



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



2023-2307

Officer Involved Critical Incident – I-75 Southbound at Mile
Marker 110

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Alan Hankinson (W)
Date of Activity: 09/26/2023
Activity Location: Hankinson, Alan – Business – 2005 E 4th St. , Lima, OH 45804
Author: SA Tiffany Najmulski, #49

Narrative:

On September 26, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Tiffany Najmulski (Najmulski) and SA Chris Hamberg (Hamberg) interviewed Trooper Alan Hankinson (Trooper Hankinson), of the Ohio State Patrol (OSP), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on September 3, 2023. The interview took place at the Lima Post of the Ohio State Patrol, 2005 E. Fourth Street, Lima, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual regarding their response to the incident scene. The following is a summary of the interview which was recorded and attached to the case file.

Trooper Hankinson advised he has been with OSP for 11 years. He said on the incident day he responded to a subject wanted for murder in Chicago. The subject's phone was pinged in Ohio. OSP located the subject and a pursuit ensued. Trooper Hankinson entered the pursuit around the Beaverdam area (mile post 135) when he blocked off an exit location going southbound. After the subject passed the Beaverdam area, Trooper Hankinson fell in line with the pursuit.

Trooper Hankinson advised he hung back toward the rear of the pursuit. The subject's tires had been spiked near Findlay. Once the subject spun out into the median, his vehicle caught fire. Trooper Hankinson said he saw the subject present a handgun from inside the vehicle.

The subject then exited the vehicle with the gun and began walking southbound in the lanes of travel, which had been shut down. The subject pointed the weapon away from the Troopers and sometimes at his own head.

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Approved By SAS Scott A. Stranahan on
10/19/2023

Trooper Hankinson said he exited his cruiser with his rifle and took cover on the left side of Lt. Slates' cruiser with Sgt. [REDACTED] and Trooper Schreiber. Trooper Hankinson said he was not sure who was on the right side of Lt. Slates' cruiser.

Trooper Hankinson said an order was given by Staff Lt. Crow that if there was a clear line of sight then to take a shot. Trooper Hankinson said there was concern for the safety of stopped northbound traffic and that the subject was ignoring verbal commands given to him by the OSP. Sgt. [REDACTED] took the shot and hit the subject. Trooper Hankinson said Troopers rendered first aid to the subject.

Trooper Hankinson had nothing more to add and the interview ended.

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 audio recording. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions or responses. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the audio recording.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Trooper Hankinson