



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



2022-1356

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

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

Narrative:

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 1516 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran (Moran) interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Officer Kyle Walter (Walter), 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 Walter 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 Walter 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 Walter was the driver of the APD Transportation Wagon. Officer Walter advised that he could not recall the Transportation Wagon's vehicle number, however dispatch records indicate that Officer Walter was in APD W86. Officer Walter was not working with a partner. Officer Walter was wearing his standard APD uniform.

SA Momchilov stated to Officer Walter that it was his understanding that he responded to a shooting scene on June 27, 2022. Officer Walter replied, "I did." SA Momchilov then asked Officer Walter what caused him to respond to that scene. Officer Walter explained that he was working an overtime detail driving the Akron Police Department Transport Wagon, and he was in the process of transferring a prisoner from another Akron Police Department cruiser to the Transport Wagon when he overheard radio traffic of the vehicle pursuit. Officer Walter described the incident as "severe" because "shots were fired during the chase, they called out that it was the suspect firing."

Officer Walter advised, by the time that he cleared the Summit County Jail, the incident was over but the location of the incident was near the Summit County Jail. Officer Walter drove the Transport Wagon to the incident location and used the Transport Wagon to block an intersection. Officer Walter then exited the Transport Wagon and walked over to the perimeter crime scene

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tape. Officer Walter advised that he made contact with a supervisor and asked if anything was needed. Officer Walter was advised that "they were good." Officer Walter stated that he then went back on patrol.

Officer Walter advised that he was on scene for approximately 15 minutes at the most. Officer Walter stated that he did not have conversation with any of the involved officers.

SA Moran asked Officer Walter if he ever entered the scene. Officer Walter stated he did cross the tape to speak with a supervisor but never got close to the actual scene.

Officer Walter advised that he did not see or hear any portion of the officer-involved shooting. Officer Walter stated he was wearing a body-worn camera but it was not activated while he was on scene.

Attachments:

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

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