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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1659 S. Main Street, Akron, Ohio
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Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer Corey Mook

Activity Date: September 28, 2022

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

Narrative:

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 1307 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Officer Corey Mook (Mook), who was accompanied by his attorney, Jason Wells, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at 1460 Triplett Boulevard, Akron, Ohio. Fraternal Order of Police Akron Lodge #7 President Clay Cozart was also present during the interview.

The interview was audio recorded.

Officer Mook was identified as being a police officer who had some level of involvement in the June 27, 2022, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 1659 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio. Reportedly, Officer Mook did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident and arrived on scene after the shooting. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

On June 27, 2022, Officer Mook stated he and his partner, Officer Guilmette, were in a marked APD cruiser, Car 11. Officer Mook stated he could not exactly recall who was driving but he believed that Officer Guilmette was the driver and he was the passenger. Officer Mook was wearing his standard APD uniform.

Prior to the interview, SA Momchilov was advised that Officer Mook had typed a supplemental report that documented his involvement in the June 27, 2022, officer-involved shooting. Officer Mook wished to read the narrative out loud and then he would answer any follow-up questions if needed.

Officer Mook's typed narrative reads:

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As we arrived on scene, other officers were already providing medical care for Walker. I held my flashlight above them as they were working so that they could see them. Due to the extent of the injuries on Walker and that AFD was not yet on scene, he made the decision to try and get Walker to the hospital by cruiser. I ran down to my cruiser and brought it up onto scene. Just as I was pulling up, AFD arrived on scene. I then moved our cruiser out of the middle of the scene and out of the way of AFD. I notified Sgt. Sinsley that I was going to step away from the scene and begin my duties as a shift rep. I ensured that all involved officers were separated from each other and were with another officer in a cruiser.

SA Momchilov asked Officer Mook what specifically caused him to respond to the scene. Officer Mook explained that he and Officer Guilmette initially went to assist the other officers who were involved in the vehicle pursuit, "Especially after they mentioned that shots had been fired." Officer Mook advised that they were already in the area when the shooting occurred.

SA Momchilov stated, "Would it be fair to say that the shots fired, broadcasted over the radio caused you to respond." Officer Mook stated, "Oh yeah, absolutely, yes."

SA Momchilov asked Officer Mook if he recalled any signals being called over the radio. Officer Mook stated that either a Signal 5 or Signal 21 was broadcasted.

Officer Mook stated he did not see or hear any portion of the shooting and advised that he and Officer Guilmette were at Main Street and Waterloo Road when shots fired was broadcasted over the radio.

SA Momchilov advised Officer Mook, that in his statement, he mentioned that "He made the decision to try and get Walker to the hospital by cruiser." Officer Mook responded, "Yeah and by that I meant Sergeant Sinsley." SA Momchilov then asked Officer Mook why an individual would be transported via cruiser rather than by ambulance. Officer Mook explained that often time the fire department is on other ambulance runs, which causes the fire department to pull ambulances from the other side of the city. Officer Mook further explained that in this circumstance, they did not know where the ambulance may have been and that it wasn't on scene yet. Officers felt that it may have been quicker to transport the individual by cruiser rather than waiting for an ambulance.

Officer Mook was asked if he had conversation with any of the involved officers about the incident. Officer Mook advised that he did not.

SA Momchilov advised Officer Mook that he stated in his narrative that he stepped away to perform his shift representative duties. SA Momchilov then asked Officer Mook if he could

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explain what a shift representative is. Officer Mook stated, "Yeah, just at the time I notified the FOP President that there had been a critical incident, um, just to kind of get the ball rolling to ensure our representation got on scene and ah, and then I separated the individuals as well, just to make sure that they were sequestered in their own vehicles."

SA Momchilov then asked if that was done to prevent the involved officers from speaking with each other about the incident. Officer Mook responded, "Yes, correct, yeah."

Officer Mook stated he was in the proximity of the individual's vehicle but did not perform any searches or inventories of the vehicle.

Officer Mook advised that he was wearing a body-worn camera and that it was activated while he was on scene. Officer Mook stated he could not remember if he had watched his body-worn camera footage. Officer Mook further stated that he did watch body-worn camera footage of the incident that was released by the media.

At the end of the interview, Officer Mook was afforded the opportunity to view his body-worn camera footage. Officer Mook declined.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

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The above images are from Officer Mook's body-worn camera footage. Based upon Officer Mook's body-worn camera footage, Officer Mook's body-worn camera is active as he is walking up the scene (Figure 1). Officer Mook is then observed standing near other officers who are providing medical treatment (Figure 2). Officer Mook then makes contact with Sergeant Sinsley and advised that he is going to start performing his shift representative duties (Figure 3). Officer Mook is then observed walking away from the scene.

Attachments:

The audio recording of the interview is attached to this Investigative Report.

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