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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1659 S. Main Street, Akron, Ohio
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Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer Ty Taylor
 Activity Date: September 28, 2022
 Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

Narrative:

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 1459 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Officer Ty Taylor (Taylor), who was accompanied by his attorney, Jason Wells, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at the law offices of Malarcik, Pierce, Munyer, & Will. Fraternal Order of Police Akron Lodge #7 President Clay Cozart was also present during the interview.

The interview was audio recorded.

Officer Taylor 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 Taylor 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 Taylor was the passenger of marked APD cruiser, Car 05, and his partner, Officer McGowan, was the driver. Officer Taylor was wearing his standard APD uniform.

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

Officer Taylor's typed narrative reads:

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I, Officer Taylor #1532, and Officer McGowan #1501 were assigned uniformed patrol in district 5 While on patrol, we heard the units chasing the suspect vehicle. We arrived on scene after the shooting and assisted in medical care. I assisted officers give the suspect medical care by giving the officers providing care a tourniquet, and gauze. We also assisted in locating shell casings. We found shell casings all in the parking lot along the grass line.

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SA Momchilov asked Officer Taylor what specifically caused him to respond to the “chase” and scene. Officer Taylor replied, “We heard the units call out they were trying to stop the vehicle and that he was fleeing from them, so they were going to chase the vehicle. So, we tried to make our way toward the direction, on our side of town where we believed the suspect might be heading. Um, initially to block traffic so that we could try and maintain safety for other citizens on the roadway.”

SA Momchilov asked Officer Taylor if he heard any signals being called out during the incident. Officer Taylor advised that a Signal 5 was called (Emergency Traffic Only). Officer Taylor also advised the cruiser that was chasing the vehicle had also broadcasted that the “suspect had fired his gun out of the car.”

SA Momchilov asked Officer Taylor if he witnessed any portion of the officer-involved shooting. Officer Taylor replied, “No sir.” SA Momchilov then asked Officer Taylor if he heard any portion of the officer-involved shooting. Officer Taylor stated, “Yeah, so when we were, when we were coming down the road, because we thought they were coming toward the intersection we were posted at. Um, we, we heard radio silence so we kind of went, to make our way down the road to see what was going on and my window was open and I heard an unknown amount of gunshots but I didn’t see where it came from. I just, I heard gunshots.”

SA Momchilov asked Officer Taylor, if while on scene, he spoke to any of the involved officers. Officer Taylor replied, “No.”

SA Momchilov asked Officer Taylor if he had an opportunity to look inside the vehicle the individual was driving. Officer Taylor advised that he may have looked at the vehicle but did not perform any detailed searches or inventory.

Officer Taylor advised that he recalled that the individual who was shot was wearing a black mask, but Officer Taylor could not provide any further details about what the individual was wearing.

Officer Taylor advised that he was wearing a body-worn camera and that he has not seen his body-worn camera footage.

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

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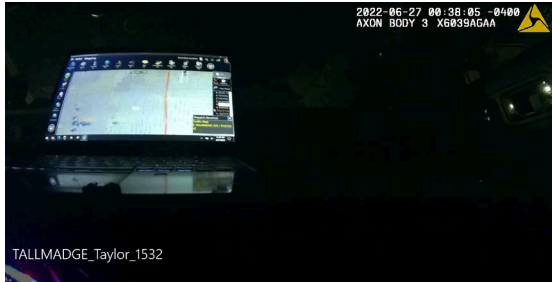


Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4

The above images are from Officer Taylor's body-worn camera footage. Based upon Officer Taylor's body-worn camera footage, Officer Taylor is observed arriving on scene after the shooting (Figure 2). After several moments, Officer Taylor is observed running back to his cruiser and obtaining a medical bag (Figure 3). Officer Taylor is then observed running back to the scene and dispensing medical equipment (Figure 4).

Attachments:

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

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