



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



2022-1115
Officer Involved Critical Incident – SR 339 near mile marker 3,
Belpre (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Date of Activity: 06/15/2022
Activity Location: Belpre P.D. – 715 Park Drive, Belpre, OH 45714, Washington County
Author: SA Shane R. Hanshaw, #102

Narrative:

On Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 1440 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Shane Hanshaw (Hanshaw) interviewed Belpre Police Department (BPD) Sergeant (Sgt.) Mike Stump (Stump) relative to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on Thursday, May 19, 2022. The interview took place at the Belpre Police Department located at 715 Park Drive in Belpre, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information regarding the activities that occurred on State Route 339 in Washington County. Prior to conducting the interview, SA Hanshaw advised Sgt. Stump that the investigation was a criminal investigation. The interview was audio recorded.

Sgt. Stump was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the May 19, 2022 officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of State Route 339 in Washington County, Ohio. Reportedly, Sgt. Stump did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information obtained during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

At the onset of the interview SA Hanshaw identified himself as a BCI Special Agent and began by asking some preliminary questions. Sgt. Stump stated his radio call sign on May 19, 2022, was 907. Sgt. Stump is currently the night shift supervisor and normally

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works from 1830 hours to 0630 hours. Sgt. Stump was working his normal shift when the incident occurred. He has been employed by the BPD since 2007.

During the incident, Sgt. Stump wore his police uniform consisting of black tactical dress uniform (TDU) and outer carrier marked with Police in gold on the front and back. Sgt. Stump was equipped with his duty weapon, pepper spray, and Taser. Sgt. Stump said he was not wearing a body camera. Sgt. Stump was driving a Police Utility vehicle. Sgt. Stump stated his vehicle is not outfitted with a vehicle camera.

Sgt. Stump is a firearms instructor, subject control instructor, and has been a member of the Washington County Special Response team (SRT) since 2012. Sgt. Stump stated he serves as a sniper and tactical medic.

Sgt. Stump stated he does not wear glasses, contact lenses, or hearing aids. He has no physical disabilities that would prohibit him from doing his job. Sgt. Stump was well rested at the time of the incident. Was not taking any medication that would impair him from doing his duties, and had not consumed any alcohol within 24 hours of the incident.

Sgt. Stump has never been directly involved in an OICI and had had no previous complaints regarding excessive force.

At the onset of the interview, Sgt. Stump stated on the day of the incident, he was notified by dispatch that the county units had been involved in a pursuit and that shots had been fired. Sgt. Stump stated he had a county radio in his vehicle because he is on the SRT. Sgt. Stump said he responded to the scene on SR 339. Sgt. Stump said as he was traveling to the scene, he heard several changes in Deputy ██████'s voice. Sgt. Stump said based on training this change in Deputy ██████'s voice and breathing caused him to be concerned about Deputy ██████'s condition.

Upon arrival, Sgt. Stump said he blocked the road with his police vehicle and checked on the status of Deputy ██████. When Sgt. Stump reached Deputy ██████ he stated Deputy ██████ was standing at the edge of his vehicle, observing the fleeing driver's vehicle. Sgt. Stump said he checked Deputy ██████ for injuries and then took over observations of the fleeing driver's vehicle. Sgt. Stump said he could not see anything in the vehicle because the side curtain airbags were down and the back window appeared to be fogged up. At that point, Sgt. Stump stated they waited for other county units to arrive. Sgt. Stump stated an Athens officer was there and they took turns watching the vehicle.

Sgt. Stump said as they kept a visual on the vehicle, additional officers arrived. When Sgt. McConnell arrived, Sgt. Stump asked him to take Deputy ██████ away from his police vehicle and check him again for injuries. Sgt. Stump said officers maintained visual contact with the fleeing vehicle and verbal commands were being given to the

driver, but did not receive a response from the driver. Sgt. Stump stated officers had a conversation about what to do next, and it was determined to wait on a shield or bearcat before approaching the vehicle.

Once additional officers arrived with a shield, Sgt. Stump stated he, Lt. Gherke, Sgt. Johnson, and Captain Lockhart approached the vehicle. Sgt. Stump stated when they approached the vehicle, they broke a window out in order to see inside the vehicle. At that point, they saw a deceased male slumped over the center console. Sgt. Stump said at that point, he and Captain Lockhart remained on the driver side and Sgt. Johnson and Lt. Gherke made entry into the vehicle from the passenger side. After it was determined that the driver was deceased, the area was secured and officers waited for further assistance.

At approximately 1509 hours, SA Hanshaw concluded the interview with Sgt. Stump.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Sgt. Stump recorded interview.