



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: Sgt. Andrew Edinger (W)
Date of Activity: 09/27/2022
Activity Location: Ohio State Highway Patrol Aviation Section – Business – 2829 West
Dublin–Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235, Franklin County
Author: SA John P. Tingley, #154

Narrative:

On September 27, 2022, at approximately 1832 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) interviewed Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Sergeant (Sgt.) Andrew Edinger (Edinger) of the OSHP Aviation Section. The interview took place at the OSHP Aviation Section Office, which is located at 2829 West Dublin–Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

Sgt. Edinger was identified as being a law enforcement officer who witnessed and/or 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, Sgt. Edinger 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.

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 the interview by asking Sgt. Edinger to describe his involvement in the officer–involved critical incident from August 20, 2022.

Sgt. Edinger advised that on the date in question, he and OSHP Sgt. Hasty were the on–duty flight crew with Sgt. Edinger as the pilot and Sgt. Hasty as the Flight Tactical Operator (FTO).

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At approximately 2330–2345 hours, they were called out to assist with a barricade situation in Knox County, Ohio, where a subject had shot at a bail bondsman.

Sgt. Edinger stated that upon arriving in the general area (15266 Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio), the helicopter was requested to maintain an orbit and over watch of the property and to keep the ground units updated. After a period of time, Sgt. Hasty advised that he observed a subject walking around a residence. A short time later, Sgt. Edinger advised Sgt. Hasty that he observed a "pulsating" light on the ground, near the south corner of the residence, and asked Sgt. Hasty to check it out. Sgt. Hasty checked out the light and advised, "We are being shot at right now."

At this point, Sgt. Edinger advised that he increased the altitude of the helicopter and widened out the orbit. Sgt. Hasty also stated that he had observed a second subject in the same area where the gunfire had originated from. Sgt. Edinger stated that he continued to widen out and change the orbit, while continuing to maintain over watch of the property and keep the ground units updated. They continued this activity of over watch and updating ground units through the early morning hours, before finally being relieved by another OSHP flight crew at approximately 0730 hours.

The interview then concluded at approximately 1836 hours.

This interview was audio recorded and is attached to this case file. Please review the audio recording for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-1726 INTERVIEW OSHP SGT. EDINGER

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