



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



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

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Officer Christopher Glennon (W)
Date of Activity: 08/20/2022
Activity Location: Knox County Sheriffs Office – Business – 11540 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mt Vernon, OH 43050, Knox County
Author: SA James H Gore, #168

Narrative:

On the afternoon of August 20, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) James Gore (Gore) interviewed Lexington Police Officer (Ofc.) Christopher Glennon (Glennon) at the Knox County Sheriff's Office. Ofc. Glennon was identified as one of several witnesses to an officer-involved critical incident which took place earlier on the same date at the Wilhelm family compound in Knox County. Ofc. Glennon was present as a member of Richland County's Allied Special Operations Response Team (ASORT). Ofc. Glennon has been with the Lexington Police Department since 2019, and his normal duties have included patrol and School Resource Officer (SRO). Ofc. Glennon has been a member of the ASORT since March 2022.

Ofc. Glennon said he was notified of the situation in Knox County by text, phone calls and email. The initial information was limited, according to Ofc. Glennon, but it instructed him to meet at the Knox County Sheriff's Office for a "barricaded individual." Ofc. Glennon said when he arrived at the sheriff's office (approximately 0500 hours), he was informed that there was a subject who had multiple houses on a property. He added, the subject reportedly had numerous weapons and had warrants for domestic violence and intimidation. He later recalled being told that the subject also allegedly shot at a bail bondsman and an Ohio State Patrol (OSP) helicopter.

Ofc. Glennon mentioned that he deployed with the ASORT from the sheriff's office as a passenger in a Bearcat armored vehicle. The Bearcat reportedly moved to a staging area on Fredericktown–Amity Rd. Ofc. Glennon said he later learned that the ASORT's role would be to enter the target property (*later confirmed by SA Gore to be 15159 Monroe Mills Rd.*) and to block the egress of a Chevy Trailblazer, which was positioned behind the house.

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Overhead Reference Map of 15159 Monroe Mills Rd.

Ofc. Glennon said the rear hatch of the Trailblazer was open/up, as if the subject(s) had been loading or removing items from the vehicle. Glennon said the Bearcat attempted to block the Trailblazer by placing its front bumper on the driver's side headlight of the Trailblazer at an angle.

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Reference Diagram

Ofc. Glennon stated that immediately after the Bearcat was positioned on the Trailblazer, an armed male subject appeared out the back door of the house. The subject reportedly pointed a rifle at the Bearcat vehicle. Ofc. Glennon said the operators of the Bearcat began to give commands to the subject over the vehicle's intercom. The subject was not compliant according to Glennon.

Ofc. Glennon said, soon afterward, another male subject, whom he presumed was the armed male's brother, came out of the house, entered the Trailblazer and tried to drive off. The second subject did not appear to be armed per Ofc. Glennon. Commands were issued to the second subject but he, too, did not comply. Ofc. Glennon reported that the Bearcat rammed the Trailblazer to prevent it from moving. The subject exited from the passenger side and ran back into the house, Glennon reported. Ofc. Glennon said as the Bearcat struck the Trailblazer, it took rounds from the armed subject at the back of the house.

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Rear view of 15159 Monroe Mills Rd. and final position of Trailblazer.

Ofc. Glennon explained that after the Bearcat was struck by gunfire, it was repositioned to give the team a better angle to return fire, if needed. He said he then observed a tactical team from Marysville backing down the driveway in their armored vehicle.

Soon afterward, Glennon explained, the two subjects emerged from the side of the house on what he believed was a Polaris Ranger side-by-side all-terrain vehicle (ATV). Ofc. Glennon said the pair was traveling at a high rate of speed and they almost lost control of the ATV. Glennon said he did not see where the ATV went, but he and the other ASORT members listened to the radio to determine if other teams encountered them.

Ofc. Glennon stated that the ASORT Bearcat was struck by gunfire on its back and side, and he believed five of its six tires were flattened. Ofc. Glennon said its top turret door was also struck while the vehicle was being repositioned. Ofc. Glennon estimated the subject fired between 10 and 15 rounds at the Bearcat. No officers from the ASORT team sustained any injuries to Ofc. Glennon's knowledge.

Ofc. Glennon reported that from the time the ASORT team entered the compound until the subjects were reported deceased was only approximately 20 minutes.

An audio copy of Ofc. Glennon's interview was attached to this report for reference.

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Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-0820-13-51-30 Lexington PD Ofc. Chris Glennon Interview - SA
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