██████ later learned it was actually a "male/Black". ██████ ██████ believed the involved deputy was in uniform, and was never aware of his exact location at the scene. ██████ ██████ didn't observe anyone other than law enforcement officers at the front entrance of the apartment building when he arrived on scene. Prior to encountering Lindsey in the hallway of the lower level, ██████ ██████ was not aware of Lindsey's exact location at the scene. ██████ ██████ observed Lindsey in possession of a "jacket" that was "wrapped up" in his hand. ██████ ██████ never observed Lindsey in possession of a firearm, but did hear an officer that was walking in front of him, questioning if Lindsey had a "gun" in his hand. ██████ ██████ never observed Lindsey "drop" or "discard" a firearm, nor did anyone ever tell him Lindsey was no longer armed.

Based on ██████ ██████ training and experience, he did not observe any actions from Lindsey that would indicate he was ready to surrender. Had Lindsey clearly surrendered (verbally or by his actions), ██████ ██████ believed he could have been taken into custody without further incident. ██████ ██████ stated the officers didn't have any other "reasonable" means to resolve the situation due to distance, lack of cover, and their knowledge that he was still armed. ██████ ██████ denied knowing exactly where the officers on the south end of the building were located at the time, he discharged his



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firearm. ██████████ ██████████ stated his actions were consistent with the training he received from CPD and his experiences as a police officer.

2023-08-29 CPD ██████████ ██████████ Interview (IR-29)

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██████████ ██████████ regular assignment is 101C1. On the day of the incident, ██████████ ██████████ was working Parks Special Duty overtime from 16:00-00:00 with his partner, CPD Officer Megan Andres (Officer Andres) in Cruiser ██████████ and operating as 7653 Park Special.

Excerpts from written statement:

"I was in fear for my life and the lives of the other officers at the times I fired my weapon. Before arriving on scene, the suspect had reportedly used deadly force and fired his weapon at a Franklin County deputy, resulting in a 10-3. When I got to the scene several minutes later, the suspect had not surrendered. At least one gunshot went off as I ran to the back of the apartment building with other officers. It sounded like that shot came from nearby, and I thought the suspect might have been firing at me and the other officers running towards the back of the building. And though I recall a sergeant airing an officer had an AD a brief time later, I was not certain whether the AD was the same shot I heard."

"The male in the basement was wearing the same clothing as the suspect's description. One or more officers in front of me also believed and announced that they thought the suspect had a gun. When that announcement was made, though, I could not see the suspect's hands given his position in the doorway and because there were three other officers in front of me."

"Once the other officers and I moved up the hallway and those officers knelt, I had a better view of the suspect, though his hands were still hidden. During this encounter, the suspect was given repeated commands by multiple officers to show his hands/ put his hands up. But the suspect never gave any signs of compliance or surrender. Instead, he remained in the threshold of the hallway entrance in such a position that it



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seemed like he was deliberately concealing his hands from view. At no time during this incident do I recall seeing his left hand.”

“When the loud pop occurred, I believed the suspect had a weapon since I knew he had already fired at one law enforcement officer, and the other officers with me had announced they thought he had a gun. I thought he had the weapon in his left hand since his right hand/arm was near or on the top of the door and I do not recall seeing a weapon in it. I believed the suspect had most likely fired at the officers near the front entrance since he was primarily facing that direction (south), but I also thought he could have fired at me and the others since I could not see his left hand. And the instant after the pop the suspect's body quickly appeared to turn in my direction. I believed he was turning to track his weapon and fire and that I and the others would be seriously injured or killed. I was especially concerned because there was no cover or concealment for any of us. The hall was also narrow, and the back door was about 20 yards away, heightening the threat that the suspect's rounds could strike and kill one or more officers before anyone could escape or get cover. At the times I fired, I did not believe I had any other reasonable alternative to protect my life or the lives of the other officers from the deadly threat presented by the suspect's actions.” After this incident I learned the suspect's name is Antwan Lindsey. I do not know Mr. Lindsey, and to my knowledge I have never before encountered him.”

“I have now had the opportunity to watch the BWC footage of this incident. After doing so, I now believe the loud pop I heard in the moment before firing was the sound of a taser being discharged from an officer on the other side of the blue door near the front entrance. Officers at the front entrance made announcements before the taser was deployed, and those announcements can be heard on my BWC, but I did not hear that when this happened. First, as those announcements were made, Sgt. Goodrich was airing information right next to me. His words were also being transmitted over our radios, so it sounded like two people talking at once. I also had not been able to specifically make out anything officers said from the other side of the door except possibly a command to see hands at one point. Those officers were relatively far away and the suspect and the blue door dampened sound from travelling between officers. From my position, I also could not see the officers from the other side of the door. The blue door was only partly open, and I could not see past it. And in any case the suspect was also standing in the doorway, blocking my view. The officers on the other side were also in an elevated position near the front entrance.”

