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2022-1356 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1659 S. Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44301

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer Cameron McGowanActivity Date:September 28, 2022Authoring Agent:Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

Narrative:

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 1454 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Officer Cameron McGowan (McGowan), 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 McGowan 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 McGowan 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 McGowan stated he was driving a marked APD cruiser, and his partner, Officer Taylor, was the passenger. Officer McGowan advised that he could not remember which APD cruiser he was in, but dispatch records indicate that he and Officer Taylor were in Car 05. Officer McGowan was wearing his standard APD uniform.

SA Momchilov stated to Officer McGowan that it was his understanding that he responded to a shooting scene on June 27, 2022. Officer McGowan replied, "I did." SA Momchilov then asked Officer McGowan what caused him to respond to that scene.

Officer McGowan stated he heard emergency traffic "go out." Officer McGowan also stated he heard radio traffic that the "suspect had fired a weapon out of the vehicle." Officer McGowan stated he was listening to the "direction of where they were going" and assisted by blocking intersections.

Officer McGowan advised that he was at Main Street and Wilbeth Road when the shooting occurred, blocking that intersection.

Officer McGowan advised that he did not see or hear any portion of the shooting.

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SA Momchilov asked Officer McGowan if he had any conversation with any of the involved officers. Officer McGowan replied, "No."

SA Momchilov asked Officer McGowan what action he took while he was on scene. Officer McGowan stated, "So when we first got there, I was just standing by evidence, like I saw magazines, Tasers and potential evidence that could be looked at later on, so I started just calling out what I saw and where it was and I think I, initially I stood by a couple magazines and after that I canvassed the area for any other guns or weapons or any other evidence that could potentially be."

SA Momchilov asked Officer McGowan if he had an opportunity to look inside the vehicle that the individual was driving. Officer McGowan stated he did not and that he did not go anywhere near that vehicle.

It does not appear that Officer McGowan had his body camera activated when he was on scene. SA Momchilov was not provided body-camera footage belonging to Officer McGowan.

Attachments:

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

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