



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus,
Ohio

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer Adam Coy (S)
Date of Activity: 12/23/2020
Activity Location: Columbus Police Department – Business – 120 Marconi Blvd.,
Columbus, OH 43215
Author: SA Richard Ward, #55

Narrative:

On Wednesday, December 23, 2020, at 1400 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agents Richard Ward and Perry Roeser met with City of Columbus Police Officer Amy Detweiler at Columbus Police Headquarters, 5th floor conference room, 120 Marconi Blvd, Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose of an interview. Detweiler was involved in a critical incident on December 22, 2020. Also present was Detweiler's Union Representative/Attorney Lathan Lipperman.

Officer Detweiler was provided the standard *Notice of Criminal Investigation* BCI form, which was reviewed by Lipperman, acknowledged and signed by Detweiler. Detweiler stated she has been employed with the Columbus Police for ten years (10), assigned to the Patrol Division. Detweiler stated she had her duty issued weapon, issued ammunition, and had less lethal options available to her. Detweiler stated she was in the uniform of the day and driving a marked City of Columbus Police patrol vehicle #9030. Detweiler was assigned to Zone Four, working [REDACTED].

On the day of the incident [December 22, 2020], Officer Detweiler stated she had finished up a report when dispatched via radio and on the MDT to a "10-16" disturbance; a vehicle parked in front of a residence turning off described as a silver SUV [1054 Oberlin Drive]. Although the dispatch reported the call to be a disturbance, Detweiler stated the circumstances reported were more consistent with a suspicious vehicle and or person. According to Detweiler, typically a call of this nature, the caller does not recognize the vehicle or is unfamiliar with the vehicle to the area. Agent Ward asked Detweiler if a another officer was dispatched and Detweiler stated unit 9031, Officer Adam Coy. Detweiler stated she and Coy were not together and responded from different locations. Detweiler stated it took her approximately five minutes to arrive on scene.

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Officer Detweiler stated when she arrived on Oberlin Drive, Officer Coy was on scene. Detweiler stated when she arrived, she observed a person [Andre Hill] walking on the sidewalk, but did not know where he came from. Agent Ward had Detweiler describe on a grease board with a 'not to scale' sketch of the residence, the locations of the SUV [silver Tahoe], Coy's vehicle and her location. Detweiler described Hill walking east toward 1062 Oberlin on the north sidewalk from the Tahoe, but did not see Hill exit the Tahoe. Detweiler described Coy's position near the driver's side rear of his patrol vehicle and her patrol vehicle behind Coy. Detweiler placed the Tahoe west of the residence at 1062 Oberlin Drive parked on the northside of the roadway. Detweiler placed her and Coy's patrol vehicles west of the driveway where the indent took place.

Agent Ward asked Officer Detweiler what communication she had with Officer Coy and Detweiler stated when she exited her patrol vehicle, she asked Coy if he [Hill] was asleep. According to Detweiler, Coy replied no, its weird when I [Coy] pulled up he relocated. Agent Ward asked Detweiler if Coy told her where he relocated from and Detweiler stated no that she assumed the vehicle was parked further down the street where the call came from, but she was not on scene when the vehicle moved. Detweiler stated Coy did not allude to much of a conversation, but stated to her once Hill exited the Tahoe he "walked quickly toward that house." Detweiler stated she observed Hill walk in the direction of a driveway, but didn't think anything of it.

Officer Detweiler stated when she observed Hill walking away, she believed the interaction between Hill and Coy was over and she would clear the call, "code 4." Detweiler stated Officer Coy pointed to the garage area [1062 Oberlin] and indicted that is where Hill went. Detweiler stated there was a large tree, which obstructed her view from the area that Coy indicated. Detweiler stated she moved and illuminated the area from her position in the roadway, which allowed her to see a person in the garage of 1062 Oberlin Drive. Detweiler stated she was unsure if the person she observed walking on the sidewalk was the same person who was inside the garage, but thought it most likely was. Detweiler stated Hill was standing inside the garage facing what she believed was an interior door looking downward. Detweiler stated there was a vehicle inside the garage and Hill was between the passenger side of the vehicle and the interior door.

Officer Detweiler stated prior to their contact with Hill, the "caller" came from the next door residence, walking diagonally from east to west through the yard, and Officer Coy informed the caller to go back inside and they would talk with him shortly.

Officer Detweiler stated she and Coy decided to inquire further to determine what is going on. Detweiler stated her thought process was Hill did not live at the residence because of the circumstances and did not know if Hill was waiting for someone. Agent Ward asked Detweiler if she and Coy communicated about approaching Hill and she stated yes, but it was not a lengthy conversation. Detweiler characterized the conversation with Coy as brief 'just to see what was going on.'

