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Investigative Report



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

Date of Activity: 08/20/2022
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Narrative:

On August 20, 2022, at approximately 1336 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent David Wieging (SA Wieging) interviewed Sergeant Patrick Williams (Williams) with the Mansfield Police Department at the Knox County Sheriff's Office located at 11540 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 43050. The purpose of the interview with Williams was to obtain all relevant information regarding the activities that occurred on this date near the property at 15266 Gilchrist Road in Mount Vernon.

It was reported that the Mansfield Allied Special Operation Response Team (ASORT), Delaware Tactical Unit (DTU) and the Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) responded to the property on Gilchrist Road after learning that a bail bondsman, and subsequently an Ohio State Patrol helicopter, were reportedly shot at by Randy Wilhelm (R. Wilhelm) and R. Wilhelm's brother, Brad Wilhelm (B. Wilhelm). R. Wilhelm had a warrant for his arrest for failing to comply with the terms of his bail. As the incident progressed with ASORT, DTU and KCSO, BCI Agents learned that SWAT operators from DTU discharged their firearms during an interaction with the Wilhelms. The Wilhelms were shot and pronounced deceased at the scene.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information obtained during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Williams stated he is a Patrol Sergeant with the Mansfield Police Department in addition to being an operator of ASORT. He added he works nights from 2200 hours to 0600 hours. Williams stated he was on patrol when he received a call at 0115 hours. Williams did not join ASORT at the KCSO until 0700 hours. As ASORT arrived on scene, they approached the house via the driveway in attempt to immobilize a gray Chevrolet Trailblazer that was parked at the rear to prevent the incident from going mobile. ASORT observed a male later identified as R. Wilhelm pointing a rifle at them. Another operator began to give verbal commands. R. Wilhelm's brother, B. Wilhelm, walked to the Trailblazer and entered the vehicle in attempt to drive away. ASORT rammed the Trailblazer. While this was happening, Williams stated they

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began taking some rounds from R. Wilhelm.

Williams said they pushed the Trailblazer and positioned their truck (BearCat) to be in a safe position if they needed to return fire. One of their operators at one point attempted to open the turret to provide some cover, but they took rounds and closed it up.

Williams mentioned that ASORT was in communication with the command post throughout the engagement and alerted them that they were taking fire and to communicate that message to the other tactical teams. ASORT did not return any fire on R. Wilhelm or B. Wilhelm; however, they did take shots at the tires of the Trailblazer to immobilize it. The Wilhelm's subsequently took off in an ATV and were subsequently reported deceased in the ATV.

SA Wieging's interview with Williams ended at approximately 1344 hours.

A copy of the audio-recorded interview with Williams is attached to this report.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-08-20 Audio Interview with Sergeant Patrick Williams