

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

2022-1356 Officer-Involved Critical Incident - 1659 S. Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44301



Investigative Activity: Interview with Lieutenant Daniel MarksActivity Date:September 14, 2022Authoring Agent:Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

Narrative:

On Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 0029 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Lieutenant Daniel Marks (Marks), 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.

Lieutenant Marks 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, Lieutenant Marks 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, Lieutenant Marks was the driver of marked APD cruiser, Car 40. Lieutenant Marks was not working with a partner. Lieutenant Marks was wearing his standard APD uniform.

SA Momchilov stated to Lieutenant Marks that it was his understanding that he responded to a shooting scene on June 27, 2022. Lieutenant Marks replied, "Yes." SA Momchilov then asked, "What caused you to respond to that scene?"

Lieutenant Marks advised that he was at the police station, doing paper work, when he heard radio traffic of the vehicle pursuit. Lieutenant Marks advised that a sergeant was monitoring the pursuit and that he usually monitors pursuits as well.

Lieutenant Marks stated, "When it got close to the end, the, them calling out shots fired and then saying, I think they said that everybody was okay, all the officers were okay. I started to go downstairs to the basement and grab my cruiser and head on out myself. On my way there, I got a phone call that the officers were involved in a shooting and I started to make notifications to the deputy chief, got on scene. When I got on scene, I think I talked to Sergeant Sinsley first,

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maybe. Just make sure that the scene, um, secure, perimeters were set up, people were doing canvasses, everybody has a job, the officers were sequestered. I don't have much of an investigative roll when that happens, just, just making sure that all the other things were done. People have jobs, they're doing something."

SA Momchilov asked Lieutenant Marks if he recalled a signal being called during the pursuit. Officer Marks stated that he did not recall that. SA Momchilov asked Lieutenant Marks if he recalled officers saying they were being fired at. Lieutenant Marks stated, "I heard the shots fired, yes."

SA Momchilov then asked "Would that deem an immediate response from, from other officers and yourself? Lieutenant Marks replied, "Yes."

Lieutenant Marks advised that he was wearing a body-worn camera, however, Lieutenant Marks stated it was not activated because he did not have any contact with citizens. SA Momchilov asked Lieutenant Marks if that was the policy of the Akron Police Department, citizen contact. Officer Marks replied, "Yes, it's actually part of the policy that a lieutenant does, not required to have one."

SA Momchilov asked Lieutenant Marks if he had an opportunity to look inside the individual's vehicle. Lieutenant Marks advised that he did and "walked over there with Sergeant Orrand." SA Momchilov asked Lieutenant Marks if he observed anything inside the vehicle. Lieutenant Marks stated, "I saw the gun inside, yes." SA Momchilov asked if he observed anything else. Lieutenant Marks advised that someone said something about a casing being in there but Lieutenant Marks could not remember if he observed the casing himself.

Lieutenant Marks did not complete a typed supplement or report and did not have is body-worn camera activated.

*It should be noted that agents purposely did not ask Lieutenant Marks if he had discussions or conversations with the involved officers. The purpose of this was not to taint investigators with any possible Garrity-related statements or information.

Attachments:

The audio recording of the interview is attached to this report.

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