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2022-1356

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

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer Vincent Reddish

Activity Date: September 13, 2022

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, September 13, 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 Vincent Reddish (Reddish), 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 Reddish 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 Reddish 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 Reddish was the passenger of marked APD cruiser, Car 03; his partner, Officer Cockrell, was the driver. Officer Reddish was wearing his standard APD uniform.

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

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Officer Reddish's typed narrative reads:

**NARRATIVE**

**Action Taken**

I, Officer Reddish #1495, was assigned to Car 3 on Platoon 1 at the time of the listed incident. When I arrived on scene the chase was over and the suspect was on the ground in the parking lot of Bridgestone. Officers were calling for a med kit over the radio as we were pulling up. I grabbed my medkit and ran to help other officers conduct first aid on the suspect. I placed a tourniquet on the suspect's left leg and left arm. Also, I applied a chest seal and handed out other medical supplies to the other officers that were also conducting first aid. After EMS arrived on scene I assisted other officers with finding and marking the perimeter shell casings to help preserve the scene. I was then assigned to assist other officers with keeping the crime scene secure. When BCI and CSU were done at the scene I assisted in taking down the crime scene tape. Nothing follows.

SA Momchilov asked Officer Reddish what caused him to respond to this incident. Officer Reddish explained that they heard "radio traffic go out that they started a car chase." Officer Reddish continued, "At the time they called out 21, shots fired over the radio, ah, is the time when we then started heading towards them." Officer Reddish advised that he and Officer Cockrell were at Akron City Hospital when the Signal 21 was called out.

SA Momchilov asked Officer Reddish why a Signal 21 would make him respond. Officer Reddish stated, "So, a Signal 21 for us, ah, means all hands on deck, officer needs help now, ah, life is at risk."

Officer Reddish advised that he did not hear or see any portion of the officer-involved shooting.

SA Momchilov asked Officer Reddish if he had conversation with any of the involved officers; Officer Reddish replied, "No."

SA Momchilov asked Officer Reddish if the individual who was shot made any statements to him as Officer Reddish was applying the tourniquet; Officer Reddish replied, "No." SA Momchilov then asked Officer Reddish what the individual was wearing. Officer Reddish responded, "He had a black ski mask on, I remember that. I don't recall anything else at this time."

SA Momchilov asked Officer Reddish if he looked inside the individual's vehicle at any point. Officer Reddish advised that he never approached the individual's vehicle.

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Officer Reddish advised that he was wearing a body-worn camera at the time of the incident and has not reviewed the footage.

At the end of the interview, Officer Reddish was afforded the opportunity to view his body-worn camera footage. Officer Reddish accepted. Afterward, Officer Reddish advised that after watching his body-worn camera footage, he did not wish to add or clarify any matter.



*The above images are from Officer Reddish's body-worn camera footage. Based upon Officer Reddish's body-worn camera footage, Officer Reddish is seen running toward the scene, carrying what appears to be a bag. Officer Reddish is then observed assisting in providing first aid.*

**Attachments:**

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

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