



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



2023-1535

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 311 25th Street SW, Canton, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Case Opening
Activity Date: June 7, 2023
Activity Location: City of Canton
Authoring Agent: SA Matthew Armstrong #146

Narrative:

On Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at approximately 2300 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Chief John Gabbard (Gabbard) of the Canton Police Department (CPD) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 311 25th Street SW, Canton, Ohio. BCI Special Agent (SA) Matt Armstrong of the Special Investigations Unit responded to assist and arrived on June 8, 2023 at approximately 0013 hours. BCI SIU Special Agent Supervisor Jon Lieber, SA Nick Valente, SA Arvin Clar and SA Bill Conn also responded to assist. Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) was requested to process the scene. CSU SA Larry Hootman and Crime Scene Technician Mike Rostocil documented and collected pertinent evidence at the scene.

The shooting incident involved a subject, Jeffrey Neff, and a police officer from the Canton Police Department. The incident resulted in Neff being shot multiple times and the officer being shot once. Neff was transported to Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital in Canton where he died as a result of his injuries. The officer was taken to Altman Hospital for a minor wound on his right leg.

SA Armstrong was provided a formal request for assistance letter from Chief Gabbard. A copy of the letter has been attached to this report.

Attachments:

2023-06-07 Request for Assistance Letter



THE CITY OF CANTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF JOHN GABBARD

June 8th, 2023

Special Agent Matthew Armstrong
Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification
4055 Highlander Parkway
Richfield, OH 44286

Special Agent Armstrong,

Please accept this letter as my formal request to investigate the officer-involved shooting that occurred in Canton on June 7th, 2023. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Gabbard".

John Gabbard
Chief of Police