



Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation



Criminal Investigation Notification

1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is not a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

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Printed Name of Interviewee

01/01/22 1000
Date / Time


Signature of Interviewee

ROCK WARD
BCI Agent (Printed)


BCI Agent (Signature)

On 02/11/2022 at approximately 2245 a felony traffic stop was conducted on Lebanon Rd @ Garver Rd. The purpose of this stop was to take custody of a suspect named Dustin Booth who had fail to comply with other officers earlier in the day and had barricaded himself inside of his home when police tried to make contact with him. We knew that Mr. Booth was possibly armed during the traffic stop due to him having a gun on his hip earlier in the day when he was barricaded inside of his home. According to officer and Mr. Booths wife he was going through some sort of mental health crisis that had been on going for some time. One of Dustin's friends was driving his truck and Mr. Booth was in the front seat passenger seat. I was the second car behind the suspect vehicle when the lead officer conducted the stop. I then positioned my vehicle in the opposing lanes of travel next to the lead officer to perform a felony stop. I then exited my vehicle and drew my service pistol and pointed it at the vehicle. I then saw what appeared to be both occupants in some sort of struggle due to the vehicle moving around and I believe Officer Halsey stated that the two men were indeed fighting. The driver's door then swung open, and the driver immediately jumped out of the vehicle and was yelling. I could not make out what he was yelling at first but then Officer Halsey stated that he thought he said he had been stabbed. The driver was then stating that Mr. Booth did in fact have a firearm on his person.

I then saw the passenger identified as Dustin Booth exit the vehicle and start to move in front of the vehicle. At this time Mr. Booth had his hands in the air and was walking NB towards SR 63. I then saw officers start to break their cover and start walking towards Mr. Booth. I then came from my patrol vehicle and started walking towards Mr. Booth. I then thought I might get in my vehicle just in case Mr. Booth decides to begin to run as other officers were already walking towards him. I then got back into my patrol vehicle and started moving forward but decided that it was not going to be needed and exited my patrol vehicle again. I moved back up to where Mr. Booth was with my service pistol drawn and aimed it at Mr. Booth. I began to give him commands to get on the ground and to stop walking as were all the other officers on scene. He failed to comply with all of our commands, and I then saw Officer Doughman's K-9 partner charging at Mr. Booth and it hit him in the back. The K-9 then ran back towards Officer Doughman and he sent him back towards Mr. Booth. The K-9 then hit his arm and the next thing I know Officer Doughman is going hands on with Mr. Booth. The two of them spin around and both end up on the ground. I still had my service pistol trained on Mr. Booth and thought that I might have to go hands on with him as well, so I began to move towards them. I then saw Mr. Booth break free from Officer Doughman and he started to stand up from the ground and began to reach towards his waistband. Mr. Booth then drew a silver revolver from his waistband I then yelled "Gun" to alert the other officers that I had observed a gun and he began to bring it up from his waist pointing it in the direction of me and the other officers and in the moment I was in fear for my life and the life of the other officers on scene so I discharged my service pistol multiple times until Mr. Booth fell to the ground and was no longer a threat.

We then moved up to Mr. Booth to secure the silver revolver that was now laying next to him, and I then holstered my service pistol and ran to my Patrol vehicle to retrieve my Medical Bag. I then ran back to where Mr. Booth was laying and began to treat his wounds. I began to pack the bullet holes that were located on his left chest with quick clot gauze and then applied a tourniquet to his left arm. Medics arrived on scene shortly after and he was placed on the stretcher and loaded into the squad.



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