



Ohio Attorney General's Office
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2022-1356

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

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer Madison Hooper

Activity Date: September 28, 2022

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

Narrative:

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 1315 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Officer Madison Hooper (Hooper), who was accompanied by her 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 Hooper 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 Hooper 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 Hooper stated she was driving a marked APD cruiser, Car 16, and her partner, Officer Radak, was the passenger. Officer Hooper was wearing her standard APD uniform.

SA Momchilov stated to Officer Hooper that it was his understanding that she responded to a shooting scene on June 27, 2022. Officer Hooper replied, "Correct." SA Momchilov then asked Officer Hooper what caused her to respond to that scene. Officer Hooper replied, "A Signal 21 went out, officer needs help." SA Momchilov then asked Officer Hooper if anything else was broadcasted over the radio that caused her to respond. Officer Hooper replied, "Ah, shots fired."

Officer Hooper advised that she did not see or hear any portion of the officer-involved shooting, and that she arrived on scene after the shooting occurred. Officer Hooper stated that she performed scene security in the area of Main Street and Wilbeth Road while on scene. Officer Hooper stated she also sequestered Officer [REDACTED] while on scene, but that she did not have any conversation with him about the incident.

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Officer Hooper advised that she was wearing a body-worn camera and it was activated while on scene. Officer Hooper further advised that she turned off her body-worn camera when Officer [REDACTED] was sequestered. Officer Hooper stated she had not viewed her body-worn camera footage.

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



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

The above images are from Officer Hooper's body-worn camera footage. Based upon Officer Hooper's body-worn camera footage, Officer Hooper is already on scene when her body-worn camera is activated. Officer Hooper is observed placing crime scene tape around the scene (Figure 1 and Figure 2). After several minutes, Officer Hooper is observed walking back to her cruiser. Officer [REDACTED] is then observed entering Officer Hooper's cruiser (Figure 3).

Attachments:

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

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