Officer Detweiler stated she and Officer Coy proceeded toward Hill via the driveway. Detweiler stated Coy walked on the other side of the tree, left of her position. According to Detweiler, while walking up the driveway, Coy verbally requested Hill come out of the garage, but does

not recall Coy's exact words. In response to Coy's request to come out, Detweiler stated Hill turned from his left to right while in between the passenger side of the vehicle parked in the garage and the garage wall and was squared up with her. Detweiler provided her position on the grease board, which was on the right side on the driveway and Coy on the left side of the driveway. While squared up with her, Detweiler stated Hill walked toward her and raised his left hand holding a cellular telephone, which allowed her to see green text message bubbles on the cellular telephone's lit screen. Detweiler stated Hill did not respond verbally, but only physically. When she observed the text message bubbles, Detweiler stated she believed Hill was attempting to communicate with someone inside the residence. Detweiler stated typically when the cellular telephone indicates green and on the right side of the phone, it's a one way conversation. Agent Ward asked Detweiler if she observed Hill's right hand and she stated she focused on the cellular telephone and didn't observe Hill's right hand. Agent Ward asked if there was any communication between Hill, Coy, or herself and Detweiler stated she did not say anything and did not recall if Hill or Coy communicated. Detweiler stated she did know there was no yelling or screaming.

Officer Detweiler stated Hill walked to the rear bumper of the vehicle parked in garage to exit and turned toward Officer Coy who was to Hill's right side. Detweiler stated Hill moved quickly; not at a sprint type pace, but not meandering either. Once Hill turned to Hill's right, Detweiler stated she could only see the left side of Hill's body and Hill was now facing Coy. Detweiler stated she did not recall any communication with Hill from her or Coy and the communication there was, was minimal when Coy asked Hill to come out of the garage, which Hill complied. Once Hill turned toward Coy, Detweiler stated "immediately" she heard Coy state "he's got a gun, there's a gun in his other hand" and then Coy shoots four or five times. Agent Ward asked Detweiler if she observed a gun and she stated no, but from her position, she could not see Hill's right side. Detweiler stated when Hill turned away from her, he still had the cellular telephone in his left hand. Agent Ward asked Detweiler if Hill was illuminated with a flashlight and she stated Coy had a gun light and a flash light in his left hand, but did not recall if Hill was illuminated at that point. Detweiler stated when Hill approached the threshold of the garage, she may have turned on the flashlight that she had in her left hand off because of a porch light that was on. Agent Ward asked Detweiler if her handgun was out and she said yes at the "low ready." Agent Roeser asked the distance Coy was from Hill and Detweiler stated she and Coy moved up, but with different angles. Detweiler stated she and Coy were in the first third of the driveway, seven to ten feet from Hill.

Officer Detweiler stated when she heard Officer Coy yell that Hill had a gun in his other hand, she raised her duty weapon at Hill, but did not fire because she did not observe what Coy observed. When Hill was shot, he fell to the ground in the fetal position with his back toward her. Detweiler stated she went into a handcuffing position, but was told to stay back by Coy because neither the gun nor Hill's hands were visible. Detweiler stated after Hill was shot and fell to the ground, Hill was not responding to verbal commands to show his hands. Once a decision was made to move toward Hill, Detweiler stated at some point she and Coy switched positions where she was at Hill's feet and Coy near Hill's torso area. Detweiler stated she believed Coy asked Hill where the gun was. Detweiler stated she and Coy began to actively search for a weapon, but no weapon was located. Detweiler stated Coy moved and rolled Hill over during the search. After the search of Hill and immediate area, Detweiler stated both she and Coy stood up and Coy requested officer support and a medic, which she called for via

the radio. Agent Ward asked Detweiler if she observed anything on the ground near Hill and she stated yes. Detweiler stated initially she observed keys and a cellular telephone and later a pack of cigarettes. Agent Ward asked Detweiler if she had any communications with Coy after the shooting and she stated no, other than the requests for a medic and officer support. After the shooting, Agent Roeser asked Detweiler if anyone exited the residence and she said yes. Detweiler stated the female stated Hill was there to drop off money for Christmas presents and she (Detweiler) informed her to go back inside.

Agent Ward asked Officer Detweiler how long it took for the medics to respond and she stated twenty minutes. After calling for officer support and a medic, Detweiler stated she drifted toward the roadway until she was requested to assist with handcuffing Hill.

Agents Ward and Roeser concluded the interview with Officer Detweiler at 1447 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Amy Detweiler Audio Interview

Attachment # 02: Criminal Notification Detweiler

References:

P00020-1022705 – USB Thumbdrive CPD BWC

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1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is not a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

Amy L. DeWine

Printed Name of Interviewee

12/23/2020 2:01pm

Date / Time

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Signature of Interviewee

S/A Rick Ward

BCI Agent (Printed)

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