



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



2022-1527

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5760 US 62, Hillsboro, OH,
Highland County (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Curtis Anderson (W)
Date of Activity: 07/17/2022
Activity Location: – 5760 US 62, Hillsboro, OH 45133, Highland County
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Narrative:

On July 17, 2022, at 0400 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Kenneth Smith (SA Smith) conducted an interview with Paint Creek Joint EMS Paramedic Curtis Anderson (Medic Anderson) regarding his involvement in the Officer-Involved Critical Incident on July 17, 2022, between the Highland County Sheriff's Office deputy(s) and Richard Poulin (Mr. Poulin).

The Officer-Involved Critical Incident occurred in the roadway at 5760 US 62, Hillsboro, Ohio. Medic Anderson was identified as a paramedic who had some level of involvement in the Officer-Involved Critical Incident by treating Mr. Poulin. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information known or observed by Medic Anderson. The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device.

The details below summarize the pertinent portions of the recorded interview and are not a verbatim account. 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. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify the content of the interview.

Paramedic Anderson has been a medic for approximately 10 years and a firefighter since 2008 / EMT 2009. He has worked for several departments. On the morning of July 17, 2022 around 0100 hours, Medic Anderson got radio dispatched from the station in Squad 223. His partner for the evening was EMT Alex Becker. Call remarks advised a person had sustained a gunshot wound. Upon arrival, the squad was directed to the scene next to the area of the traffic stop, where Medic Anderson observed several deputies providing aid to a subject in the street.

Medic Anderson was told that the subject had been shot in the neck. Medic Anderson asked what caliber and from how far away. He was told by deputies that it was from a 9mm from approximately six feet away. Medic Anderson observed what he described as copious amounts

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of blood on the ground, as well as in the subject's mouth and nose. Medic Anderson stated that the subject had 2 or 3 agonal respirations, but did not have a pulse. Medic Anderson was also told by deputies that they had placed a nasopharyngeal airway into Mr. Poulin's nose to try and provide an airway.

Medic Anderson and his partner retrieved their medical gurney from the ambulance and, placed the subject on it and loaded the subject into the squad and reassessed the patient. Mr. Poulin still had no pulse. He had no agonal respirations and was what Medic Anderson referred to as "completely apneic". At that time, Medic Anderson called medical control (Highland District Hospital, Dr. Sanders) and advised of the situation and that Poulin's injuries appeared incompatible with life. Medical control (Dr. Sanders) agreed and Medic Anderson pronounced Mr. Poulin dead at 0111 hours.

Medic Anderson then called Highland County Coroner, Dr. McKown and advised that he was needed at the scene. Dr. McKown responded to the scene and then got into the squad with Medic Anderson and was advised of lifesaving attempts. Poulin's body was then left in the rear of the squad and was now considered as part of the scene until BCI arrived.

The interview was concluded at 0407 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-17 / Interview of Paramedic Curtis Anderson

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.