



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 Witness
Involves: Officer Rod Roose (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 13:24 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Ontario Police Department (OPD) Officer (Ofc.) Rod Roose (Roose). The interview took place at Knox County Sheriff's Office. The interview was audio recorded.

Roose 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, Roose 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.

Roose stated that on August 20, 2022 he was working as a member of the Richland County ASORT tactical team, assigned as a containment team member inside their BearCat armored vehicle. Roose advised his job inside the vehicle was to deploy from the top turret. Roose added their vehicle drove to the 2/3 corner (left and rear) of the residence and immediately saw an unknown suspect (#1) in the building doorway, carrying an AR type rifle with an optic, pointing at their vehicle. Roose continued, another unknown subject (#2) closed the tailgate of a Chevy Trailblazer he was standing next to. Roose stated at that time Lieutenant ██████ (██████) began giving commands over the armored vehicle's public address system. Roose continued, suspect #2 jumped into the driver's seat of the Trailblazer from the passenger side and attempted to drive off. Roose advised at that point ██████ drove the BearCat forward, pushing the Trailblazer in an attempt to stop it. Roose added, at that point the unknown suspect #1, began shooting at the BearCat with his AR type rifle, flattening

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at least one tire and disabling the brakes. Roose stated that suspect #2 exited the Trailblazer and ran into the residence, and suspect #1 stopped shooting. Roose added at that point he opened the BearCat's top turret and immediately took several rounds into it, he decided not to get up into it as originally planned. Roose stated that he then saw both suspects take off in a northbound direction at a high rate of speed in a Razor (side by side) vehicle.

Roose advised that the only law enforcement officer he was aware of who had fired their weapon was [REDACTED] who had fired at the Trailblazer's tires in an attempt to disable it, after the suspects had fled into the residence, but before they had left the area in the Razor.

Roose advised that was the extent of his involvement in this incident.

The interview concluded at approximately 13:35 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 Rod Roose