



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



2022-1734
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 27724 Zuck Road, Howard,
Ohio 43028

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Kevin Williams (W)
Date of Activity: 09/01/2022
Activity Location: Williams, Kevin – Business – 11540 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mount
Vernon, OH 43050, Knox County
Author: SA Eric Lehnhart, #84

Narrative:

On Thursday, September 01, 2022, at approximately 1250 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Lehnhart and SA John Tingley interviewed Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) Deputy Kevin Williams (Williams), who was accompanied by his attorney, Doug Behringer, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at 11540 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050. The interview was audio recorded.

Deputy Williams was identified as being a police officer who witnessed or had some level of involvement in the August 22, 2022, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 27724 Zuck Road, Howard, Ohio 43028. Reportedly, Williams did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Deputy Williams stated his radio call sign on August 22, 2022 was 4233. He has been employed by the KCSO for eight years. He has been a police officer for a total of 20 years. During the incident, Deputy Williams wore his standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore a concealed ballistic vest and duty belt. He considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident. He stated he was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI.

On Monday, August 22, 2022, Deputy Williams was working a security detail at the Wilhelm residence when a dispatched call came over the radio for a disturbance on Zuck Road. Deputy Williams maintained his post at the Wilhelm residence until he overheard Sgt. Ramsier advise on the radio that a female on Zuck Road had broken out a window of the house and was pointing a shotgun at officers. Deputy Williams then began his response to Zuck Road.

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On Deputy Williams' arrival, he witnessed several officers backing out into the roadway on foot, with concerned looks on their faces. In order to provide cover for the officers, Deputy Williams drove his patrol vehicle near the end of the Delano's driveway to offer additional protection to those officers.

Deputy Williams exited his patrol vehicle and was getting briefed on the situation by Sgt. Ramsier and Deputy Scoles, when Elizabeth Delano (Delano) fired multiple shots inside the residence. As officers were positioned around Deputy Williams' vehicle, he could see Delano had attempted to block out the windows of the house with what he believed to be either cardboard or some type of paper.

He stated that he initially believed that Delano was firing a handgun, until she appeared outside and he could see the muzzle flash from the shotgun. Deputy Williams indicated that the muzzle flash from Delano's shotgun showed she was firing the weapon in their direction, as well as he heard something fly over the top of his patrol vehicle.

Deputy Williams continued to advise that he could hear Delano speaking off towards the wooded area and then she fired additional shots in that direction. Deputy Williams recalled Deputy Collins yell to the back of the house, "Turn your light off." It wasn't until later that Deputy Williams realized that Deputy Scoles went to the back of the home to try and see activity inside the house.

Deputy Williams advised, at one time he believed that Delano was closing distance between herself and the responding officers. However, he wasn't confident of that as there was no external artificial lighting in the area to aid officers. Deputy Williams observed Deputy Collins flash his light on and off. As Delano turned towards the area of the light, Deputy Williams heard a gunshot. Another officer on scene then stated, "She is down."

Deputy Williams explained that they moved up towards Delano to secure her. Once officers felt that Delano was no longer a threat, Deputy Williams began rendering aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) until EMS arrived to assume care of Delano. Deputy Williams then focused his attention on Deputy Collins and making sure he wasn't injured.

The interview concluded at approximately 1313 hours.

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

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-09-01 Williams, Kevin Interview