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Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer Alicia Holton (W)
Date of Activity: 01/12/2021
Activity Location: 5th Precinct Sub-Station – 1371 Cleveland Ave, Columbus, Ohio, OH, Franklin County
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Narrative:

On January 12, 2021, at approximately 2304 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Jon Scale (SA Scale) and Jenny Comisford (SA Comisford) interviewed Columbus Police Department (CPD) Officer Alicia Holton (Officer Holton) [Badge # 2985]. This interview took place at the CPD 5th Precinct Substation located at 1371 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, OH. The purpose of the interview with Officer Holton was to determine the extent of her involvement and response to the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which took place on the morning of December 22, 2020, at 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, OH.

Also present during the interview was the Fraternal Order of Police Attorney Jackie Tipton (Attorney Tipton). It should be noted that prior to the interview, Attorney Tipton advised agents that any questions regarding body worn cameras or the rendering of aid were not permissible. Prior to the interview Officer Holton along with Attorney Tipton reviewed her body worn camera video on the agent's laptop.

The interview was audio recorded and a copy of the recording is attached to this report and a copy was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the attached audio for complete details. The following is a summation of Officer Holton's interview:

Officer Holton said her assignment at CPD is 5C11 and has been with the department for about 3 1/2 years. She has only been at the 5th Precinct for the last 6 months to 1 year. Her days off are [REDACTED] and typical shift hours are from [REDACTED]. Officer Holton's immediate supervisor is Sergeant Stallings. She said that when responding to the OICI she thinks she was marked as Unit 51 and was driving marked cruiser 51. She was a one officer car that morning.

Officer Holton said that she was at CPD 5th Precinct Substation when she heard "shots fired"

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aired over the radio by CPD Officer Amy Detweiller (Officer Detweiller). She said when she left the substation it was the longest lights and sirens run she had ever made. She thought it was about a 15 minute run to the OICI location on Oberlin Drive.

Officer Holton arrived on scene and parked her cruiser on Oberlin Drive close to Kenny Road and then walked to the scene. Once on scene she stood guard in the driveway of 1062 Oberlin Drive. She said that no other officers made any statements to her regarding the shooting. She did not have any interaction with Officer Adam Coy (Officer Coy).

Officer Holton said that Officer Detweiller spoke to her and a few other officers explaining where she believed the "casings" should have been on the ground. Officer Holton said at that time she had no knowledge of what had happened or who had discharged a firearm. She said she did not locate any casings and does not believe any other officers found any as well at that time.

Agents asked if she had observed the individual that was shot and was later identified as Andre Hill (Hill). Officer Holton said she observed Hill lying on the ground half in the garage and half in the driveway. She said that she observed what appeared to be gun shot wounds to Hill's right thigh and abdomen. She said that Hill was not verbal at anytime when she was on scene.

Officer Holton said she did not see any types of weapons on the ground near Hill or anywhere else. She said she observed a cell phone and pack of cigarettes in the driveway on the ground near Hill. She stated that she did not see anyone move the cell phone or the pack of cigarettes while she was there.

Officer Holton said she was on the scene for about 10 minutes before the medics arrived. She said that she overheard one of the officers telling the medics that an officer involved shooting had occurred. Officer Holton said that she followed the medic to Riverside Hospital. She said that CPD Officer Housler [Badge # 3098] rode in the back of the medic to the hospital. Officer Holton said at the hospital that she, Officer Housler, and Officer Olson stood guard outside the trauma room.

Officer Holton said that Officer Coy and Officer Detweiller were midwatch officers. She said that she does not typically go on runs with either of those officers. Officer Holton was not aware if Officer Coy or Officer Detweiller had been involved in any other officer involved shooting in the past.

Officer Holton said she does not think she had ever been to 1062 Oberlin Drive before. She said she had no previous contact with Hill or the homeowners at that residence.

This interview with Officer Holton concluded at approximately 2320 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:2021-01-12 Officer Alicia Holton Interview