“Before the taser deployment, a black handgun can be seen on the ground behind (south of) the suspect. When I first got to the ground floor with the others, one or more of the officers had thought they saw the suspect with the gun. At no time did I see the



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suspect drop the weapon. And from my position I did not see the weapon on the ground behind the suspect during this incident. Nor did any other officer ever announce that they saw the suspect drop the gun or that the gun was on the ground.”

Follow-up questions:

SA Scheiderer asked a series of clarifying questions after receiving [REDACTED] [REDACTED] official statement. The following is a summation of the information gained from those questions.

While responding to the incident location, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] heard information over the radio that the involved deputy was “taking fire”, then he heard the deputy was “down”, then he heard the “suspect” was “down”, but ultimately, he was uncertain what was taking place. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was on radio Channel 5 (Zone 5) and the incident location was in Zone 2 which is on Channel 2. When he arrived on scene, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did not observe anyone at the front entrance of the apartment building. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was never aware of the exact locations of the involved deputy or Lindsey at the incident location until he and other officers encountered Lindsey in the hallway of the lower level of the building. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did not observe Lindsey with a firearm but did see him in possession of a jacket. While in the hallway with Lindsey, officers in front of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] announced Lindsey had a “gun”. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] heard officers trying to clarify if Lindsey actually possessed a firearm at that time. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] never observed Lindsey discard a firearm and no one ever advised him that information.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] did not observe any signs that Lindsey was attempting to surrender. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated Lindsey was “resisting arrest” for multiple minutes and officers issued multiple commands to Lindsey ordering him to show his hands. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated Lindsey had multiple opportunities to surrender peacefully and would have been taken into custody without further incident had he surrendered. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had previous experience involving subjects that were initially non-compliant, but then surrendered and were taken into custody without further incident.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that deadly force was the only option available to him based on what he believed was occurring at the time he discharged his firearm. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also stated he believed Lindsey was still armed and had already used “deadly force” on a deputy, therefore, the appropriate response was deadly force. After discharging his firearm, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ran out the back of the building because he believed he was being shot at or in crossfire from officers at the south end of the building. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was aware there were officers at the south end of the building, but not their exact locations.



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██████████ stated his actions were consistent with the training he had received from CPD and his experience as a police officer.

██████████ acknowledged that due to there being multiple radio channels used by officers responding to the scene from different zones, information is not always distributed equally and can create confusion about what is occurring at a scene. ██████████ did not have any additional information.

2023-08-29 CPD ██████████ Interview (IR-31)

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██████████'s regular assignment is 9C6. On the day of the incident, ██████████ was working Parks Special Duty from 16:00-22:00 in Cruiser ██████████

Excerpts from written statement:

"I do not remember initially seeing a gun when I came upon the suspect, but at some point early in the altercation, I saw a black pistol at the suspect's feet to his left (east). The gun was outside of the steel fire door on our side (south side) of the wall. I do not believe that the gun would have been visible to anyone on the other side of the door/wall. It appeared that the slide was drawn back, which indicated to me that there was either a malfunction or the suspect had run out of ammunition. Though I saw the weapon, we always assume plus one. In other words, the suspect can always have another weapon. The suspect was only partially visible on our side of the door, and at times I could not see either of his hands. I could hear officers on the other side of the building also giving commands, but it was difficult to make out what they were saying to the suspect. I could not see them, I did not know how far back in the hallway they were or if they were at the north entrance, or how many officers. Throughout this period of time, Officer Cook repeatedly told the suspect to put his hands up. The suspect continued to not comply."

"Due to his repeated non-compliance, I decided that I was going to attempt to tase the suspect. I had lethal back-up. At the time, I only remember Officer Cook and Officer Thomas being with me on the landing, but both were armed and pointing their



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weapons at the suspect. We were taking cover in the stairwell that headed up to the second floor and used it as a barrier. I believed I was close enough to deploy the taser prongs and have them connect, And I believed I had the time necessary to use the non-lethal force. I notified Officer Thomas and Officer Cook that I was going nonlethal. I remember Officer Cook saying something like "go ahead". I yelled "going taser, taser, taser, taser" loudly, as did Officer Cook. I deployed the taser. The prongs appeared to connect on his left side. The taser made a loud popping sound, which was very loud due to the height of the stairwell and the fact the stairwell was enclosed. Directly after this, the suspect seemed to stiffen up and then, I immediately heard a volley of gun fire."

