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

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer Austin Mautz

Activity Date: August 25, 2022

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

On Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 2014 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Officer Austin Mautz (Mautz), who was accompanied by his attorney, Jason Wells, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at 1460 Triplet Boulevard, Akron, Ohio. Fraternal Order of Police Akron Lodge #7 President Clay Cozart was also present during the interview.

The interview was audio recorded

Officer Mautz 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, Officer Mautz 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, Officer Mautz was the passenger of marked APD cruiser, Car 19, and his partner, Officer Donohew was the driver. Officer Mautz was wearing his standard APD uniform.

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

Officer Mautz responded, "First, the nature of the call." SA Moran replied, "And what was that?"

Officer Mautz stated, "It was a chase, officer-involved car chase." SA Momchilov then replied, "Anything else involving that chase." Officer Mautz replied, "From what I recall it was, ah, radio traffic as to, you know, what direction officers were going. I don't know how accurate this is going to be but I did hear them say something to the effect of ah, there was a shot from, or from inside the vehicle but the officers were okay. So um, the officer that I was working with, we both responded."

SA Momchilov asked Officer Mautz if when he arrived on scene, if he witnessed any portion of the shooting. Officer Mautz replied, "I believe we were one of the last, if not the last to arrive. We didn't make it down to where the immediate incident location was. We were, I think pretty

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much, when we arrived, um, I think our priority at the time was to get crime scene tape up at Main and Wilbeth. It appeared that there was, the incident was kind of, maybe for lack of a better word, finishing up, I really didn't see a need to go down there." Officer Mautz advised he stayed at Main Street and Wilbeth Road for the majority of the time.

Officer Mautz later advised that he was given a business card from an individual who was possibly the head of security for the Bridgestone Center for Research and Technology. Officer Mautz stated he took that business card near the scene and gave the card to Sergeant Sinsley. Officer Mautz then went back and advised that was the only reason he went down to the scene.

Officer Mautz stated he did not see or hear any portion of the shooting.

SA Momchilov asked Officer Mautz if he had spoken with any of the involved-officers. Officer Mautz responded, "No not on scene." SA Momchilov then asked Officer Mautz if he had since spoken to the officers.

Officer Mautz stated, "I did, but I just happen to be neighbors with one of them. My concern was, I said I just wanna see how you're doing. He stated to me that he was instructed not to talk about the incident. I respected that because I don't wanna, him to get in trouble, I don't wanna, myself to get into any sort of trouble, so I went, we'll just leave it at that and we'll make sure you're doing okay."

SA Momchilov asked Officer Mautz which officer he was referring to. Officer Mautz stated, "[REDACTED]"

SA Moran asked Officer Mautz if his body-worn camera was activated that night. Officer Mautz stated he did not remember.

Officer Mautz did not complete a typed supplement or report.

SA Momchilov was not provided a copy of Officer Mautz body-worn camera footage. Therefore, it is possible that no footage exists.

Attachments:

The audio recording of the interview is attached to this report

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