



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



2022-0498  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 34 E. Fulton Ave., Columbus  
43215 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Det. Tyler Hartley (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 03/07/2022  
**Activity Location:** Franklin County Sheriff's Office – Business – 373 South High Street, Floor 2B, Columbus, OH 43215, Franklin County  
**Author:** SA James H Gore, #168

**Narrative:**

On March 7, 2022 at approximately 1220 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) James Gore interviewed Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Detective Tyler Hartley at the FCSO Investigations Bureau. The purpose of the interview was to obtain information regarding an Officer-Involved Critical Incident which took place on the same date at the Franklin County Commissioners' Garage, which is adjacent to the sheriff's office. Det. Hartley reported that he did not witness the actual incident; however, he did take possession of an involved officer's handgun shortly thereafter. This report is not a full transcript of Det. Hartley's interview; rather, it accounts for only those points which the author deemed pertinent.

Det. Hartley explained that he is a property crimes investigator at the sheriff's office, and his normal work schedule is 0700 – 1500 hours, Saturday through Wednesday.

Det. Hartley mentioned that on the morning of the incident, he heard over his radio a dispatch call which stated that there had been a shooting in the Commissioners' Garage. Det. Hartley said that he and many other deputies from the Investigations Bureau responded to the garage.

Det. Hartley recalled that as he arrived on scene on the 7th floor, he observed several officers and deputies around a male subject who was lying face-up. The male, according to Det. Hartley, appeared to have a bleeding gunshot wound on his head.

Det. Hartley said that the scene appeared to be secure, so he and Det. James Jodrey walked one of the involved officers, Officer [REDACTED] up to the 9th floor of the garage to get him away from the scene.

While on the 9th floor, Officer [REDACTED] reportedly stated to Det. Hartley that he had secured his firearm back in his holster (*the firearm was reportedly discharged during the incident*). Det. Hartley said he then requested that Det. Mark Eagan (FCSO) retrieve some gloves and a

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paper bag for him, so that Officer [REDACTED] handgun could be packaged. Det. Hartley recalled that Officer [REDACTED] then rendered his firearm "safe" by removing it from its holster, removing the magazine, and ejecting a live round from its chamber. Officer [REDACTED] according to Det. Hartley, placed the handgun, the magazine, and the cartridge into the paper bag. Det. Hartley said he did not handle any of the items.

Det. Hartley explained that Officer [REDACTED] is attached to the sheriff's office drug unit, but he is actually employed by the Clinton Township Police Department.

Det. Hartley said that Officer [REDACTED] had made some statements regarding the incident, but he could not recall precisely what his words were. He also mentioned that Deputy [REDACTED] (FCSO) was present, but he was unsure if she was there during the entire incident or if she arrived afterward.

Prior to beginning the interview, Det. Hartley presented the following photos to SA Gore. Det. Hartley said the photos were of Officer [REDACTED] and they were taken by Det. Jodrey (FCSO).



Image of Officer [REDACTED]

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Image of Officer [REDACTED]

