

Timeline of Events

Suspect/Deceased: Timothy J. Snyder (DOB: 05/12/1994)

May 23, 2021 at 12:19:17 – Deputy Jonathon Barbour attempts to initiate a traffic stop on a motorcycle with no taillights. Noted driver has a white helmet. Motorcycle did not stop for the traffic stop. Illinois State Route 3 – Near Gum Springs Lane. (Between Ellis Grove and Chester).

12:20:04 – Deputy Barbour notes motorcycle is southbound from Shawneetown Trail. Speeds 90 MPH and Deputy Barbour has terminated any pursuit of the vehicle.

12:20:02 – Chester PD begins a CAD (computer aided dispatch) – Office Seth Buch of the Chester Police Department proceeds to the Chester Mental Health Center to see if the motorcycle heads his direction.

12:22:29 – Officer Buch notes he has the motorcycle pass his location. Headed to Chester. Notes white helmet. No taillights. Attempts to initiate a traffic stop. The motorcycle accelerates to approximately 60 mph in Chester city limits. Near Lochhead Service Station.

12:23:26 – Officer Buch notes 60 mph speeds. Motorcycle is all over the road.

12:24:16 – Officer Buch notes the motorcycle blew the intersection at Swanwick and Holmes

12:24:16 – Officer Buch loses sight of the bike. Deactivates lights.

12:26:20 – Deputy Stephen Miles attains a visual on the motorcycle northbound on Route 3 in Chester. Near Lochhead gas station.

12:26:58 - Passing the Cohen ball field northbound.

12:30:28 - Deputy Jason Juenger attains a visual on the motorcycle heading north on Route 3 –passing the Shawnee town trial. Just trying to

12:31:50 – Lost sight of the motorcycle heading north on Route 3 (Deputy Miles)

12:42:06 – Officer Luke Horrell of the Red Bud Police Department notes the motorcycle is back in Red Bud

12:42:45 – Officer Horrell notes the motorcycle is now southbound on Route 3. Near Blackjack Rd.

12:43:50 – Officer Horrell notes southbound near Richfield Rd

12:45:50 – Lost sight of vehicle near Ruma

12:47:27 – Deputy Juenger radars the motorcycle at 103 mph at the Evansville Bridge

12:49:16 – Deputy Barbour attains a visual on the motorcycle at State Route 3 and Nine Mile Creek. Notes motorcycle is at 90 mph

12:56:04 – Civilian call to 911. Motorcycle is near State Route 3 and Shawneetown Trail

12:57:06 – Deputy Barbour notes northbound on State Route 3 from orchard. 50 mph.

12:57:26 – Civilian call to 911. Motorcycle is headed northbound on State Route 3 near Shawneetown Trail.

1:10:02 – Civilian call to 911. Motorcycle was near Ellis Grove (Mimosa Drive) State Route 3. States “going at least 100 mph”. Northbound

1:19:07 – Officer Horrell notes back in Red Bud. Not going to pursue him.

1:26:35 – Red Bud 7 (Michael Collins) – Initiates radio call to dispatch. Need ambulance at West Marker and Country Club. Been Shot in leg.

Based on preliminary information. It appears the motorcycle was being followed (not being pursued) out of Red Bud on State Route 3 (West Market Street) by Officers Luke Horrell and Michael Collins. The motorcycle turns around heading back into Red Bud (eastbound) towards the officers. The motorcycle then becomes stuck in the mud off of the shoulder in the eastbound lane of Route 3 (West Market) near the intersection of Clarence Drive and Powell Rd. The suspect attempted to dislodge the motorcycle from the mud. While he was doing this, Officer Collins confronted the suspect and he immediately began to resist and fight the officer. Officer Horrell deployed his Taser to attempt to gain control of the situation. Neither officer was able to gain control of the suspect. During the struggle the suspect removed a 9mm handgun from his waist area and shot Officer Collins in the right calf. Officer Collins then radioed for an ambulance. Officer Horrell then told the suspect on repeated occasions to drop the weapon. He refused and Officer Horrell discharges his 9mm service weapon. The suspect deceased from the gunshot wound. He was pronounced at the scene.

Officer Collins was transported to Mercy South in St. Louis, treated for his injury and was released. He is at home and recovering.

Officer Horrell was cooperative with the investigation and has been placed on administrative leave pending an investigation into this matter.

Michael Collins has been a peace officer for 11.5 years in total, 1.5 years for Red Bud.

Luke Horrell has been a peace officer for 9 years, 5 years in Red Bud.

The Illinois State Police took control of the scene and investigation in this matter.

Our suspect/deceased is Timothy J. Snider, 27 years of age, white male, of St. Charles, MO.

Three witnesses (civilians/property owners near the scene) were interviewed and provided statements which appear to substantiate the reports of Officer Horrell and Officer Collins in that the motorcycle became stuck in the mud and a fight/scuffle ensued. A gun was discharged. Followed by a gap and then several gunshots in rapid succession.

During a search of the deceased backpack, a large quantity of suspected methamphetamine, a scale and baggies were located. As well as various power tools.

The motorcycle operated by Mr. Snider was stolen from St. Louis, with the last registered owner from O'Fallon, IL. The ignition had been "punched".

It appears Mr. Snyder was a convicted felon and was sentenced to 2 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections in 19-CF-635 in St. Clair County, IL for the offenses of Possession of Weapon by Felon and Criminal Damage to Property. It also appears Mr. Snyder was convicted of a felony in 2018 in St. Charles County, MO for Controlled Substance, Resisting Arrest by Fleeing and Leaving Scene of Accident. Three years in MODOC.

This is still considered an ongoing investigation. If you witnessed this incident in Red Bud (at the time of the shooting) please contact the Illinois State Police at 618-542-2171 ext. 1207.