



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



2022-2608
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 28 North Paint St., Chillicothe
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Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Taylor Mae Matson (W)
Date of Activity: 11/17/2022
Activity Location: Ross County Sheriff's Office – Business – 28 North Paint Street,
Chillicothe, OH 45601, Ross County
Author: SA Todd Fortner, #93

Narrative:

On Thursday, October 17, 2022, the Ross County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) requested the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) to respond to the Law Enforcement Complex (28 North Paint St.) to investigate an Officer-Involved Shooting involving RCSO Sergeant Eric Kocheran (Sgt. Kocheran) and an involved party, Nicholas Mitchell (Mitchell). During interaction between Sgt. Kocheran and Mitchell, both discharged a firearm. Both were injured and transported to the local hospital. Mitchell died of his injuries, while Sgt. Kocheran was transported to Grant in stable condition.

BCI Special Agent Todd Fortner (SA Fortner) interviewed Chillicothe Police Department (CPD) Dispatcher Taylor Matson (Disp. Matson) at the Law Enforcement Complex at 2055 hours. Also present was her union representative per her request. The building houses both RCSO and Chillicothe Police Department (CPD). The interview was recorded and uploaded to the case file. The audio recording was attached to this report and should be referred to for any further details. The following is a summary of the interview.

Disp. Matson advised she was working in the CPD dispatch center located on the first floor of the Law Enforcement Complex, that evening. She said she heard a noise that sounded to the other dispatcher like gunshots and the other dispatcher closed the door. A sheriff's deputy then knocked on the door and yelled, "Eric's been shot." and he stated the shooter was still on the loose. Disp. Matson said she got on the radio advising all units to return to the station then she grabbed a portable radio and went to the hallway.

Disp. Matson said she found Sgt. Kocheran lying in the hallway and his gun was on the ground next to him. She went to him and he told her he had been shot. She said a jail deputy said the shooter was outside. Disp. Matson said RCSO Sergeant Jason Gallagher arrived, took Sgt. Kocheran's pistol and went out the door. She advised she then provided medical aid to Sgt. Kocheran until medics arrived. Disp. Matson said she did see the other subject lying outside,

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briefly, but stayed with Sgt. Kocheran until returning to dispatch.

The interview concluded at 2110 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Matson Interview