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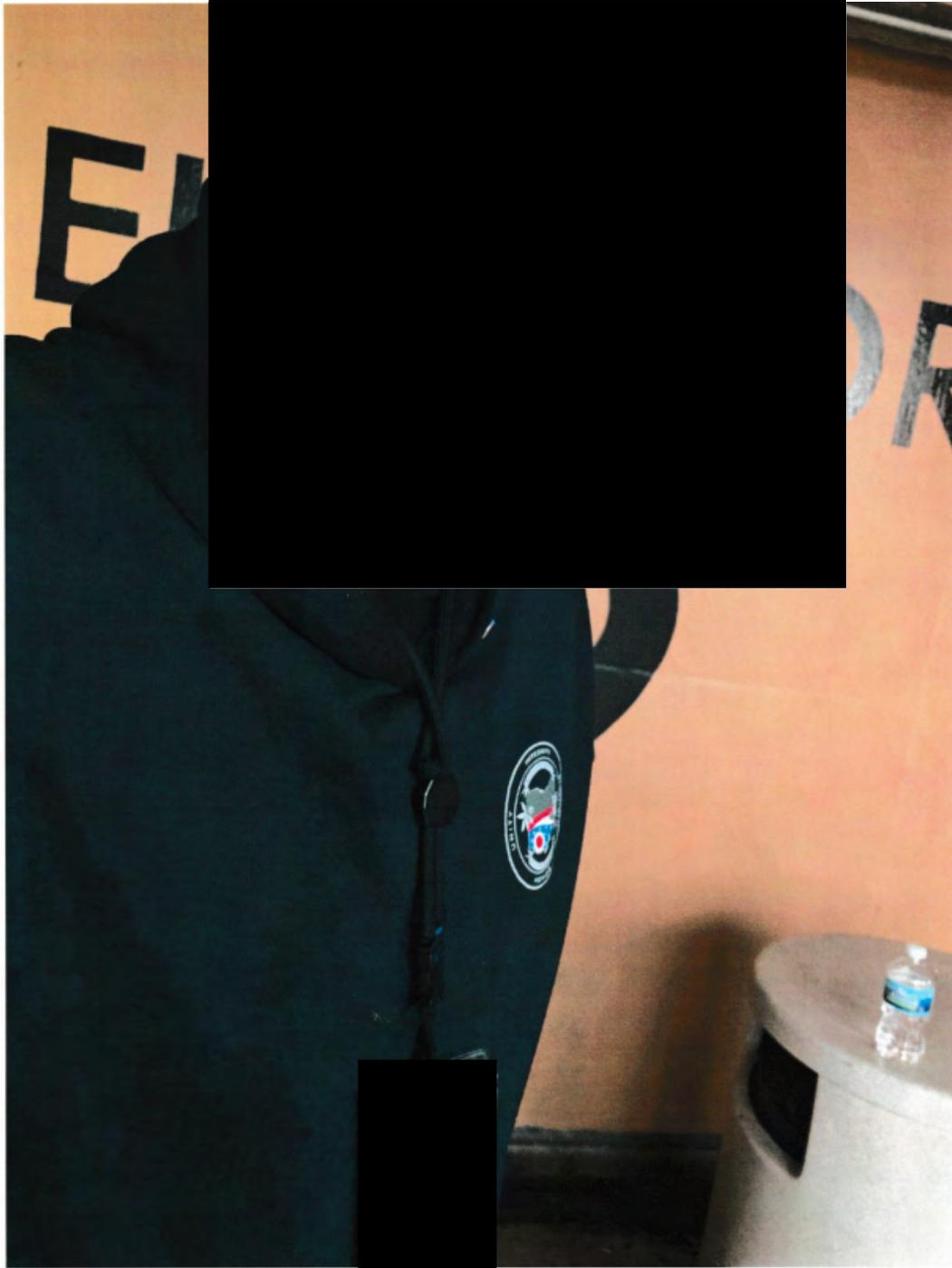


Image of Officer [REDACTED]

Det. Hartley said that deputies wanted to photograph Officer [REDACTED] especially the marks on his face, because Officer [REDACTED] reported that he had been struck. Det. Hartley also mentioned that Officer [REDACTED] was on the ground rendering aid to the subject, so he was uncertain whether the staining on Officer [REDACTED] pants was blood or mud, or a mixture of both.

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Det. Hartley further recalled that when he arrived on scene in the garage, he observed a black female whose face was covered in blood. The woman was standing with a black male subject. Det. Hartley said he did not overhear their conversation, as the scene was loud with yelling and vehicle noise.

Det. Hartley estimated that at least 40 other deputies and officers responded to the scene, but he mentioned that along with Dep. [REDACTED] Sgt. [REDACTED] (FCSO) may have had closer involvement in the incident. Det. Hartley said he did not interview or question any of the involved parties.

Det. Hartley added that Officer [REDACTED] was rendering aid to the downed subject from a medical bag which he kept in his own vehicle. Officer [REDACTED] according to Det. Hartley, normally parked his car in the immediate vicinity of where the incident took place.

An audio copy of Det. Hartley's interview is available for further review as an attachment to this report.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment # 01: Det. Tyler Hartley Interview – SA Gore, 3-07-2022 1220
- Attachment # 02: FCSO provided image of Ofc. [REDACTED] 1
- Attachment # 03: FCSO provided image of Ofc. [REDACTED] 2
- Attachment # 04: FCSO provided image of Ofc. [REDACTED] 3





