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Investigative Report



2021-1772

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 300 Wood Street Apt. A8, Mansfield,
OH

Investigative Activity: Agents Respond
Activity Date: July 29, 2021
Authoring Agent: SA Cory Momchilov #64

On July 29, 2021, Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) was notified by Special Agent Supervisor David Posten that the Mansfield Police Department was requesting the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) to investigate an officer-involved shooting that had occurred in Mansfield, Ohio.

SA Momchilov was further advised that Mansfield Police responded to 300 Wood Street, apartment A-8, for a stabbing and during that encounter, an individual was shot by two Mansfield Police officers. The stabbing victim and the individual, who was shot by responding officers, were both transported to the hospital. SA Momchilov was also advised that the Mansfield Police Department was currently in the process of obtaining a search warrant for 300 Wood Street, apartment A-8.

While en route to 300 Wood Street, SA Momchilov was advised that two individuals who may have witnessed the stabbing/shooting were being transported to the Mansfield Police Department. It was decided that SA Momchilov would respond to the Mansfield Police Department to interview the two possible witnesses, SA Andrew Harasimchuk would respond to the hospital and other responding agents would respond to 300 Wood Street.

Prior to SA Momchilov arriving at the Mansfield Police Department, SA Momchilov was advised that the individual who was shot by the Mansfield Officers had died at the hospital.

Once at the Mansfield Police Department, SA Momchilov met with Detective (Det.) Terry Butler (Butler). SA Momchilov and Det. Butler then interviewed Laconya Williams (Williams). Williams is a cab driver who advised that she picked up two individuals (the stabbing victim and the individual who was shot) from Mulberry Street in Mansfield and transported them to 300 Wood Street. (See Investigative Report titled, Interview with Laconya Williams for further detail.)

SA Momchilov and Det. Butler then interviewed John Black (Black). Black resides at 300 Wood Street, apartment A-8. Black advised that two individuals, Jaron Ginn (Ginn) and James Haynes (Haynes), arrived at his apartment, via a cab, and advised that they needed \$5 for the cab fare. Black stated he did not have \$5 and decided to speak with the cab driver on Ginn and Haynes' behalf. Prior to exiting his apartment, Black stated that Haynes told him, "He [Haynes] was going to die tonight," and "I'm going to slice someone's face up."

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Black left the apartment to speak with the cab driver. At one point, two Mansfield Police officers arrived and Black heard Ginn screaming for help from inside the apartment. Haynes then exited the apartment with a knife and encountered the two Mansfield Police officers outside of the apartment. Haynes attempted to re-enter the apartment through the front door but was unsuccessful. Haynes then broke out a window of the apartment from the outside of the apartment. Black stated he believed that Haynes was attempting to get back inside of the apartment to get back to Ginn. An officer deployed a Taser, which reportedly did not "faze" Haynes.

An officer then discharged his firearm and Haynes was able to make it through the broken window. The officers then made entry into the apartment, at which point additional gunshots were heard by witnesses. (See Investigative Report titled, Interview with John Black for further detail.)

After SA Momchilov and Det. Butler interviewed Williams and Black, SA Momchilov met with SA Harasimchuk, who was now at the Mansfield Police Department. SA Harasimchuk advised SA Momchilov that he was at the hospital and was advised that Mansfield Police personnel had already collected Haynes' clothing and personal items from the hospital prior to his arrival. Those items were then transported to the Mansfield Police Department by Mansfield police personnel. Those items were later turned over to SA Harasimchuk.

SA Momchilov was then advised that the two officers who were involved in the shooting were in a conference room at the Mansfield Police Department. SA Momchilov and SA Harasimchuk then made contact with the officers, who were identified as Clay Blair (Blair) and Mark Boggs (Boggs). SA Momchilov introduced himself to the officers and asked if any officers wished to make a statement. Both officers advised that they were being represented by a Fraternal Order of Police attorney and declined to make statements at this time.

SA Momchilov then spoke with Lieutenant Skropits at the Mansfield Police Department, who advised that Officer Blair and Officer Boggs' duty weapons and clothing were previously collected by Mansfield Police personnel. SA Momchilov and SA Harasimchuk photographed and collected the officers' firearms. Agents also photographed and examined the officers' clothing.

SA Momchilov and SA Harasimchuk then traveled to 300 Wood Street and met with other BCI personnel. SA Momchilov examined the scene and briefly assisted BCI Crime Scene agents. SA Harasimchuk remained on scene until Crime Scene agents finished processing the area. All evidence was then turned over to SA Harasimchuk, who transported the items to the Richfield Office of BCI.