



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



2022-1726
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 15266 Gilchrist Rd., Mt.
Vernon (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer Brian Gavaghan (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 Andrew Russell

Narrative:

On Saturday, August 20, 2022, at 14:47 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Westerville Police Department (WPD) Officer (Ofc.) Brian Gavaghan (Gavaghan). The interview took place at Knox County Sheriff's Office. The interview was audio recorded.

Gavaghan was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the August 20, 2022, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 15266 Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Reportedly, Gavaghan did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Gavaghan stated that on August 20, 2022 he was assigned to the Marysville Police Department's (MPD) armored vehicle. Gavaghan advised his team was assigned to the front of the residence as a containment element. Gavaghan added he observed Mansfield's BearCat on the side of the residence next to a silver colored sport utility vehicle (SUV). Gavaghan added that the SVU went to go mobile and the BearCat attempted to pin it in place when he heard several gunshots. Believing that the shots were coming from the SUV, he and Cody Woodard (Woodard) and two other tactical team members exited the armored vehicle to support them. Gavaghan advised he observed an unknown White male exit the SUV and run toward the back of the residence. Gavaghan advised he heard rounds impacting on his vehicle so they got back into the armored vehicle, as the subject's location was unknown. Gavaghan added the armored vehicle then backed up and there was a lull in gunfire as they backed down the driveway. Gavaghan stated that he heard over the radio that the subjects had left

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the area in a side-by-side. Gavaghan added that he heard several more shots in the distance and again more radio traffic about shots being fired.

Gavaghan advised that was the extent of his involvement in this incident.

The interview concluded at approximately 14:57 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 22-08-20 Officer Brian Gavaghan