



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



2023-1809
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 3110 E. Livingston Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio 43227 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Sgt. Robert Conkel (W)
Date of Activity: 07/09/2023
Activity Location: Columbus Police Substation 11/12 – 950 E. Main St., Columbus,
OH 43205, Franklin County
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Narrative:

On July 8, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Columbus Division of Police to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at 3110 E. Livingston Ave., in Columbus, Ohio (Franklin County), between Columbus Division of Police and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and Antwan Lindsey.

On July 9, 2023, Franklin County Sergeant Robert Conkel was interviewed regarding his involvement related to the OICI. The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device. This report is a summary only. The entire interview can be reviewed on the recording. The interview was conducted by Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Ken Smith and Steven Seitzman at the Columbus Division of Police Substation 11/12 at 950 E. Main Street Columbus. Attorney Nicole Wannamaker was present on behalf of Sgt. Conkel. The interview began at approximately 0053 hours.

Sergeant Conkel has been employed with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for approximately 24 years and has been a Sergeant for approximately six months. He is currently assigned as a road patrol supervisor on second shift from 1500–2300 hours. On July 8th Sgt. Conkel was working his normal shift. He stated he was wearing a black shirt with black uniform pants, an outer vest carrier with equipment and was clearly marked with a 'Deputy' badge and Franklin County Sheriff's Office patches. Sgt. Conkel had both a Body Worn Camera (BWC) as well as cruiser camera, however his BWC was initially docked in his cruiser and wasn't initially worn. He grabbed the camera at some point, put it on, and activated it.

Sgt. Conkel was at 1945 Frebis Ave., Columbus, working in the office when he heard the radio traffic about shots fired in the area and the subject fleeing. He immediately went to his cruiser and responded to the area. It took him less than five minutes to get to to the scene. At the

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scene he observed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] taking cover behind his own cruiser in a driveway area. Sgt. Conkel parked near [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and moved up beside him. Sgt. Conkel stated that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was ok and was yelling to others where he had last seen the subject. Sgt. Conkel held cover on the windows of the apartment building while [REDACTED] covered the door. Sgt. Conkel was unsure as to what was happening as he couldn't hear Columbus PD radio traffic but saw Columbus officers responding to the rear of the building. He also saw a number of Columbus officers run to the front door. Sgt. Conkel heard possibly 4-5 shots he believed came from the subject and then what he believed to be officers return fire of 20-25 shots. He could not see anyone firing their weapons as he was still covering the windows.

After the incident, Sgt. Conkel located a magazine on the ground that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was looking for. He handed it to [REDACTED] and then [REDACTED] walked off and got into a cruiser and was taken to another location. Sgt. Conkel was on the scene until photos were taken and he could get to substation 11/12 to be interviewed by BCI.

The interview was concluded at 0101 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-07-09 Interview of FCSO Sgt Conkel