



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



2022-0310
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 913 Lebanon Street, Monroe,
Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Ofc. Matthew Buddo (W)
Date of Activity: 02/12/2022
Activity Location: Monroe Police Department – Business – 601 South Main Street,
Monroe, OH 45050, Butler County
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Narrative:

On February 12, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) received a request for assistance from the Monroe Police Department (Monroe PD). The request was in regard to an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at the intersection of New Garver Road at Lebanon Street, Monroe, Ohio. Officers attempted to make a traffic stop on a vehicle containing a subject from a previous mental health call that ended at 120 Bluegrass Lane in Monroe. The mental health call turned into a six-hour standoff with the involved subject, later identified as Dustin Booth (Booth). The traffic stop turned into an officer involved shooting with Booth shot numerous times and transported to Atrium Middletown Hospital where he later died from his wounds.

On Saturday, February 12, at 0437 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Ken Smith (SA Smith) interviewed Police Officer Matthew Buddo (Ofc. Buddo) of the Monroe Police Department. The interview took place at the Monroe Police Department located at 639 S. Main Street, Monroe, Ohio. Ofc. Buddo was identified as being a police officer who responded in the February 11, 2022 shooting which occurred at the intersection of New Garver Road at Lebanon Street, Monroe, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

This interview was audio recorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview:

Ofc. Buddo has been with the Monroe Police Department for four months. He previously served with the Trotwood Police Department for almost eleven years.

Ofc. Buddo stated he was working his normal shift on the road, 1445 hours to 2315 hours. He

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was getting dressed in the locker room when Sgt. Meyers came in and advised that they had a possible barricaded subject at 120 Bluegrass. Ofc. Buddo finished dressing and headed to 120 Bluegrass. Ofc. Buddo took up a position around the residence. Ofc. Buddo advised that Booth came outside and yelled at officers to get off his property and that they'd better get the SWAT vehicle started and a helicopter. Booth was walking around the house from front to back and at all the windows. Officers retrieved Booth's phone from his truck, and placed it on the porch in order for him to communicate with the officers at the scene. Ofc. Buddo was redirected to take over a perimeter position on the street behind 120 Bluegrass.

The perimeter was pulled back and Ofc. Buddo was advised to stay in the general area. He responded to a call for service and was returning from that call and returned to the area of the traffic stop. Upon arriving at the scene, Ofc. Buddo heard both the gunshots, as well as the shots fired call over the radio. He actually passed the scene and pulled up to the traffic stop location. He walked up to the scene and Booth was on the ground talking while Monroe officers were rendering aid. Ofc. Buddo observed an officer scooting a silver revolver away from Booth while aid was rendered. Booth said something to the effect of "You guys know I love you." When Booth was transported to Atrium Medical Center, Ofc. Buddo was ordered to go to the hospital.

While at the hospital, Ofc. Buddo recovered a bullet from the Emergency Room given to him by the hospital police officer.

The interview was concluded at 0447 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-02-12 Ofc Matt Buddo Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.