



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 236 McKinley Ave, Piqua, OH
(Miami County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Officer Adam Kimpel (W)
Date of Activity: 02/21/2025
Activity Location: Piqua Police Department – Business – 100 N. Wayne Street, Piqua, OH 45356
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On Friday, February 21, 2025, at approximately 2149 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Steven Seitzman interviewed Piqua Police Officer Adam Kimpel, who was accompanied by his Fraternal Order of Police attorney, Scott A. Rubenstein from Rubenstein & Thurman, LPA. The interview took place in a small conference room inside the Piqua Police Department. The interview was audio recorded.

The details below summarize what the author believed to be the pertinent portions of the recorded interview and are not a verbatim account. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed.

Officer Kimpel was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the officer-involved critical incident that occurred on the same date. He did not discharge his weapon during the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by him.

Officer Kimpel advised that he was working his [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. He stated that he was wearing his department-issued uniform, which made him clearly identifiable as a police officer. Sometime between 1600 and 1700 hours, he recalled a dispatch to 236 McKinley Avenue for a domestic violence incident involving David West. Dispatch indicated that West had pushed his mother, causing her to hit her head. He clarified that the police department had several prior violent incidents involving West, so multiple officers responded to the call. He stated that West was known to resist arrest and assault police officers.

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Officer Kimpel advised that he was the first to arrive, with Lieutenant Marcos Rodriguez, Officer Hunter Mote, and Officer Jackson Heath arriving shortly after. He met the victim, Tammy West, who let him in the house. Tammy advised him that David was in the basement. He asked her what had happened. She told him that she had had an argument with David over money. Specifically, while they were eating dinner, she told David that she was going to retire from her job and could no longer pay his bills. This enraged David, so he got up from the table and shoved her on the shoulders as she was still seated. As a result, she fell backward, striking the back of her head and leg on the ground.

Officer Kimpel stated that based on the information provided by Tammy, he planned on arresting David for domestic violence. As he was collecting information from her, Lieutenant Rodriguez was on the left side of the basement door, while Officer Heath was on the right. Officer Kimpel moved to Lieutenant Rodriguez's position, at which point Lieutenant Rodriguez took a kneeling position in front of him. He thought he heard David say he had a pistol, which he confirmed with the other officers. He stated that he drew his service pistol; however, he could not see David from his position. He recalled Lieutenant Rodriguez giving several commands to David, though he did not recall what the commands were. He then remembered Lieutenant Rodriguez firing four rounds in rapid succession.

After the shooting, Officer Kimpel advised dispatch that shots had been fired. Lieutenant Rodriguez also broadcast the same, indicating that he believed he struck David. The officers then went downstairs to make contact with David. Officer Kimpel recalled seeing David in the corner "gasping for air." He also saw a firearm next to him. He stated that he could see David was shot. He saw injuries on the right side of David's abdomen and blood coming from underneath him. He stated that Officer Zachary Smith arrived with medical supplies. He cut David's shirt off and saw injuries to David's abdomen, shoulder, and back. He stated that he held pressure on David's injuries, and at some point, realized David had stopped breathing. At that point, Officer Heath initiated chest compressions. The medics arrived quickly after that and utilized a LUCAS machine. The medics subsequently pronounced David as deceased.

Officer Kimpel stated that he and the other officers did everything they could to save David's life with the medical supplies that they had available to them.

Officer Kimpel described David's weapon as "similar to a Highpoint." He said the weapon had a laser on it. He stated that he picked it up to clear it and discovered that it was actually a PepperBall gun. At that point, he realized that he had seen the weapon before and had confiscated it from David during another arrest. He stated that the weapon appeared to be a "large caliber pistol" and did not realize it was a PepperBall gun until he picked it up and removed the magazine.

SA Seitzman asked Officer Kimpel if Tammy or David's father, Duane, mentioned that David had a PepperBall gun prior to the incident. He stated that they mentioned David having a stun gun; however, he reiterated that it looked like a large caliber handgun. He stated that he cleared the gun as if it were real by pointing it in a safe direction, and he did not notice it was a PepperBall gun until he removed the magazine.

Officer Kimpel spoke about prior dealings with David. He stated that David's past police encounters included assault on a police officer at a hospital, threats of suicide, resisting

arrest, and a menacing arrest where he threatened to cut off and wear the skin of the victim.

The interview concluded at 2203 hours. The audio recording is attached to this investigative report.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2025-02-21 Interview of Officer Adam Kimpel

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.