



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 Cody Woodard (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 15:24 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Dublin Police Department (DPD) Officer (Ofc.) Cody Woodard (Woodard). The interview took place at Knox County Sheriff's Office. The interview was audio recorded.

Woodard 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, Woodard 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.

Woodard stated that on August 20, 2022, he was assigned to the Marysville Police Department's (MPD) armored vehicle. Woodard advised his team was assigned to the front of the residence as a containment element. Woodard added he observed Mansfield's BearCat on the side of the residence next to a grey Trailblazer. Woodard added that he and Officer Gavaghan (Gavaghan) of Westerville Police Department (WPD) exited the armored vehicle and stood on the side covering the Blazer and observed an unknown subject in the Blazer. Gavaghan added the subject attempted to go mobile in the Blazer and the BearCat attempted to pin it in place. He heard several gunshots, at first believing that the shots were coming from the Blazer, but quickly realizing that they were coming from the residence and striking the BearCat. Woodard advised he observed an unknown White male in a blue shirt exit the Blazer and run toward the back of the residence. Woodard advised he then heard rounds impacting on his vehicle so they got back into the armored vehicle and as the subject's location was unknown, he

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was concerned about being flanked. Woodard added the armored vehicle then backed up and down the driveway.

Woodard stated that he heard over the radio that the ATV or side-by-side had left the area but did not observe them. Woodard added that he heard additional radio traffic about shots being fired but heard and saw nothing else pertinent to the incident.

Woodard advised that he did assist with clearing the residence with the bomb techs and saw several .223 or .556 shell casings close to a main door in the garage and 4 more casings in the upstairs area by the closed window. Woodard advised that the subject obviously opened the window to shoot from it, then closed it and also left his shooting glasses close by. Woodard advised that was the extent of his involvement in this incident.

The interview concluded at approximately 15:35 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 Cody Woodard