



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: Stephaun Sylas Jones (S)
Date of Activity: 10/14/2022
Activity Location: Fairfield Twp. Police Department – Business – 6485 Vonnie Vale Court, Hamilton, OH 45011
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On October 14, 2022, at 1358 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) and Special Agent Richard Ward (SA Ward) conducted an interview with Fairfield Township Police Officer Scott Singleton (Officer Singleton) regarding his involvement in an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that took place on October 8, 2022, in Fairfield Township. The interview took place at the Fairfield Township Police Department. The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device.

The information provided below summarizes key points from the recorded interview and is not a verbatim account. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify the content of the interview.

While the terms "suspect" or "subject" may have been used by Officer Singleton during the interview to identify Jones, knowing that Jones had been identified earlier in the investigation, his name will be utilized in this report.

Officer Singleton advised BCI agents that he was working the evening shift on October 8, 2022. He was the officer-in-charge of the shift. He said he has been employed by FTPD for approximately three years.

Regarding his involvement in the OICI, Officer Singleton advised the following:

Officer Singleton said he heard a dispatch regarding a reckless vehicle operator. Dispatch provided an update that the involved vehicle was involved in a shooting in the city of Hamilton. The vehicle eventually ended up on Morris Road in Fairfield Township. Shortly after FTPD officers arrived, Officer Singleton heard them activate the "man down button." He was unable

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to completely comprehend the officers' radio traffic due to the tones associated with the man down button. He then responded to Morris Road.

Officer Singleton arrived and saw two FTPD officers [Officers Austin Reed and Mark Bartlett, Jr.] pointing their firearms. He heard the officers yelling, "Drop the gun." He did not initially see who the officers were engaging with. He then looked toward the woods and saw Jones, whom he described as a Black male with dreadlocks and a green camouflage shirt. He did not see Jones with a gun; however, he clarified that he was further away from Jones than the other officers.

Officer Singleton, realizing that the distance was too great for a handgun, retrieved his patrol rifle from his cruiser. By the time he was able to get his rifle ready, one of the officers discharged a TASER. Jones then fled into the woods.

Officer Singleton began searching the wooded area with another FTPD officer. During the search, he was approached by the homeowner of the property. The homeowner informed him that he last saw Jones near his pole barn. The homeowner further stated that Jones was loading his firearm.

The FTPD officers were joined by Butler County Sheriff's Office deputies. They cleared the pole barn. Officer Singleton requested additional resources. A West Chester Township Police canine officer arrived and began a track.

Ultimately, he heard over the radio that Hamilton police officers located Jones. He heard "shots fired" over the radio. He then learned that Jones was down.

The interview was concluded at 1405 hours. The audio recording is attached below.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-10-14 / Interview with Fairfield Township Police Officer Scott Singleton

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.