



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



2022-1354

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 135 Old National Rd, Lore City
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Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Steve Schubert (W)
Date of Activity: 06/30/2022
Activity Location: Schubert, Steve – Business – 601 Southgate Parkway, Cambridge, OH 43725, Guernsey County
Author: SA James A. Mulford, #39

Narrative:

On June 30, 2022, at approximately 1040 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents James Poole (SA Poole) and Jim Mulford (SA Mulford) interviewed Guernsey County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) SRT EMT Steve Schubert (EMT Schubert) in response to an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on June 24, 2022, between the Guernsey County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) and Joy Graham (Graham). Graham's vehicle was stopped with stop sticks after a pursuit. A canine was deployed in response to Graham refusing to exit the vehicle. Graham brandished a pistol and two involved deputies fired their weapons into the vehicle. Graham died as a result of the OICI. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

This interview was audio recorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview.

EMT Schubert provided agents with a written statement regarding the OICI. Agents reviewed the statement upon receipt. EMT Schubert signed his statement provided to BCI, and he verified the statement was a true and accurate depiction of the OICI incident. Please refer to EMT Schubert statement for further details. A copy of the signed written statement was saved within the case file and is attached to this report.

EMT Schubert confirmed he was dispatched to the incident as part of the Special Response Team to perform his duties as a tactical medic. While on scene, EMT Schubert provided medical attention to GCSO Major Wilkinson who fell down during the incident. Also, EMT Schubert, rendered medical care to Graham. This included on-scene and in the ambulance en route to the hospital.

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EMT Schubert reported not seeing most of the active shooting because he was behind cover of a vehicle. Furthermore, EMT Schubert advised he did not see a firearm at any time near or around Graham.

EMT Schubert had no further information. The interview concluded at approximately 1100 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Steve Schubert Written Statement

Attachment # 02: 06-30-2022 Steve Schubert Interview

On June 24th, 2022 I received a call at 2241 hrs from Guernsey County Sheriff's Office Dispatcher Kurtz advising me that they are activating SRT and to meet at Old National Rd and State Route 285 in Old Washington. I advised dispatcher Kurtz during that phone call to put MedFlight and Southeastern Med ER on standby and to make sure that there would be a medic crew staging in the area.

I arrived on scene at 2253 hrs and immediately met up with Sheriff Paden and Major [REDACTED] and waited for the briefing.

After the briefing the team approached the vehicle, I was behind the team with a shield and medical bag where I took up position on the front passenger side of a blue pickup truck that was parked in a driveway near the subject's vehicle. Due to the line of site of the subject, and for the security of myself, I moved to the left of the blue vehicle and towards the team to position myself behind the B pillar of the subject's vehicle (the support between the front door and back door of a vehicle) so that I would not be in the direct view of the subject.

The front passenger window was broken, and a flash bang was tossed into the front passenger window. I then heard a Taser being activated and then gunshots. I noticed Major [REDACTED] fall down on his back in front of me. I started to go grab his vest to pull him away so I could start treating him. However, he immediately got up and took his position. After it was determined that there was no longer a threat, I pulled Major [REDACTED] to the side of the blue pickup truck and started to assess him for injuries as I believed that he may have taken a shot to the body or body armor since I witnessed him go down. After determining that Major [REDACTED] was not injured, I immediately went over to the driver's side of the subject's vehicle and found the subject laying supine, feet towards the vehicle on the ground just outside of the driver's side door bleeding from the face, ears, chest and right arm. I checked for a pulse along with (EMT) Emergency Medical Technician Courtney Ryan who just arrived on scene along with a Medic from Old Washington. None of the three of us could feel a pulse. An EKG was then placed on the subject who is now our patient and a Medic from Old Washington advised that the rhythm was PEA (Pulseless Electrical Activity). EMT Ryan started CPR, and I started on the airway by bagging the patient with a bag valve mask. The patient was then loaded onto a small backboard, moved to the cot and then she was placed in the back of the Old Washington's ambulance where the crew from Old Washington placed an automated CPR machine on the patient and the Medic from Old Washington established an airway. EMT Ryan and I assisted the crew of Old Washington to the Hospital. During the initial exam, I noticed what appeared to be gunshot entry wounds to the right cheek area, right axillary area and on the right arm.

The patient was transported to the Hospital at 2321

Transport was completed upon arrival at Southeastern Med ER and handing off the patient to the ER staff at 2333.

Steve Schubert (EMT) Emergency Medical Technician

 6-30-2022