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Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



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

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Date of Activity: 02/14/2022
Activity Location: Rhodes State Officer Tower – 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215, Franklin County
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Narrative:

On Monday, February 14, 2022, at 1441 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agents Richard Ward and Perry Roeser met with Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Deputy Chief Thomas Quinlan at Rhodes State Office Tower 23th floor, 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio for the purpose of an interview.

Deputy Chief Quinlan held the rank of Chief of Police of the Columbus Division of Police on December 22, 2020, and had been since 2019. On December 22, 2020, Quinlan had responded 1062 Oberlin Drive after the Officer-Involved Critical Incident with Adam Coy. Quinlan recalled meeting with BCI Agent Ward and viewing the Body Worn Camera videos of Coy and Officer Amy Detweiler inside CPD Incident Command bus. Quinlan stated based on the facts he had gathered in the proceeding days, he had drafted a letter to the Columbus Public Safety Director and recommended Adam Coy be terminated for actions outside of the Division of Police policy. Shortly thereafter, Coy as terminated from his employment with CPD for violation of, and outside the scope of CPD's Deadly Force Policy.

From 2001 and 2009, Deputy Chief Quinlan held the rank of lieutenant and directly supervised CPD Patrol Division Sergeants some of whom supervised Adam Coy. After reviewing citizen complaints and use of forces related to Coy, Quinlan provided direction to Coy's supervisors related to Coy's "performance failures." According to Quinlan, the sergeants as front line supervisors would be the first to review Coy's use of force/complaints and make an initial determination whether the force was within or outside of policy and provide a recommendation. Many times Quinlan disagreed with the sergeants' characterization of Coy's uses of force, but stated the sergeants were typically new and inexperienced with use of force investigations. In many cases, Quinlan stated he over-rode and/or took exception to the sergeants' assessment/recommendations of the incident(s).

Deputy Chief Quinlan stated he had never encountered an officer with CPD with the amount of complaints as Adam Coy. Quinlan stated Coy's actions would frequently provoke a response,

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which would require him to use force. Because of these issues with Coy, Quinlan issued a written order for Coy to, at all times, activate his cruiser camera audio/video when interacting with the public, but Coy would frequently disregard the order. Quinlan stated he had never before had to issue a single officer a written order as a modification to an existing policy; referring to the cruiser camera policy.

Chief Deputy Quinlan stated he had put in place several mentoring projects to assist Coy. Quinlan stated he left the chain of command and knew there was an out of policy use of force while he was gone. When Quinlan returned to the patrol division, Coy's citizen complaints dropped dramatically.

Agent Ward concluded the interview with Deputy Chief Quinlan at 1500 hours and attached is the audio recording interview.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Deputy Chief Quinlan Audio Interview