



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



2022-1726
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 15266 Gilchrist Rd., Mt.
Vernon (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: ██████████ (S)
Date of Activity: 08/29/2022
Activity Location: SWAT, Mansfield PD – Business – 30 N Diamond St., Mansfield, OH
44902, Richland County
Author: SA John P. Tingley, #154

Narrative:

On Monday, August 29, 2022, at 1411 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) interviewed Mansfield Police Department (MPD) Lieutenant (Lt.) ██████████ (██████████) who was accompanied by Douglas Behringer, attorney, from the Fraternal Order of Police/OLC. The interview took place at the MPD which is located at 30 North Diamond Street, Mansfield, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

Lt. ██████████ was identified as being a police officer who had some level of involvement in the August 20, 2022 Officer-Involved Critical Incident which occurred in the area of 15266 Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Knox County, Ohio. Reportedly, Lt. ██████████ discharged a firearm during the course of the incident with the intention to disable an unoccupied vehicle. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be 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 nor is it a word for word translation of either the questions or answers. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

SA Tingley started by giving Lt. ██████████ the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification

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form. Lt. ██████ reviewed, signed, and dated the form thereby acknowledging that he understood the contents of the form.

SA Tingley began the interview by obtaining certain preliminary and demographic information and then asking LT. ██████ to describe his involvement in the Officer-Involved Critical Incident.

Lt. ██████ stated that he has been employed by the MPD for about sixteen (16) years. During the incident, Lt. ██████ wore his standard SWAT police uniform which consisted of camo pants and shirt which has MPD patches on each shoulder. He also wore an outer carrier ballistic vest. He stated that he was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI. When asked, Lt. ██████ advised that he did not have a body camera on his person during the incident.

Lt. ██████ stated that he and the rest of the team had arrived at a staging area before moving towards Monroe Mills Road, in the ASORT BearCat armored vehicle, to meet with the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Tactical Team. Shortly thereafter, he heard radio traffic from the OSHP helicopter advising that two (2) males were getting into a vehicle with rifles at Randy Wilhelm's (Wilhelm) residence on Monroe Mills Road.

Lt. ██████ stated that he was eventually contacted by the ASORT (SWAT) team commander, MPD Sergeant (Sgt.) Kingsborough. Sgt. Kingsborough advised Lt. ██████ that, when advised to do so, he was to drive through the locked gate blocking the driveway to Wilhelm's residence. Lt. ██████ was then to proceed down the driveway and locate the tan SUV, as described by the OSHP helicopter earlier, strike the tan SUV with the BearCat, and keep the subjects in the tan SUV from going mobile.

Lt. ██████ advised that when the signal was given, he went through the gate and moved towards the tan SUV which was parked behind the residence. As he approached the tan SUV, Lt. ██████ observed that the back tailgate on the vehicle was open. Lt. ██████ stated that he then struck the front bumper of the tan SUV, which appeared to be unoccupied, on the drivers side with the front bumper of the BearCat.

Lt. ██████ continued by stating that once the vehicles had stopped moving, a shorter male in a blue shirt, who Lt. ██████ believes was Bradley Wilhelm, appeared and walked beside the passenger side of the BearCat. About this same time, another ASORT team member in the BearCat advised that there was another male subject in the garage of the residence holding a rifle, this subject believed to be Randy Wilhelm, with the subject pointing the rifle at the BearCat.

Lt. ██████ advised that he then began giving commands to the male subject in the garage over the intercom. These commands included: "Surrender"; "Get on the ground"; "Lets end this peacefully". However, the subject in the garage shook his head no

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repeatedly.

Lt. [REDACTED] stated that the other subject who had been outside walking beside the BearCat, opened the rear passenger door on the tan SUV and looks into the back seat of the SUV. The subject then moves forward and enters the tan SUV through the front passenger door. At this point, Lt. [REDACTED] moves the BearCat and rams the tan SUV to keep it from leaving. Shortly thereafter, the subject in the garage begins to fire his rifle at the BearCat. As this is taking place, another ASORT team member begins to open the turret on top of the BearCat. Lt. [REDACTED] then hears rounds striking the turret and bullet fragments coming into the main compartment of the BearCat.

Lt. [REDACTED] advised that he then pushes the tan SUV with the one subject inside with the BearCat approximately fifty (50) to sixty (60) yards. Once the vehicles stop moving, the subject in the tan SUV exits the vehicle and begins running away from the SUV.

Lt. [REDACTED] stated that once this occurred, the priority as he understood it, was to disable the tan SUV. Accordingly, Lt. [REDACTED] is handed a rifle by ASORT team member Sergeant Haines which Lt. [REDACTED] uses to fire two (2) rounds into the front passenger tire and two (2) rounds into the rear passenger side tire on the tan SUV through a gun port on the BearCat.

Lt. [REDACTED] continued by advising that a short time later he sees the two male subjects leaving the residence in a side by side ATV vehicle, which Lt. [REDACTED] identified as a possible Razor, and heading in the direction of the other part of the property.

SA Tingley asked Lt. [REDACTED] what his seating position was inside of the BearCat and Lt. [REDACTED] advised that he was the driver.

The interview was then concluded at approximately 1423 hours.

This interview was audio recorded. The audio recording and the signed BCI Criminal Notification Form are both attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-1726 MPD LT [REDACTED] INTERVIEW

Attachment # 02: 2022-1726 MPD LT [REDACTED] SIGNED BCI CRIMINAL NOTIFICATION FORM

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Criminal Investigation Notification

1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is not a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

Lt. [Redacted]

Printed Name of Interviewee

8-29-22

Date / Time

[Redacted Signature]

Signature

SA [Redacted] #154

BCI Agent (Printed)

SA [Redacted] #154

BCI Agent (Signature)