



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



2021-0888
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 500 South Cleveland Ave.,
Westerville, Ohio 43081 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Dustin Hartman (W)
Date of Activity: 04/12/2021
Activity Location: Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital – Business – 500 S. Cleveland Ave., Westerville, OH 43081, Franklin County
Author: SA Perry K. Roeser, #114

Narrative:

On April 12, 2021, the Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Perry Roeser was contacted by BCI Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Kevin Barbeau and asked if he could assist with an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI). The location was Mount Carmel Saint Ann's Hospital, 500 S. Cleveland St., Columbus, Ohio. SAS Barbeau explained that several non-involved officers were on the scene and needed to be interviewed. SA Roeser told SAS Barbeau he would assist with the OICI.

SA Roeser arrived on the scene at approximately 1730 hours and learned the Columbus Police Department (CPD) and hospital security officers discharged their firearms at a suspect in the emergency room (ER) area. The suspect did not survive the injuries after the encounter with law enforcement.

SA Roeser and SAS Barbeau traveled to a hospital conference room where several non-involved hospital safety security officers and civilian employees were located which needed to be interviewed.

At approximately 1804 hours, SA Roeser contacted Dustin Hartman. SA Roeser first correctly identified himself to Hartman and asked Hartman if he would consent to a voluntary interview. Hartman agreed to speak with SA Roeser.

Hartman said he was a registered nurse and was assigned as the mid-shift client supervisor for the emergency room. Hartman said he had been employed at Mount Carmel Saint Ann's Hospital for three years and worked Monday through Thursday with Friday, Saturday, and Sunday's off. Hartman further advised he was retired from active military service after twenty years.

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SA Roeser asked Hartman how he became involved with the OICI. Hartman said he was in an office getting ready for a meeting within the ER department when he heard an overhead alarm. A few moments later, Hartman's supervisor brought patients into the room and indicated there was an active shooter in the ER. Hartman said he saw a security officer running after helping usher individuals into the room, which he followed into the involved area. Hartman said after he badged both the security officer and himself into the ER, he looked around the corner and noticed CPD officers and a row of security officers with their guns drawn. Hartman said he heard officers giving commands to "drop the weapon" and "show your hands."

Hartman said soon after, he heard a taser deploy but did not witness the deployment. Hartman then said he listened to a single gunshot and then saw multiple officers fire their weapons into ER #9. After the shooting, he asked if any officers were hurt. He was told no and then went into room ER #9 and saw the subject on the ground in a "crumbled position." Hartman said officers helped place the subject onto a cot and took him into a trauma room for life-saving measures that ultimately failed. Hartman said he had no previous contact with the subject in ER #9.

Hartman said while in ER# 9, he saw a black semi-automatic handgun in the corner of the room.

Hartman said that after the life-saving measures failed, he checked on his employees and told them to call their families and let them know they were ok.

The interview between SA Roeser and Hartman concluded at approximately 1826 hours and can be reviewed for additional details. See attachment #1 for a copy of the audio recording.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:803_0102 Dustin Hartman