



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



2021-0888
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 500 South Cleveland Ave.,
Westerville, Ohio 43081 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Jordan Smith (W)
Date of Activity: 04/15/2021
Activity Location: Smith, Jordan – Business – 400 W Main Street, Westerville, OH 43081, Franklin County
Author: SA Jennifer Comisford, #163

Narrative:

On April 15, 2021, at approximately 0819 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Jenny Comisford (SA Comisford) interviewed Firefighter/Paramedic Jordan Smith (Smith) of the Westerville Division of Fire (WFD). The purpose of the interview was to obtain additional information regarding an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on April 12, 2021, at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital (St. Ann's) involving Columbus police officers, hospital security, and a male identified as Miles Jackson (Jackson).

Smith's interview was conducted at WFD Station 111, located at 400 West Main Street, Westerville, OH 43081. Also present for the entirety of the interview was attorney, Cathrine Harshman. The conversation was audio recorded and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the attached audio for complete details. The following is a summation of Smith's voluntary interview.

It was reported that Columbus Division of Fire (CFD) personnel transported Jackson to St. Ann's on the morning of April 12, 2021 due to a suspected overdose. Later that morning, Jackson left the hospital against medical advice (AMA). A short time later, WFD personnel transported Jackson back to St. Ann's on a suspected overdose.

Smith has been employed by WFD for approximately seven years and is a certified paramedic. Smith confirmed he was part of an EMS crew (WFD Medic 111) that transported Jackson to St. Ann's on the afternoon of April 12, 2021. WFD Firefighter/Paramedic John Shearer (Shearer) was the "Medic in Charge" and WFD Firefighter/Paramedic Greg Kacsandi was the driver that shift. Smith recalled they were dispatched on report of a possible ill person behind the Chase Building near Cooper Road.

Upon arrival on scene, Smith observed Jackson seated at a table. Two unidentified officers with

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the Westerville Police Department (WPD) were also on scene. WFD personnel proceeded to speak with Jackson and check his vitals. Smith reported that Jackson did not initially answer questions, but was ultimately "super cooperative." He described Jackson's demeanor as "just out of it."

A short time later, Jackson walked to the rear of Medic 111 (with limited assistance) in order to be further assessed by WFD. Before entering the medic, Jackson was reportedly patted down by one of the WPD officers. Smith described said officer as "the bigger, taller guy." The officer reportedly informed Jackson he was going to check to make sure Jackson did not have anything on his person. Smith did not watch the officer conduct the pat down but stated that Jackson's demeanor did not change when he was told a pat down would be conducted. Smith advised he did not personally interact with WPD on scene, nor did he observe his coworkers speaking with officers. He was not informed at any time as to Jackson's status with WPD.

Once on the cot in the rear of the medic, Jackson's level of consciousness diminished. Medical intervention was necessary at that time and Narcan was administered in response to a suspected opiate overdose. Upon administering the medication, Smith observed two "taped up IV's" and gauze on Jackson's arms.

Smith explained that Jackson's pupillary response and demeanor was indicative of drug use. Due to his level of consciousness, and inability to answer questions appropriately, it was necessary Jackson be transported to the hospital. Smith approximated WFD was on scene for 15 minutes prior to transport.

Upon arrival at St. Ann's, WFD took Jackson to Room 9 as instructed by hospital staff. Smith heard one of the nurses advise that Jackson was just at St. Ann's.

It should be noted that a subpoena will be issued to WFD for documentation pertaining to Jackson's care on April 12, 2021.

The interview concluded at approximately 0844 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:2021-04-15 Firefighter Jordan Smith Interview