



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



2023-1809
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 3110 E. Livingston Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio 43227 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Officer Brady Thomas (W)
Date of Activity: 08/29/2023
Activity Location: Harshman, Wannemacher, Tipton & Lipperman – 4683 Winterset Drive, Columbus, OH 43220, Franklin County
Author: SA Ryan D. Scheiderer, #89

Narrative:

On August 29, 2023 at approximately 1424 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) obtained a recorded statement from Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Officer Brady Thomas (Officer Thomas) regarding the shooting incident involving officers from CPD, deputies from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO), and Antwan Lindsey (Lindsey) that occurred on July 08, 2023 at 3110 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio (Franklin County). Lindsey was fatally shot by officers during that incident. The contact with Officer Thomas took place at his attorney's office and his attorney, Kate Harshman, was present. Officer Thomas signed a Criminal Investigation Notification (CIN) form affirming his decision to provide a voluntary statement. The following is a summation of the contact with Officer Thomas and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording. *(It should be noted that during the interview, Lindsey was referred to as "suspect" by the officer and that verbiage may be used throughout the summary when trying to quote the officer or document what an officer stated they heard or thought regarding the incident)*

Officer Thomas, Badge #3361, has been with CPD for approximately seven (7) months and his assignment on July 8th was GR9B. On that date, Officer Thomas was dispatched to a "run" (call for service) in another district when he heard the "tones drop" and a "10-3" (officer in trouble) regarding a deputy sheriff in an active gunfight with a subject. Dispatch advised the deputy had been struck by gunfire. Officer Thomas looked up the address and realized he was approximately one (1) minute from the incident location. Officer Thomas disregarded his original call and put himself on the "officer in trouble" call. Officer Thomas arrived from the east and parked his cruiser east of the apartment building.

Upon arrival, Officer Thomas observed a "suspect", later identified as Lindsey, standing in the doorway of the south end of apartment building. Officer Thomas stated that entrance was

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glass and he could see the “suspect” and inside the doorway. Officer Thomas observed a FCSO [REDACTED] cruiser parked across (front southwest corner) from him with a deputy at the rear of the cruiser with his pistol aimed at the “suspect” in the doorway. Officer Thomas exited his cruiser, unholstered his pistol, aimed it at Lindsey, and began issuing commands to Lindsey such as “show us your hands”. Lindsey disappeared into the building and Officer Thomas moved to the rear (north end) of the building and met up with other officers. After seeing there was several officers at the rear, Officer Thomas went back to his cruiser and maintained a perimeter. After several minutes, Officer Thomas observed officers making their way down the staircase located inside the front of the apartment building. Eventually, one of those officers “waived” to the other officers indicating they needed more officers at his location. Officer Thomas joined the officers located on the stairwell and observed Lindsey standing in the lower-level positioned at a doorway separating the stairwell from a hallway. At that time there was one officer with a rifle deployed, an officer with his pistol deployed, and another officer on the south end stairwell.

Officer Thomas could only see the left-half of Lindsey’s body due to the way Lindsey was positioned within the doorway with the solid door blocking the view of Lindsey’s right side. Officer Thomas observed a firearm on the ground near Lindsey’s left foot. Officer Thomas stated that officers are trained the “Plus 1” theory, meaning that if a subject has one gun, you have to assume they could have another. Due to Officer Thomas not being able to see Lindsey’s right side, he could not determine if Lindsey was still armed or not. Officer were issuing multiple commands to Lindsey, but he was being “non-compliant” and repeating “Fuck you” to the officers. At that point, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] transitioned to his Taser. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and the officer with the rifle, later determined to be Officer Nicholas Cook (Officer Cook), made the announcement “Taser, Taser, Taser” and then [REDACTED] [REDACTED] deployed his Taser at Lindsey. Officer Thomas believed both Taser probes contacted Lindsey due to him moving away from the officers at the front of the building. Officer Thomas wasn’t sure if Lindsey went down or simply moved away from the Taser, but Lindsey disappeared to the other side of the door. At that time, Officer Thomas heard gunfire from the hallway where Lindsey disappeared. Officer Thomas wasn’t sure if officers and Lindsey fired then, or if it was just officers. Officer Thomas observed officers rendering aid to Lindsey. Officer Lindsey and other officers then “cleared” the rest of the apartment building to make sure there were no additional threats.

Officer Thomas denied observing anyone discharge a firearm during the incident. Officer Thomas denied hearing any gunfire prior to the gunfire he heard after the Taser was deployed. Officer Thomas clarified that during the entire time he was involved in the incident, he believed a deputy sheriff had been struck by gunfire. Officer Thomas denied knowing where the involved-deputy was located at the incident location. Officer Thomas didn’t have any additional information.

Attachments:

- Attachment # 01: CPD Officer Brady Thomas Audio Interview 8.29.2023
- Attachment # 02: Officer Brady Thomas CIN 8.29.2023

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Criminal Investigation Notification

1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is **not** a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

BRADY THOMAS

Printed Name of Interviewee

8/29/23 2:25 PM

Date / Time

Brady Thomas

Signature of Interviewee

RYAN SCHEIDT

BCI Agent (Printed)

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BCI Agent (Signature)