



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: Security Chad Taylor (W)
Date of Activity: 04/12/2021
Activity Location: Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital – Business – 500 S. Cleveland Ave., Westerville, OH 43081, Franklin County
Author: SA Perry K. Roeser, #114

Narrative:

On April 12, 2021, the Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Perry Roeser was contacted by BCI Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Kevin Barbeau and asked if he could assist with an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI). The location was Mount Carmel Saint Ann's Hospital, 500 S. Cleveland St., Columbus, Ohio. SAS Barbeau explained that several non-involved officers were on the scene and needed to be interviewed. SA Roeser told SAS Barbeau he would assist with the OICI.

SA Roeser arrived on the scene at approximately 1730 hours and learned the Columbus Police Department (CPD) and hospital security officers discharged their firearms at a suspect in the emergency room (ER) area. The suspect did not survive the injuries after the encounter with law enforcement.

SA Roeser and SAS Barbeau traveled to a hospital conference room where several non-involved hospital safety security officers were located which needed to be interviewed. Before the interviews, SA Roeser learned the hospital employs uniformed safety & security officers armed with Smith and Wesson M&P 9mm pistols. The armed security officers job requirement was the completion of a twenty-hour Private Security course at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA). The armed security officers are not peace officers and do not have the authority to make an arrest.

At approximately 1946 hours, SA Roeser contacted Security Officer Supervisor Chad Taylor. After SA Roeser correctly identified himself, he explained to Taylor his interview was voluntary, and if he wanted an attorney present the interview would be rescheduled. Taylor agreed to speak with SA Roeser.

The investigator recorded the interview with Taylor. The details listed below summarized the

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portions of the recorded interview with Taylor and were not taken verbatim unless noted by quotations.

Taylor stated he had been employed with Mount Carmel Saint Ann's Hospital for eleven years and was a certified peace officer who carries an active commission with the Mechanicsburg Police Department (MDP), Champaign County, Ohio. Taylor said he works one weekend a month with MPD. Taylor stated he attended and graduated from the police academy at Clark State Community College in 2009. Taylor said as a supervisor, his shift and days off rotate.

SA Roeser asked Taylor how he became involved with the OICI. Taylor said he worked all day and knew the Columbus Police were with a subject in the ER. Taylor said he was in his third-floor office of the hospital's west wing when he heard over the in-house radio "shots fired." Taylor said he ran towards the ER while listening to the radio traffic about the shots fired call. Taylor said when he entered the ER, which was divided into four sections, he saw officers with guns drawn at ER #9. Taylor said officers were positioned across from ER #9 and that Taylor said he took a position. Taylor said he saw a black male in ER #9 on the floor, lying on his back, in the supine position. Taylor said the subject's right hand was not visible, and CPD was shouting commands to "drop the weapon" and "show your hands."

The right hand of the subject was up near his head Taylor explained. Taylor said at one point, the subject said, "if I show you my hands, you'll shoot me." Taylor said commands continued to be shouted at the subject to "show your hands." Taylor said he could also hear a person within ER #9 shouting orders at the subject. Taylor explained a female CPD officer approached ER #9, low to the ground, and deployed a taser at the subject. Taylor said soon after the taser was deployed, he heard gunfire and then a burst of gunfire occurred into ER #9 at the subject from officers to his right and left sides. Taylor said when the female CPD officer and Officer [REDACTED] stepped in front of ER #9, he lost sight of the subject and did not see if the subject fired a weapon or not.

Taylor said after the gunfire, his employees were shaken up, at which point he instructed them all back to the office area. Taylor said he stayed in the ER area and witnessed the subject taken out of ER #9 and taken to a trauma area for treatment. Taylor said he did not go into ER #9 after the shooting had occurred.

Taylor said once BCI arrived on the scene, he was asked to retrieve the video encounter to which he complied. Taylor said there were no cameras in the room of ER #9; only a hallway (ceiling camera) angle captured the event. Taylor said there was no sound with the video.

Taylor said from the timestamps on the video he saw from the start of the incident to the conclusion lasted for seven minutes.

The interview between SA Roeser and Taylor concluded at approximately 2016 hours. See attachment #1 for a copy of the audio recording.

Attachments:

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Attachment # 01:803_0105 Chad Taylor

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