



Ohio Attorney General's Office
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 Investigative Report



2024-1470
 Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4738 McAllister Ave. Columbus

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer [REDACTED]
Date of Activity: 05/29/2024
Author: SA Kyle Douglass, #126

Narrative:

On May 29, 2024 at approximately 1244 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) and Craig Call (SA Call) interviewed Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Officer [REDACTED]. Officer [REDACTED] was interviewed as a witness to an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) between CPD and Corey Roach (Roach) which occurred on May 11, 2024 near 4738 McAllister Avenue in Columbus, OH. The interview with Officer [REDACTED] took place at the law office of Nicole Wannemacher, located at 4683 Winterset Drive in Columbus, OH. Officer [REDACTED] was advised his statement was voluntary, and he agreed to answer questions regarding the incident.

The following is a summation of the interview with Officer [REDACTED] and additional details can be found within the attached audio recording.

Officer [REDACTED] reported he had been employed by CPD for approximately [REDACTED] and his CPD badge number is [REDACTED]. Officer [REDACTED] current assignment is [REDACTED] and his normal shift hours are [REDACTED]. Officer [REDACTED] immediate supervisor is Sergeant [REDACTED].

Officer [REDACTED] was working his regularly assigned shift on the date of the OICI, and his partner that day was Officer [REDACTED]. Officer [REDACTED] reported his body-worn camera (BWC) was powered on and recording during the incident.

On the date of the OICI, Officer [REDACTED] was driving their assigned CPD cruiser and [REDACTED] was in the front passenger seat. Officer [REDACTED] recalled he and [REDACTED] were dispatched to respond to a possible domestic situation near the intersection of McAllister Avenue and Lockwood Road, possibly with one or more individuals shooting a firearm. Officer [REDACTED] said dispatch had reported hearing gunshots in the background when speaking to a 911 caller.

Upon arrival, an unidentified male at 4738 McAllister Avenue advised Officer [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] there was a male shooter "right around the corner" on Lockwood Road. The

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male told CPD the male shooter still had a gun. During that conversation, Officer [REDACTED] heard a gunshot. Officer [REDACTED] moved to cover on the south side of the house, and heard [REDACTED] say, "Put your fuckin hands up!" Officer [REDACTED] could not initially see the male subject, later identified as Corey Roach. Officer [REDACTED] said he peeked around the corner of the house and saw Roach standing near a Honda Civic parked in the street on Lockwood Road. Officer [REDACTED] observed Roach was armed with a rifle. "That's when [REDACTED] started shooting," Officer [REDACTED] stated.

Officer [REDACTED] said he and [REDACTED] ran to cover behind a vehicle parked in the driveway at 4738 McCallister Avenue. While they were behind cover, Officer [REDACTED] could not see Roach but saw [REDACTED] fire his weapon towards where Roach had been. Officer [REDACTED] explained he and [REDACTED] retreated further, and believed [REDACTED] had stated Roach was still actively pursuing them.

Officers [REDACTED] ran to cover in the driveway of a house on the west side of Shady Lane Road. Officer [REDACTED] heard his sergeant on the radio announcing Roach was "down". Officer [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] checked each other for injuries and then returned to the location of where Roach had fired at them. At the time, Officer [REDACTED] believed Sergeant Diehl may have fired at and struck Roach because Sergeant Diehl is a rifle operator. Sergeant Diehl advised Roach was already down when he located him.

Officer [REDACTED] approached and saw Roach laying on the ground. Officer [REDACTED] observed Roach had a gunshot wound in his upper left chest area, and was bleeding from his mouth and ears. Sergeant Roach had notified Officer [REDACTED] that he had removed three firearms from Roach's possession. Officer [REDACTED] and Sergeant Diehl handcuffed and secured Roach, and other CPD officers began arriving to assist. Officer [REDACTED] then approached 1083 Lockwood Road, where neighbors reported there was possibly an injured female victim inside. Officer [REDACTED] observed numerous shell casings on the ground outside of the residence. Officer [REDACTED] found the female victim, later identified as Nicole Pleasant (Pleasant), who appeared to have been shot multiple times and was bleeding severely. Officer [REDACTED] attempted to locate gunshot wounds on Pleasant. EMS medics arrived and pronounced Pleasant deceased shortly after. Officers [REDACTED] exited the residence and were then removed from the scene.

Officer [REDACTED] recalled [REDACTED] fired his weapon two separate times, and also recalled hearing to different guns being fired (a pistol and a rifle). Officer [REDACTED] explained he heard one initial shot from Roach as they were approaching, and then heard Roach fire again when they were behind cover in the driveway at 4738 McAllister Avenue. Officer [REDACTED] reported he did not fire his weapon during the incident, and all his ammunition was accounted for.

Officer [REDACTED] reported their ballistic vests were not capable of stopping a rifle-caliber round, and felt their best option was to retreat. Officer [REDACTED] stated he and [REDACTED] retreated further because they did not know Roach's status, and believed Roach was still actively pursuing them.

Officer [REDACTED] did not believe [REDACTED] had any other option than to use lethal force against Roach. Officer [REDACTED] noted Roach shooting at civilians before CPD arrived, and

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Roach then shooting a rifle at him and [REDACTED] when they approached Roach's location.

Officer [REDACTED] did not recall having any previous encounters with Roach.

Interview concluded at approximately 1306 hours.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Interview Audio – CPD [REDACTED] 05.29.24

Attachment # 02: OICI Location Map – [REDACTED]

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