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

Investigative Activity:Interview with Officer Nakoa AndersonActivity Date:September 28, 2022Authoring Agent:Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

## Narrative:

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 2327 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Officer Nakoa Anderson (Anderson), 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.

Officer Anderson 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 Anderson 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 Anderson was the passenger of marked APD cruiser, Car 02, and his partner, Officer Massengill, was the driver. Officer Anderson was wearing his standard APD uniform.

Prior to the interview, SA Momchilov was advised that Officer Anderson had typed a supplemental report that documented his involvement in the June 27, 2022, officer-involved shooting. Officer Anderson wished to read the narrative out loud and then he would answer any follow-up questions, if needed.

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Officer Anderson's typed narrative reads:

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Officer Massengill (1538) and I, Ofc Anderson, were working Car 2 during the officer involved shooting. We arrived on scene after the shots were fired. I got out on foot and approached the scene and saw a large number of officers in the Bridgestone parking lot.. The officers stated that they were good and that the vehicle needed checked still. I went with multiple officers to clear the vehicle.

During the canvas, I knocked at 28 and 32 Wilbeth Rd. I had no answer at 32. There was an answer at 28 Wilbeth Rd. The resident stated that she did not see the incident. The resident had a camera on her garage but stated that it only captures her driveway and does not reach to the road. After the canvas, I was asked to make a list of officers that were involved or witnesses in order to help separate them. Massengill and I met back up and cleared from the call.

SA Momchilov asked Officer Anderson what specifically caused him to respond to the scene. Officer Anderson replied, "We heard that officers were getting into a chase and that a shots fired call went out." Officer Anderson advised he recalled a Signal 5 (Emergency Radio Traffic Only) was called out during the "chase."

Officer Anderson advised that he did not see or hear any portion of the shooting.

SA Momchilov asked Officer Anderson if he observed anything inside the vehicle when he assisted clearing it with other officers. Officer Anderson advised that when he approached the vehicle, he was searching for people and did not conduct any detailed searches or inventory of that vehicle.

SA Momchilov asked Officer Anderson if he had any conversation with the involved officers. Officer Anderson stated, "The only thing that I did was collect a list of who was involved and who was a witness so that way they could be separated. I did not speak to any of them besides that."

SA Momchilov asked Officer Anderson if he viewed the camera footage from the garage of 28 Wilbeth Road. Officer Anderson replied, "No, the resident did not have access to it. She said her husband did."

Officer Anderson was wearing a body-worn camera and it was activated. Officer Anderson stated he has not viewed his body-worn camera footage.

At the end of the interview, Officer Anderson was afforded the opportunity to view his bodyworn camera footage. Officer Anderson declined.

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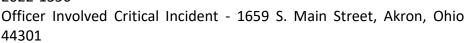
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The above images are from Officer Anderson's body-worn camera footage. Based upon Officer Anderson's body-worn camera footage, it appears that Officer Anderson activates his body-worn camera while already on scene, possibly after the vehicle the individual was driving was cleared (Figure 1). Officer Anderson is later observed making contact with the resident at 32 Wilbeth Road (Figure 2). Officer Anderson then makes contact with the resident at 28 Wilbeth Road (Figure 3).

## **Attachments:**

The audio recording of the interview is attached to this Investigative Report.

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