



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 Witness
Involves: Timothy Tingley (W)
Date of Activity: 08/20/2022
Activity Location: Knox County Sheriffs Office – Business – 11540 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mt Vernon, OH 43050, Knox County
Author: SA James H Gore, #168

Narrative:

On the afternoon of August 20, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) James Gore (Gore) interviewed Mansfield Fire Department Medic Tim Tingley (Tingley) at the Knox County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Tingley was identified as one of several witnesses to an officer-involved critical incident which took place earlier on the same date at the Wilhelm family compound in Knox County.

Tingley advised that he is a medic for Mansfield's Allied Special Operations Response Team (ASORT), and he has been employed with the Mansfield Fire Department for 15 years.

Tingley recalled that at approximately 0115 hours, he received phone calls and team alerts notifying him of a "barricaded subject" situation in Knox County. Tingley said he arrived at the Knox County Sheriff's Office sometime between 0230 and 0300 hours. He recalled departing the sheriff's office to a command post location; then staging somewhere along a roadway but he was unsure of the exact locations. Tingley said he was riding in a Bearcat armored vehicle with the other ASORT team members. Tingley recalled being briefed that the subjects at the target location had a lot of weapons.

Tingley explained that when the operation began, the Bearcat, in which he was traveling, breached a gate at the end of a driveway. He said they traveled to the rear of a house, where his teams' objective was to disable a vehicle to prevent it from leaving. (*Note: SA Gore later determined that the location was 15159 Monroe Mills Rd.*)

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Overhead Reference Map of 15159 Monroe Mills Rd. (Randy Wilhelm's residence)

Mr. Tingley further explained that the vehicle in question was a Chevy Trailblazer. He advised that the rear hatch of the vehicle was up, and he presumed the subjects were possibly loading items in it. Tingley explained that the Bearcat struck the front of the Trailblazer, and that was when a male came out of the back of the house armed with an assault-type rifle with a scope. He said a second male exited the house and he appeared to have his hands up. The operators of the Bearcat, according to Tingley, were ordering the second male to get on the ground, via the Bearcat's public announcement (PA) system. Tingley said the second male subject shook his head "no," and he slowly made his way into the passenger side of the Trailblazer and tried to drive off.

Tingley said, at that time, the Bearcat driver started to push the Trailblazer to prevent it from moving, and then the armed subject started firing at the Bearcat. Tingley estimated that six to eight shots were fired at the Bearcat, and he remembered hearing tires deflate. He also stated that the Bearcat's brakes were disabled.

Tingley said after approximately a minute of no activity, he then saw the two males travel away from the house, downhill, in a utility task vehicle (UTV). Tingley said he lost sight of the pair after that. Tingley described both men as possibly being in their 60's.

Tingley recalled that after a few minutes had passed, his team was instructed to move in the direction where the subjects were last seen traveling. Tingley said the Bearcat could not move efficiently because its tires were flat. He said the Bearcat staged near a "propane facility," and it was then broadcast over the radio that the two subjects had been shot.

Tingley was uncertain of precisely when the events took place but he said it was in daylight; he estimated that it may have been around 1000 hours.

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Tingley stated that there was an additional tactical team from Marysville in their immediate vicinity during the events. He said the other team also had an armored vehicle, but some of the team members were positioned outside of the vehicle near the front of the house. Tingley said, at some point during his team's initial encounter with the armed subject, the subject went to the front of the house and fired shots at the Marysville team. Tingley added, after the ASORT team started taking fire, the Marysville team appeared to back away from the house toward the road. Tingley said he was later able to observe two bullet strikes on the Marysville armored vehicle's windshield.

Tingley said he was informed that members of the Delaware tactical team were the ones who engaged the two subjects in gunfire and ended the threat. Tingley did not witness the engagement. He said he believed the Delaware team was on another portion of the compound.

An audio copy of Mr. Tingley's interview was attached to this report for reference.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-0820-13-35-13 Mansfield Fire Medic Tim Tingley Interview – SA Gore