



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



2022-1726

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 15266 Gilchrist Rd., Mt.
Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, 43050 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer Jeff Mays (W), Officer Steve Kinsey (W)
Date of Activity: 11/15/2022
Author: SA John P. Tingley, #154

Narrative:

During the course of the investigation, it was discovered that the Columbus Police Department (CPD) Aviation Section had assisted with surveillance operations on August 20, 2022, in the area of 15266 Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Upon learning of the involvement of the CPD helicopter and flight crew, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) contacted the CPD Aviation Section. SA Tingley inquired as to the identities of the flight crew involved and was advised the pilot was Officer Steve Kinsey (Kinsey) and the Observer was Officer Jeff Mays (Mays).

On October 20, 2022, SA Tingley contacted CPD Officer Mays by phone. After verifying that Officer Mays was indeed the observer on the flight that assisted in Knox County, SA Tingley asked Officer Mays to describe his involvement in the incident. Officer Mays stated that he and his pilot, Officer Steve Kinsey, were ordered to assist the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Aviation Unit at an ongoing situation in Knox County. The CPD helicopter responded and took over surveillance duties for approximately 45 minutes, while the OSHP helicopter was refueling. Officer Mays stated that during the time they were monitoring the property, they did not observe any movement of individuals or vehicles on the property. He continued by stating that once the OSHP helicopter was back on station, the CPD helicopter secured and returned to Columbus. Officer Mays was asked about any video, and he replied that they did not record any video on the day of the incident. This interview was not recorded.

On November 15, 2022, SA Tingley contacted CPD Officer Kinsey by phone. After verifying that Officer Kinsey was indeed the pilot on the flight that assisted in Knox County, SA Tingley asked Officer Kinsey to describe his involvement in the incident. Officer Kinsey stated that he and his observer, Officer Jeff Mays, were ordered to fly to Knox County and assist the OSHP Aviation Unit at an ongoing situation. Officer Kinsey stated that they flew to Knox County and took over surveillance of the aforementioned property, while the OSHP helicopter left the area to refuel. He stated that they were only on scene for approximately 45 minutes and did not

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see any movement of any kind on the property being monitored. Once the OSHP helicopter returned to the area, the CPD helicopter secured and flew back to Columbus. This interview was not recorded.

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