



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – I-71 N. Mile Marker 123, Lewis Center, Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer Hunter Rennie (W)
Date of Activity: 03/11/2022
Activity Location: Fraternal Order of Police Lodge – 6800 Schrock Hill Ct, Columbus, OH 43229, Franklin County
Author: SA James Poole

Narrative:

On March 3, 2022, at approximately 1404 hours, BCI Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) interviewed CPD Officer Hunter Rennie # 3281 (Officer Rennie) at the FOP Lodge 9 building located at 6800 Schrock Hill Ct, Columbus, OH 43229. Officer Rennie was identified as a police officer who responded to the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI). Ohio BCI was asked to investigate an Officer Involved Critical Incident, which involved CPD that had occurred earlier that morning. Ohio BCI was informed CPD officers were involved in the shooting which reportedly took place on Interstate 71 North just north of Gemini and Polaris Parkway.

The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer. Also present with Officer Rennie was Kate Hutchison her FOP Attorney.

This interview was audio recorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview.

Officer Rennie was in CPD Cruiser 9171 marked in service as 9182 riding with Field Training Officer Getzinger. Officer Rennie remembered being dispatched to an “Active shooter,” call for service on I-71N with a male black, dressed in black, with dreads.

Officer Rennie remembered being the third CPD cruiser to arrive on scene and pulled up next to a gray Ford sedan that was facing the wrong way in the median. Office Rennie noticed the back window of the vehicle had been shot out. A female exited the vehicle where Officer Getzinger interacted with her. Officer Rennie stated she could see other CPD officers engaging with a male black, later identified as Jonathon Sirvelle Wilder Myers (Myers), further down the freeway. Officer Rennie then started to run to catch up with them.

By the time Officer Rennie caught up, the cruiser started to move towards Myers with multiple

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CPD officers using the doors as cover and with their weapons drawn out towards Myers. Officer Rennie explained multiple officers yelled commands to Myers, who was not complying by continuing to walk away from officers with his hands in his pockets. Myers suddenly turned around, got in a shooting stance with a black handgun drawn towards the officers, and fired one single shot. Officer Rennie stated she heard multiple officers fire back. Officer Rennie stated she was away from the CPD cruiser in the open, so she ran up to the right side to get cover. Officer Rennie then saw Myers turn and run across the freeway.

Officer Rennie stated while Myers was running, he turned his body back, brandishing the handgun again, and firing off a second shot towards the officers. Officer Rennie explained she heard more gunfire coming from the officers around her which struck Myers causing him to fall to the ground and drop his handgun. Officer Rennie followed the other CPD officers towards Myers and assisted in arresting him. Officer Rennie remembered giving aid to Myers after finding a gunshot wound to his leg.

SA Poole asked Officer Rennie if she ever discharged her firearm during the incident. Officer Rennie said, "No."

SA Poole asked Officer Rennie why she did not discharge her weapon. Officer Rennie stated since she was catching up to the officers already in position, she was stationed behind the officers and did not have a clear shot.

SA Poole asked Officer Rennie if she could see who or where Myers was aiming at when he fired his weapon. Officer Rennie stated Myers was aiming at the cruiser during the first shot, but was aimlessly aiming towards the direction of the cruiser the second shot because he was running away.

Officer Rennie remembered Myers making random statements that he was not crazy, but was not answering the officer's questions or commands when asked what his name was.

SA Poole asked Officer Rennie if she saw CPD officers shoot at Myers. Officer Rennie stated she saw multiple officers shoot, but because she is new she did not know who they were.

The interview ended at 1416 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Officer Rennie Hunter interview 3.11.22