

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 Office
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Involves: (S)

Date of Activity: 08/29/2022

Activity Location: SWAT, Mansfield PD – Business – 30 N Diamond St., Mansfield, OH

44902, Richland County

Author: SA John P. Tingley, #154

Narrative:

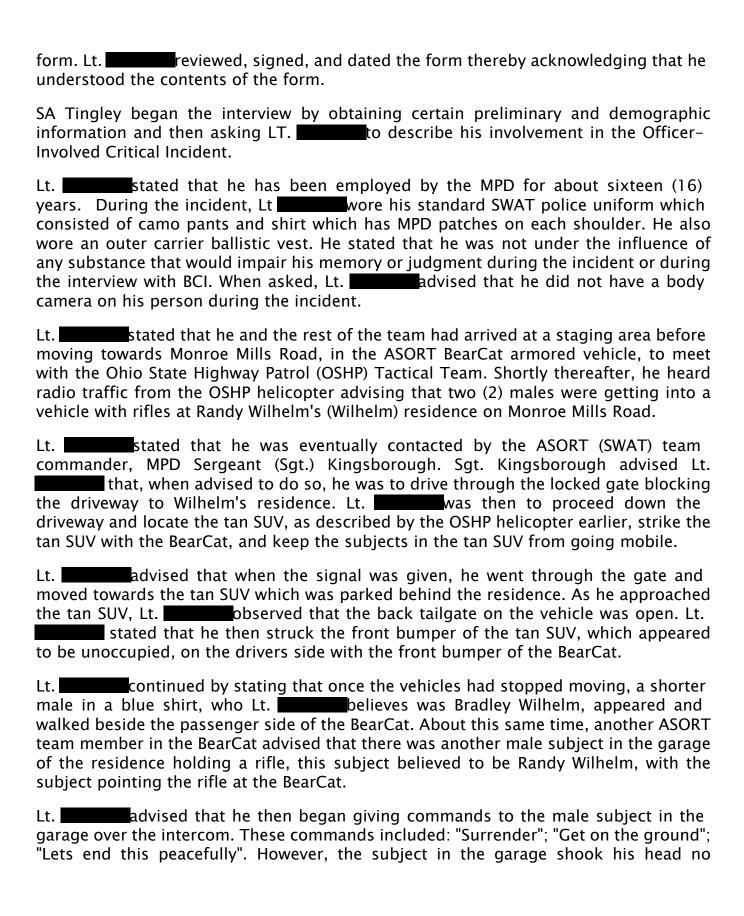
On Monday, August 29, 2022, at 1411 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) interviewed Mansfield Police Department (MPD) Lieutenant (Lt.) who was accompanied by Douglas Behringer, attorney, from the Fraternal Order of Police/OLC. The interview took place at the MPD which is located at 30 North Diamond Street, Mansfield, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

Lt. was identified as being a police officer who had some level of involvement in the August 20, 2022 Officer-Involved Critical Incident which occurred in the area of 15266 Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Knox County, Ohio. Reportedly, Lt. discharged a firearm during the course of the incident with the intention to disable an unoccupied vehicle. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be 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 nor is it a word for word translation of either the questions or answers. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

SA Tingley started by giving Lt. the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification

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repeatedly. Lt. stated that the other subject who had been outside walking beside the BearCat, opened the rear passenger door on the tan SUV and looks into the back seat of the SUV. The subject then moves forward and enters the tan SUV through the front passenger door. At this point, Lt. moves the BearCat and rams the tan SUV to keep it from leaving. Shortly thereafter, the subject in the garage begins to fire his rifle at the BearCat. As this is taking place, another ASORT team member begins to open the turret on top of the BearCat. Lt. then hears rounds striking the turret and bullet fragments coming into the main compartment of the BearCat. Lt. advised that he then pushes the tan SUV with the one subject inside with the BearCat approximately fifty (50) to sixty (60) yards. Once the vehicles stop moving, the subject in the tan SUV exits the vehicle and begins running away from the SUV. Lt. stated that once this occurred, the priority as he understood it, was to disable the tan SUV. Accordingly, Lt. states is handed a rifle by ASORT team member Sergeant Haines which Lt. Lease uses to fire two (2) rounds into the front passenger tire and two (2) rounds into the rear passenger side tire on the tan SUV through a gun port on the BearCat. Lt. continued by advising that a short time later he sees the two male subjects leaving the residence in a side by side ATV vehicle, which Lt. possible Razor, and heading in the direction of the other part of the property.

The interview was then concluded at approximately 1423 hours.

Lt. advised that he was the driver.

This interview was audio recorded. The audio recording and the signed BCI Criminal Notification Form are both attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

SA Tingley asked Lt. what his seating position was inside of the BearCat and

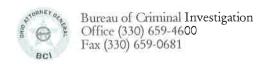
Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022–1726 MPD LT INTERVIEW

Attachment # 02: 2022-1726 MPD LT SIGNED BCI CRIMINAL NOTIFICATION FORM

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Criminal Investigation Notification

- 1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
- 2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
- 3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is <u>not</u> a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

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Printed Name of Interviewee	Date / Time
Signature	
SA JOHN TINGLEY *154 BCI Agent (Printed)	