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2022-1356

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

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer Daniel Henry

Activity Date: September 28, 2022

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

Narrative:

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 2337 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Officer Daniel Henry (Henry), who was accompanied by his attorney, Jason Wells, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at 1460 Triplett Boulevard, Akron, Ohio. Fraternal Order of Police Akron Lodge #7 President Clay Cozart was also present during the interview.

The interview was audio recorded.

Officer Henry 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 Henry 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 Henry was the driver of marked APD cruiser, Car 26. Officer Henry was not working with a partner. Officer Henry was wearing his standard APD uniform.

Prior to the interview, SA Momchilov was advised that Officer Henry had typed a supplemental report that documented his involvement in the June 27, 2022, officer-involved shooting. Officer Henry wished to read the narrative out loud and then he would answer any follow-up questions, if needed.

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Officer Henry's typed narrative reads:

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On the evening of June 26 2022, I officer Henry 1468, was assigned to Car #26. On June 27, at approximately 12:31AM, I responded to the intersection of Main and Wilbeth. When I arrived on scene there was an apprehension that had been made. I did not see or hear any use of force.

I conducted a canvas of the area. There was no answer at the doors of 64, 60, or 56 E Wilbeth Rd. Susan Grimes (7-7-57) of 70 E Wilbeth Rd did not see or hear anything related to the incident. Ann Elane (7-26-60) of 32 E Wilbeth Rd did not see or hear anything related to the incident. Phyllis Morison (6-15-83) of 28 E Wilbeth Rd did not see or hear anything related to the incident. After I completed my canvas I was instructed to go back into service by Sgt. Sterling 1397.

SA Momchilov asked Officer Henry what specifically caused him to respond to the scene. Officer Henry replied, "I heard the car chase go out over dispatch, I heard that there were shots fired, I heard a Signal 21." Officer Henry advised that a Signal 21 is "officer needs help" and that a Signal 21 is not a common occurrence.

SA Momchilov asked Officer Henry if he had conversation with any of the involved officers. Officer Henry replied, "No." Officer Henry advised at the time, he did not know which officers were involved.

Officer Henry advised that he did observe the vehicle that the individual was driving "from a distance" and did not perform a search or inventory of that vehicle.

Officer Henry advised that he was wearing a body-worn camera and it was activated. Officer Henry stated that he has not viewed his body-worn camera footage.

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

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Figure 1

Figure 2



Figure 3

The above images are from Officer Henry's body-worn camera footage. Based upon Officer Henry's body-worn camera footage, it appears that Officer Henry activates his body-worn camera while already on scene (Figure 1). Officer Henry is then observed approaching 56 Wilbeth Road (Figure 2). Officer Henry is unable to make contact with anyone at that residence. Officer Henry is then observed approaching 60 Wilbeth Road (Figure 3). The body-worn camera footage ends as Officer Henry is knocking on the door of that residence.

Attachments:

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

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