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:	Zachary Massie (W)
Date of Activity:	08/10/2022
Activity Location:	Massie, Zachary - Business - 130 N Fountain Ave, Springfield, OH 45502, Clark County
Author:	SA Kenneth J. Smith, #53

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 aefforts of Deputy Yates. During the standoff the mobile home caught fire and White was killed in the fire.

On August 10, 2022 at 1126 hours, BCI Special Agents Richard Ward (SA Ward) and Kenneth Smith (SA Smith) interviewed Springfield Police Officer Zack Massie (Ofc. Massie) 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.

Ofc. Massie has been with the Springfield Police Department for six years. He has prior service with the Clark County Sheriff's Office. He was assigned as a Hostage Negotiator and was waiting to go to certification school. On callouts, he was designated to observe and assist.

On July 24, 2022, he was off duty and had come in to catch up on paperwork. He received a text message from one of the responding officers stating there had been an officer involved shooting and that a deputy was down. He grabbed his gear and reached out to the Officer in

Charge to assist. Ofc. Massie responded to the Springfield SWAT facility and met Det. Justin Allender and Det. William Sanders as they were starting trucks and prepping equipment. They heard over the radio that the sheriff's office was taking fire and returning fire. Det. Sanders then drove one of the armored MRAPs with Ofc. Massie in the passenger seat to the scene.

Once on scene, they made a plan and did a quick recon of the trailer. They then went back to the staging area to coordinate with other teams. The MRAP that Ofc. Massie occupied, delivered the entry team to the front of the trailer while the other MRAP in the rear of the trailer was used as a diversion. Det. Shane Davis took over as the driver for Det. Sanders who became part of the contact/entry team. After the failed extraction attempt, Ofc. Massie and Det. Davis remained in the MRAP while a second plan was devised for another attempt. Gas and flashbangs were deployed and the second Springfield SWAT extraction was successful.

Ofc. Massie did not discharge his weapon or deploy any less lethal munitions.

The interview was concluded at 1134 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:   2022-08-10 / Ofc. Zach Massie audio interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.