"At the time I deployed my taser, the suspect had been continuously and repeatedly been non-compliant with officers' directions for several minutes. I had the banister of the stairway between the subject and I with what I believed was adequate distance between us. I was close enough for the prongs of the taser to connect with the suspect. Officers Cook and Thomas were backing me up with deadly force. At the time I used nonlethal force against the suspect, I could see a gun on the ground. Though it was possible that the suspect could have had another weapon, I believed that I had the time necessary to deploy my taser and I did. Considering what I knew and what I saw at the time, I believed that it was the best course of action at the moment."

Follow-up questions:

SA Scheiderer asked a series of clarifying questions after receiving ██████████'s official statement. The following is a summation of the information gained from those questions.

██████████ did not discharge a firearm during the incident but did deploy a Taser on Lindsey. ██████████ explained that his understanding from the initial radio traffic it was a FCSO ██████████ that was being shot at and the suspects was a male/White wearing a black shirt and tan pants. However, that was not an accurate description of Lindsey. ██████████ stated when he arrived on scene, he encountered the involved deputy near a sheriff's office cruiser, but he was not aware that deputy was the original involved ██████████. While responding to the scene, ██████████ was not made aware of the deputy's location or Lindsey's. When he arrived on scene, ██████████ did not observe anyone near the front entrance of the apartment building. ██████████ stated that prior to that incident, CPD encountered issues with their radios which caused officers to be called back to their substations until the radio issues were resolved.



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When [REDACTED] [REDACTED] entered the apartment building, he was not aware of Lindsey's location. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] confirmed he heard at least one (1) gunshot in the area prior to entering the building. When [REDACTED] [REDACTED] first observed Lindsey inside the apartment building, he was able to observe Lindsey's left hand, and there wasn't a firearm present. The second time [REDACTED] [REDACTED] observed Lindsey, he observed a black pistol on the floor near Lindsey that appeared to be in slide-lock (out of ammunition) or out of battery due to a malfunction. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] never witnessed Lindsey discard the pistol, but believed it was associated with Lindsey. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that Lindsey never surrendered and was non-compliant the entire time. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did not witness any behaviors from Lindsey consistent with him wanting to surrender, but [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did witness Lindsey stick his middle finger up ("flipping the bird") at officers. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated had Lindsey clearly surrendered, he would have been taken into custody without further incident. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] confirmed that he had experienced situations where a subject was initially non-compliant, but then surrendered and taken into custody without further incident.

Based on [REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s observations, when he and the other officers encountered Lindsey on the south end of the apartment, he felt a Taser would de-escalate the situation. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that even though there was a firearm near Lindsey and his right hand wasn't visible, there was lethal coverage on Lindsey and deploying the Taser could have resolved the situation. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had previously witnessed Tasers used against subjects that resulted in them being taken into custody and situations resolved without deadly force being used. When [REDACTED] [REDACTED] decided to deploy his Taser onto Lindsey, it was his intent to take Lindsey into custody, not cause his death. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] clarified had Lindsey surrendered and complied with officer's commands, he would have never deployed his Taser. When the gunfire occurred after he deployed his Taser, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was uncertain if the gunfire came from officers, Lindsey or both. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated his actions were consistent with his training he received from CPD and his experiences as an officer.

Summary

All persons known to have relevant information regarding this investigation have been interviewed (or attempted), and all known pertinent records and evidence have been obtained and reviewed. BCI will continue to offer investigative assistance into any newly identified witnesses or information relative to this criminal investigation. BCI's investigation into this officer-involved critical incident is concluded unless such new information/witnesses is/are identified through grand jury or other means.

Agents remain available for consultation and/or to perform any additional investigation,



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analysis, processing and/or other assistance/involvement you might deem to be necessary.

Contact Information

The preceding information comprises only a portion of facts and circumstances collected during the investigation of the officer-involved shooting incident. For further review of specific information or documentation collected during the investigation, please refer to the individual reports and documents from which this summary was derived. Any questions regarding the content or context of the information contained in this document can be directed to the attention of Special Agent Ryan Scheiderer. SA Scheiderer can be reached via email at Ryan.Scheiderer@OhioAGO.gov or by telephone at (740) 506-5157.