



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



2022-1564
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1132 Ashwood Drive, South
Charleston, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Andrew Reynolds Maj. (S)
Date of Activity: 08/09/2022
Activity Location: Clark County Sheriff's Office – 3130 East Main Street, Springfield,
OH 45502, Clark County
Author: SA Richard Ward, #55

Narrative:

On Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 0940 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agents Richard Ward and Kenneth Smith met with Clark County Sheriff's Office Major Andy Reynolds at the Clark County Sheriff's Office, East District, 3130 East Main Street, Springfield, Ohio for the purpose of an interview. On July 24, 2022, Jones and other Clark County Sheriff's personnel responded to an "Officer Down" call at 1132 Ashwood Drive where Deputy Matthew Yates was shot and killed by Cole White. Reynolds participated in an unsuccessful attempt to recover Yates from inside the trailer.

Major Reynolds has been employed with the Clark County Sheriff's Office for twenty-four years and held the rank of Major for five years. Reynolds was assigned as the Administrative Major and oversees the jail, road patrol and detective section.

On July 24, 2022, Major Reynolds stated he was contacted by Chief Deputy Cox about an officer down and he responded to the scene at the Harmony Estates trailer park. Reynolds stated once he arrived, the Special Operations Team (SOT) began to arrive and he positioned himself at 1/2 (northwest) corner. When the SOT team made entry to recover Yates, Reynolds stated the SOT team immediately came under fire and the team exited the front door. From the 1/2 corner, Reynolds stated he discharged his Glock 9mm handgun into the trailer for "cover fire" while the team exited. Reynolds stated once at "hard cover", Deputy Ross Eubanks, who sought cover behind a tree, asked Reynolds what he should do. Reynold discharged his Glock 9mm three or four rounds for "cover fire" into the trailer while Eubanks retreated to his location. Reynolds believed he fired six to eight rounds total, in two different volleys.

Major Reynolds remained by a shed at the 1/2 corner while Springfield Police SWAT arrived and rammed the trailer's backside with their MRAP vehicle, which knocked the trailer off its foundation. Springfield Police SWAT requested all the perimeter personnel to move back

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and Reynolds stated he relocated to the 3/4 (southeast) corner and maintained cover. At his location, Reynolds stated Greene County SWAT deployed CS gas and he believed Deputy Yates was recovered on the third attempt by a combination of Greene County and Ohio State Highway Patrol SWAT. Reynolds stated Yates was recovered and removed with the Clark County SOT BearCat.

Agent Ward concluded the interview with Major Reynolds at 0948 hours. Attached below is the audio recorded interview with Reynolds.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-08-09 / Maj. Andy Reynolds audio recorded Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.