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Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 15266 Gilchrist Rd., Mt.
Vernon (L)

Date of Activity: 08/20/2022

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Narrative:

On August 20, 2022, at approximately 1449 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent David Wiegning (SA Wiegning) interviewed Sergeant Darin Karbler (Karbler) with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office assigned to the Delaware Tactical Unit (DTU) at the Knox County Sheriff's Office located at 11540 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 43050.

The purpose of the interview with Karbler was to obtain all relevant information regarding the activities that occurred on this date near the property at 15266 Gilchrist Road in Mount Vernon.

It was reported that the Mansfield Allied Special Operation Response Team (ASORT), DTU and the Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) responded to the property on Gilchrist Road after learning that a bail bondsman, and subsequently an Ohio State Patrol helicopter, were reportedly shot at by Randy Wilhelm (R. Wilhelm) and R. Wilhelm's brother, Brad Wilhelm (B. Wilhelm). R. Wilhelm had a warrant for his arrest for failing to comply with the terms of his bail. As the incident progressed with ASORT, DTU and KCSO, BCI Agents learned that SWAT operators from DTU discharged their firearms during an interaction with the Wilhelm's. The Wilhelm's were shot and pronounced deceased at the scene.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author 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. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Karbler is in charge of the Drug Task Force with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. Karbler was off work and asleep when the call came in. He responded to the KCSO where he initially met with members from the various teams that were assisting. Karbler mentioned he is no longer in a leadership role with DTU so when Sergeant Diaz arrived at the KCSO, he stepped out of the briefing. The decision was made that they were going to hold off until daylight before any advance was made on the property.

DTU was in Marysville's BATT. Initially, DTU was the relief team at the staging area. They

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watched drone footage monitoring the live footage. They subsequently relocated nearby R. Wilhelm's residence on Monroe Mills Road and joined ASORT. Once they received the green light, ASORT and DTU moved into position. ASORT drove to the south side of the residence to the back yard where the SUV (Trailblazer) was parked. DTU positioned themselves on the garage concrete pad and could see ASORT taking fire. According to Karbler, they were in the process of putting people on the outside of their armored vehicle by the time ASORT was taking rounds. They repositioned the BATT having learned that B. Wilhelm was on foot and they wanted to get a line of sight on him.

Karbler said he was seated behind the driver of the armored vehicle when he observed R. Wilhelm open of a second-floor dormer and presented his rifle on the window sill taking a shooting position behind an optic scope. R. Wilhelm took direct aim at the front windshield of the BATT and shot a round at eye level on the driver side. R. Wilhelm then took aim at the passenger side of the BATT's windshield and shot another round at eye level. Karbler stated the impact of those rounds were pretty significant and compromised the ballistic integrity of the glass leaving them exposed. R. Wilhelm never came off the rifle after the second round.

Karbler shared that they were concerned about R. Wilhelm stacking rounds so they began backing out of the driveway. While doing this, R. Wilhelm engaged DTU again. Once the BATT retreated approximately 150 yards, R. Wilhelm pulled the rifle in and closed the window.

DTU continued out to the road and positioned themselves broadside on the road at the end of the driveway. Karbler said he subsequently observed the side-by-side that he assumed came from inside the garage heading away and down the hill toward R. Wilhelm's mother's residence. A short time later it was communicated that shots were fired and the side-by side was motionless.

SA Wiegings interview with Karbler ended at approximately 1502 hours.

A copy of the audio-recorded interview with Karbler is attached to this report.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-08-20 Audio Interview with Sergeant Darin Karbler

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