



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



20220-0727

Officer-Involved Critical Incident - 914 Salt Spring Road, Youngstown,
Ohio 44509

Investigative Activity: Documents Received/Documents Reviewed
Activity Date: April 1, 2022
Activity Location: 914 Salt Spring Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44509
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Al Banský #115

Narrative:

On April 1, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Al Banský received a written statement from Youngstown City Police Officer (Ofc.) Case Lemke (Lemke). Ofc. Lemke was identified as one of the officers who arrived after the officer-involved critical incident. Ofc. Lemke didn't witness the shooting incident.

According to Ofc. Lemke, while on patrol, he received information that Struthers Police Department was in pursuit of a vehicle, heading to the city of Youngstown. Ofc. Lemke was advised by his command not to become involved until they receive more information regarding the pursuit. Minutes later, Ofc. Lemke heard over the police radio that shots have been fired in the area of Steel Street. Ofc. Lemke arrived minutes later at the intersection of Salt Springs Road and Steel Street.

As Ofc. Lemke exited his vehicle, he observed "3 or 4 other officers with their handguns drawn"; giving commands. Ofc. Lemke observed an officer walking backwards, toward him, and stated he was not sure he had been shot. Ofc. Lemke then radioed dispatch that one suspect had been shot and requested an ambulance on the scene and then was advised by his command to back off the scene.

Written statement from Ofc. Lemke was attached to this report. Please refer to the attachments for further details.

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Voluntary Statement of Victim / Witness

Date: 4/1/22 Time: 2035 Incident #: 22Y013461

Voluntary Statement of: Ptl. C. Lemke 1149 Youngstown PD

Address: Youngstown PD Phone: _____

SSN / ID #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

I am making this voluntary statement to Captain Simon whom I know to be an Officer of the Youngstown Police Department.

I officer Lemke was on patrol when I heard an unknown YPD officer come over the radio advising that Struthers PD was on a vehicle pursuit that had made it's way to Youngstown. Soon after I heard 1st Sgt. Menichini tell all YPD officers to not actively get involved in the pursuit, until we knew why Struthers PD was pursuing. After a few minutes, unknown exact time length because I was on another call, it was advised that the vehicle pursuit had made it's way to Steel St; due to prior command I did not get involved. Moments later I heard over the radio, unclear to me if YPD dispatch or someone else made the announcement, that shots had been fired. It was unclear at that exact moment if an officer or suspect had been shot, but soon after radio dispatch advised that it was the suspect who had been shot. Radio had also advised all YPD officers who were able to go, go. I then activated my over head lights and sirens and made my way to Steel St. and Salt Springs Rd, where it was reported that the shooting happened. I arrived shortly thereafter, just behind an unknown Struthers PD officer in a marked Struthers PD cruiser. I then exited my cruiser to find either 3 or 4 other officers with their handguns drawn and attempting to have someone, unknown at that exact time, comply with their orders. I also observed an officer, who at that time I did not know, walk back toward's my direction. I immediately asked him if he was okay and if he had been shot. He advised me that he was not sure if he had been shot or not, but that he believed he was okay. He advised that he might have been shot in the leg because he felt something, but was not sure. He then advised Radio dispatch that one suspect had been shot and that one officer may also have been shot; I asked for an ETA of the ambulance. →

Witness: _____ Signed: _____

Witness: _____

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Voluntary Supplement

I then advised that officer to just stay where he was at, out of any more potential danger. I then walked approximately 20 feet closer to the suspect's auto; I approached the other officers from the driver's side. Very quickly it was determined that the threat had been neutralized prior to my arrival at what time I observed Sgt. Kis arrive on scene. Captain Simon arrived very shortly after and advised myself and other YPD officers to block off the scene.

I have read or have had read to me the foregoing statement consisting of 2 pages, handwritten by Officer ELH. It is true to the best of my belief and knowledge and I willingly initial the first pages and sign the last page.

Witness:

Signed: