



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



2022-1564  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1132 Ashwood Drive, South  
Charleston, OH (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** Cody McFall (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 08/10/2022  
**Activity Location:** McFall, Cody – Business – 130 N Fountain Ave, Springfield, OH  
45502, Clark County  
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**Narrative:**

On July 24, 2022, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that took place at 1132 Ashwood Drive, South Charleston, Clark County. During the OICI, Deputy Matthew Yates was shot and killed by the involved subject, Cole White. This occurred after White had killed his mother, Jodie Arbuckle. Multiple agencies and SWAT teams responded and attempted multiple rescue efforts of Deputy Yates. During the standoff the mobile home caught fire and White was killed in the fire.

On August 10, 2022 at 0958 hours, BCI Special Agents Richard Ward (SA Ward) and Kenneth Smith (SA Smith) interviewed Springfield Police Sergeant Cody McFall (Sgt. McFall) regarding his involvement in the OICI. The interview was conducted at an off-site Springfield Police SWAT facility. The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device.

The details below summarize the pertinent portions of the recorded interview and are not a verbatim account. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify the content of the interview.

Sgt. McFall has been with the Springfield Police Department for seven years. He has additional service time with the Whitehall Police Department. He has been on the Springfield SWAT Team for three years. His role on the SWAT team is Team Leader.

On July 24, 2022, he was off duty and asleep due to working third shift the night prior. Due to being asleep he did not see the alert on his phone and was woken by a phone call from Det. Kyle Sullivan. Det. Sullivan relayed there was a callout and Sgt. James Byron responded to the SWAT facility and grabbed his gear. At that point both of the armored vehicles had already left,

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so he and several others took the equipment truck and responded to the scene.

Sgt. McFall was assigned to the MRAP at the rear of the trailer, which had been designated to ram the trailer as a diversion. His responsibility was to deploy a flashbang under the window, on the outside of the trailer, and to cover Trenton Holbrook with a shield while Holbrook deployed gas. After the first failed attempt, they got back in to the MRAP to wait for a second plan to be devised. The second plan was to launch a volley of gas and distraction devices prior to the entry team making a second attempt. After they received word that the team had extracted Deputy Yates, the rear MRAP team observed smoke coming from the trailer.

The MRAP was pulled back due to the fire, and arrangements were made to get fire apparatus to the trailer. Initially, Sgt. McFall provided lethal cover to another SWAT member who was operating a fire hose due to the fear of the subject exiting the engulfed trailer. More fire personnel arrived and were provided cover by SWAT members while they fought the fire.

Sgt. McFall did not discharge his weapon and only deployed the single flashbang distraction device listed above.

The interview was concluded at 1008 hours.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2022-08-10 / Sgt. Cody McFall audio interview

# **Exhibit 1**

**Included as a separate file.**