



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



2022-2121
Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 6463 Tara Brooke Court,
Hamilton, OH 45011 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer Brad Popplewell (W)
Date of Activity: 11/01/2022
Activity Location: Popplewell, Officer Brad – Business – 9577 Beckett Road, West Chester, OH 45069, Butler County
Author: SA Lauren Frazier, #129

Narrative:

On October 8, 2022, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at 6463 Tara Brooke Court, Hamilton, Ohio, which resulted in the death of Stephaun Jones. BCI Special Agents Lauren Frazier and Doug Eveslage interviewed Officer Brad Popplewell (Officer Popplewell) with the West Chester Police Department about his involvement with the OICI.

The details below summarize the pertinent portions of the recorded interview. Please refer to the audio recording for additional information.

The interview with Officer Popplewell (Badge #298) was conducted on November 1, 2022, at 0941 hours at the West Chester Police Department located at 9577 Beckett Road, West Chester, Ohio. Officer Popplewell has been a police officer at the West Chester Police Department for approximately 3^{1/2} years and serves on SWAT and is a Field Training Officer (FTO).

On October 8, 2022, Officer Popplewell stated that officers were using radio channel Law 5 to communicate with other agencies. Officer Popplewell said that he was dispatched for an agency assist in reference to a shooting that occurred.

Officer Popplewell responded directly to the Morris Road address. He said that he waited for West Chester Lt. Lovell, Officer Veeneman and his K9, and Officer Hetzer to arrive. He said that additional information about the incident was obtained on scene and they were told that the subject pointed a gun at officers and a taser was deployed. They were later told that the subject had shot someone who was now deceased.

Officer Popplewell went with Officer Veeneman, the K9, and a Fairfield Township Officer to attempt to track the subject. He heard via radio that someone may be running and then heard

This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law – a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.

several shots fired from a distance. He said that they exited a wooded area near Tara Brooke Court and went to the shooting scene.

When Officer Popplewell arrived, he said that officers were rendering medical aid to the subject who was laying on the ground. Officer Popplewell said that he "downloaded" Hamilton Police Officer Bolin's rifle and handgun and secured them in the back of a Hamilton police cruiser on scene. He said that both guns had a round in the chamber, which he ejected, before making the firearms safe.

The interview concluded at 0950 hours. A copy of the audio recording is attached (see attachment #01).

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-11-01 / Officer Brad Popplewell Audio Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.