



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



2024-1814  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 8401 South Dixie Highway,  
Rudolph, Ohio 43462

**Investigative Activity:** Case Opening  
**Involves:** Wood County Sheriffs Office (O), George Eric Taylor (S)  
**Date of Activity:** 06/16/2024  
**Activity Location:** Taylor, George Eric – Home – 8401 South Dixie Highway, Rudolph, OH 43462  
**Author:** SA Joshua S. Rammel, #175

**Narrative:**

On June 16, 2024, Special Agent (SA) Josh Rammel (Rammel) and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) responded to an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) involving the Wood County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) and deceased individual George Eric Taylor (Eric).

SA Rammel, SA Chris Hamberg (Hamberg), SA Jason Snyder (Snyder), SA Megan Roberts, Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Scott Stranahan (Stranahan), and Crime Scene Technician Emily Miller (Miller) responded to the location of the OICI, 8401 South Dixie Highway, Rudolph, Ohio, identified as Eric's residence.

SA Rammel was provided a signed Request for Assistance (RFA) from Lieutenant Rod Smith (Smith) of the WCSO. Additional information included in the RFA indicated that the initial response call by the WCSO to Eric's residence was based off of a welfare check.

The RFA also stated that Deputies with the WCSO responded to Eric's residence and made contact with Eric as Eric was in possession of a knife and a long gun. A civilian friend of Eric also responded to residence as well.

During the altercation with Eric, the WCSO believed a single shot was fired by one of the WCSO Deputies resulting in Eric's death.

The RFA provided to SA Rammel was attached to this investigation.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: wood county OICI RFA 2024-06-16

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# WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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MARK WASYLYSHYN  
Sheriff



RODNEY KONRAD  
Chief Deputy

To: BCI&I/SIU  
Ohio Attorney General's Office  
Fr: Mark Wasylyshyn  
Wood County Ohio Sheriff  
Re: Request for Investigation

16Jun2024

Sir:

I, as Sheriff of Wood Co. Ohio, (or my designee) am requesting your office initiate and conduct the entire investigation into a deputy involved shooting. The incident occurred at 8401 S. Dixie Hwy, Rudolph Ohio (Liberty Twp) 43462 at approximately 0255hrs this date (16Jun2024).

The BCI&I Crime Scene Unit has also been requested and is responding.

The Wood County Sheriff's Office was conducting a requested 'check the welfare' of a reported suicidal male. Once deputies arrived, contacted was made with the male who alternated between holding a knife and long gun.

There were two sworn deputies and a civilian friend of the victim on scene when a single shot was fired by one of the deputies.

The male has been pronounced dead and is still on scene inside the residence. Also present is the deputy that did not engage the victim and the friend/witness. The deputy that engaged the victim has been escorted to a local hospital for medical clearance and will be made available once that process is complete.

WCSO Det. Lt. R. Smith is on scene and can be reached at [REDACTED]

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Sheriff Mark Wasylyshyn

  
Designee Print

  
Signature

  
Title/Rank