

Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Investigative Report

2022-0001

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 2307 10th Street SW, Canton, Ohio



Investigative Activity: SIU Initial Response Activity Date: January 1, 2022

Activity Location: 2307 10th Street SW, Canton, Ohio **Authoring Agent**: SA Matthew Armstrong #146

Narrative:

On January 1, 2022, at 0101 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matthew Armstrong (Armstrong) was notified by BCI Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) David Posten (Posten) of an officer-involved shooting located at 2307 10th Street SW, Canton, Ohio, 44706. The shooting occurred in the city of Canton and involved a subject who had been transported to Aultman Hospital and City of Canton Police officer. In addition, BCI SA Charles Moran (Moran), SA Stacey Fifer (Fifer), SA Charles Snyder (Snyder) and SAS Posten also responded. SAS Posten (arrived at 0159 hours), SA Fifer (arrived at 0228 hours) and SA Snyder initially responded to the scene. SA Moran responded to Aultman Hospital and arrived at 0213 hours. SA Armstrong responded to the Canton Police Department and arrived at 0206 hours. The BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) was dispatched to process the scene. SA Daniel Boerner (Boerner) and SA Justin Soroka (Soroka) responded to the scene.

Upon arrival, SA Armstrong met with Canton Police Detective (Det.) Sergeant (Sgt.) Michael Talkington (Talkington) and Canton City Prosecutor Katie Erchick Gilbert. They were in the process of obtaining a search warrant for the residence and determined Det. Sgt. Talkington would be the affiant on the warrant. Det. Sgt. Talkington indicated three juveniles and two adults were present inside the residence when the shooting occurred. They were transported to the police department and waiting to be interviewed. The subject involved in the shooting was James Williams. He had died as a result of his injuries.

SA Armstrong then met with Lt. Mark Kandel (Kandel). Lt. Kandel indicated he would be the point of contact. SA Armstrong provided him a copy of the Law Enforcement Guide – Requesting BCI Investigative Services for an Officer-Involved Critical Incident. Lt. Kandel provided SA Armstrong with a copy of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) report associated with the incident.

SA Armstrong learned the involved officer was Robert Huber (Huber) and a potential witness officer was Christian Paris (Paris). Officer Paris was still present at the scene. SAS Posten spoke with Officer Paris who declined to give at statement at that time. Officer Huber was not believed to have any physical injuries but was transported by his Sgt. to Aultman Hospital as a standard protocol.

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At approximately 0213 hours, SA Moran arrived at Aultman Hospital. He collected multiple items of evidence and transported them to the scene. An evidence receipt was completed. For details regarding the items of evidence collected, refer to the report titled, 2022-01-01 Response to Aultman Hospital.

At approximately 0315 hours, SA Armstrong met with CPD Sgt. James Daniel (Daniel). Sgt. Daniel indicated Officer Huber had been relieved from duty and sent home. Prior to his departure, Sgt. Daniel collected and photographed Officer Huber's duty firearm, magazines and ammunition. Sgt. Daniel turned over the items of evidence, along with a CPD evidence receipt. SA Armstrong collected the items and provided CPD with a BCI evidence receipt. After transporting the items to BCI, the items were opened, photographed and stored in evidence. For additional details, refer to the report titled, 2022-01-01 Involved Officer's Firearm Collected.

At approximately 0330 hours, SA Armstrong met with CPD Technology Officer Robert Sean Flaherty (Flaherty). Officer Flaherty provided SA Armstrong with a copy of Officer Huber's body-worn camera footage, which was recorded during the officer-involved shooting incident. The footage was provided on a thumb drive which was stored in the BCI SIU case file as Reference Item A.

The adult occupants of the residence were identified as Jamal Monday, Janairul Williams and Marquetta Williams (Marquetta). The three juvenile occupants were identified as Jae Williams (12 years of age), Paige Williams (11 years of age) and Ja'Lia Williams (9 years of age). All of the occupants except Marquetta were present at the police department. Marquetta was at Aultman Hospital with a family member.

At approximately 0402 hours, SA Armstrong and SA Moran interviewed Jamal Monday. For details regarding the information learned throughout the interview, refer to the Investigative Report titled, 2022-01-01 Witness Interview – Jamal Monday.

At approximately 0427 hours, SA Armstrong and SA Moran interviewed Janairul Williams. For details regarding the information learned throughout the interview refer to the Investigative Report titled, 2022-01-01 Witness Interview – Janairul Williams.

It was then learned Marquetta was en route to the police department. At approximately 0512 hours, SA Armstrong and SA Moran interviewed Marquetta. For details regarding the information learned throughout the interview, refer to the Investigative Report titled, 2022-01-01 Witness Interview – Marquetta Williams.

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Due to the circumstances, it was determined the juveniles would not be interviewed at that time. Marquetta was informed that if investigators became interested in interviewing the juveniles at a later date, she would be contacted.

SA Armstrong and SA Moran then responded to the crime scene at 2307 10th Street SW, Canton, Ohio. The crime scene was clearly marked with yellow police tape and included the interior portion of the residence, as well as the roadway in front of the residence, the front porch, a fenced in west-side patio and driveway. SA Boerner and SA Soroka were processing the scene, which included the obtained 3-dimensional scan of the scene. For details regarding the crime scene processing, refer to the report titled, 2022-01-01 Crime Scene Processing – 2307 10th St. SW.

Marquetta requested to obtain some clothing items and shoes for her and her children. At approximately 0630 hours, SA Armstrong escorted Marquetta through the home while she obtained the requested personal property.

While the scene was being processed, SA Fifer and SA Snyder completed a neighborhood canvass in an attempt to identify witnesses and or video camera footage of the incident. They located and interviewed four potential witnesses. They were Raylynn Jackson, Tyler Campbell, John Reese and Tanika Quansetta Blasingame. None of the potential witnesses visually witnessed the shooting incident. For additional details, refer to the Investigative Reports titled, 2022-01-01: Raylynn Jackson and Tyler Campbell – Interview/Neighborhood Canvas, 2022-01-01: John E. Reese – Interview/Neighborhood Canvas/Audio Recorded and 2022-01-01 Tanika Quansetta Blasingame – Interview Attempt/Uncooperative.

At approximately 0725 hours, all BCI SIU personnel cleared the scene. SA Boerner transported the items of evidence collected from the scene to the BCI – Richfield office. Prior to clearing the scene, the items of evidence collected from Aultman Hospital were turned over to SA Armstrong by SA Moran. SA Armstrong transported the items of evidence he collected from the police department and the items of evidence collected from Aultman Hospital to the BCI Richfield office and secured them in temporary evidence. For additional details, see the report titled, 2022-01-01 Evidence Transported to BCI – Richfield.