



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



2022-1726
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 15266 Gilchrist Rd., Mt.
Vernon (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer Paul Webb (W)
Date of Activity: 08/20/2022
Activity Location: Knox County Sheriffs Office – Business – 11540 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mt Vernon, OH 43050, Knox County
Author: SA Andrew Russell

Narrative:

On Saturday, August 20, 2022, at 13:51 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Mansfield Police Department (MPD) Officer (Ofc.) Paul Webb (Webb). The interview took place at Knox County Sheriff's Office. The interview was audio recorded.

Webb was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the August 20, 2022, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 15266 Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Reportedly, Webb 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.

Webb stated that on August 20, 2022, he was working as a member of the Richland County ASORT tactical team, assigned as a containment team member inside their BearCat armored vehicle, sitting in the middle by the back door. Webb stated that his team was assigned to block a vehicle, a Chevy Blazer, close to the residence and as they drove the BearCat up toward the vehicle and nudged it, he observed an unknown subject in the residence wearing a light blue shirt and holding a rifle pointed at the BearCat. Webb added, then another unknown subject exited the residence and got into the vehicle and attempted to drive. Webb stated at that time Lieutenant [REDACTED] began giving commands over the armored vehicle's public address system and the BearCat started to push the Blazer in an attempt to stop it from leaving. Webb added, immediately the other unknown subject began shooting at the Bearcat with his rifle from inside the residence deflating at least one of the tires. Webb continued, a turret was opened by a team member which immediately took fire from the residence,

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sending fragments into the Bearcat. Webb stated that he saw the unknown subject who was in the Blazer, exit it and run into the residence and the shooting stopped.

Webb advised he saw [REDACTED] shoot the Blazer's tires from the BearCat's port hole in an attempt to disable it after the unknown subject had fled into the residence. Webb added that he had heard from the radio that the suspects had fled the residence in a side-by-side but could not clearly see them from his vantage point inside the BearCat.

Webb advised that was the extent of his involvement in this incident.

The interview concluded at approximately 13:59 hours.

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

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 22-08-20 Officer Paul Webb