



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 6235 Hathaway Rd.,
Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio 44125

Investigative Activity: Interview of Detective Mark Lee

Activity Date: 11-14-23

Activity Location: 6235 Hathaway Rd., Garfield Heights, Ohio.

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Joseph Goudy #83

Narrative:

On Thursday, November 14, 2023 at 1534 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents (SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) and Jon Lieber (Lieber) spoke with Garfield Heights Police Department (GHPD) Detective (Det) Mark Lee (Lee). This was in reference to the officer involved shooting that had occurred at 6235 Hathaway Road, in the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio. Det Lee was a witness officer at the time of the incident and agreed to speak with agents while on scene. The interview occurred in the back yard.

Det Lee stated his radio call sign and badge number is 02. Det Lee has been with GHPD for 3.5 years with 9 years of overall time in law enforcement. On the day of the incident, Det. Lee was wearing his standard uniform of the day for his current assignment which consisted of black BDU pants and an exterior vest with GHPD markings in place. Det Lee was also driving an unmarked cruiser, number 3423, which is a black Ford Taurus. At the time of the incident, Det Lee stated he was well represented as a law enforcement officer.

Det. Lee stated he heard dispatch relay information to the other patrol units about a suicidal male. One of the officers radioed in that the male had a gun to his head and that they needed more units. When Det. Lee arrived on scene, [REDACTED] gave Det. Lee the keys to retrieve a shield and less lethal. As soon as Det Lee exited the basement to retrieve those items, that is when Det. Lee heard the gunshots being fired. Det Lee stated he heard approximately 10 gunshots fired. When Det Lee re-entered the basement, he began to assist with administering emergency aid. During the short time Det Lee was inside the basement, he stated he was not able to see where Benard Russell was located prior to the shooting.

(For further details, please refer to the attached audio interview of Garfield Heights Police Detective Mark Lee.)

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