



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



2024-2465

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 2215 East Avenue, Akron, Ohio
44314

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: [REDACTED]
Date of Activity: 10/29/2024
Activity Location: Attorney Munyer Office – 121 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44308
Author: SA John P. Tingley, #154

Narrative:

On Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at approximately 1415 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) and SA Jesse Bynum (Bynum) interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) [REDACTED] who was accompanied by Attorney Jacob Will (Will), from the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), and Mike Koubek (Koubek), a representative from the APD FOP lodge. The interview took place at Attorney Munyer's Office, which is located at 121 South Main Street, Akron, Summit County, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

[REDACTED] was identified as being a law enforcement officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the August 17, 2024, officer-involved critical incident which occurred at 2215 East Avenue, Akron, Summit County, Ohio. Reportedly, [REDACTED] 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.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions nor is it a word-for-word translation of either the questions or answers. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

SA Tingley had earlier asked a number of Preliminary and Demographic questions to [REDACTED]. Those answers are documented in the following table.

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| Did you fire a weapon during this incident? No | Radio call sign? [REDACTED] |
| Years of service at APD? [REDACTED] | Total years of law enforcement service? [REDACTED] |
| Uniform worn? APD. Blue shirt with APD patches on shoulder. Blue pants. External vest | Vest worn? External with badge attached |
| Well represented as a police officer during the incident? Yes | Cruiser type? Marked APD cruiser |
| Under the influence of any substances during the incident? No | Were you wearing a body camera? Yes. Was on |
| Any other audio or video recording devices? No | Have you watched any video of the incident? No |

The interview began when SA Tingley spoke with [REDACTED] about the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form which [REDACTED] had previously read, stated that he understood, and signed. SA Tingley then asked [REDACTED] if he was willing to give a statement and [REDACTED] replied yes.

SA Tingley then asked [REDACTED] to describe the incident in detail, including the nature of the initial reason for the contact with Michael Jones (Jones).

[REDACTED] stated that he and his partner [REDACTED] were looking for a subject with multiple warrants out for his arrest. They had been told that the wanted subject was known to frequent the gas station on East Avenue, so they went to check that area. While at the gas station, [REDACTED] observed a U-Haul which, when checked, was reported as being stolen. [REDACTED] then moved the cruiser behind the U-Haul and parked.

[REDACTED] exited the cruiser and approached the driver's side of the U-Haul where he contacted the driver (Jones) after opening the driver's door of the U-Haul. [REDACTED] repeatedly instructed Jones to exit the vehicle, but Jones refused to comply and remained in the driver's seat. [REDACTED] then told Jones that he was under arrest and that he needed to exit the vehicle. Jones again refused to comply and turned away from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who was with [REDACTED] by this time.

[REDACTED] then reached into the U-Haul and attempted to remove Jones from the vehicle. A struggle then ensued between Jones and the officers with Jones eventually pulling away. Jones then put the U-Haul into drive and started to drive away. [REDACTED] then stated: "My partner and I were hanging out the side of the Uhaul just being drug at this point. I have my left hand on I don't know even know what I was holding onto but holding on to something in the truck. My right hand was holding onto my partner" (0:04:04 mark of the recorded video).

[REDACTED] then heard two "pops" which [REDACTED] realized was [REDACTED] firing his duty weapon at Jones.

[REDACTED] was then able to get the U-Haul stopped and put into park. Once the vehicle was in park, Jones was removed from the U-Haul and placed onto the ground where first aid

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was begun. [REDACTED] then instructed [REDACTED] to go to the cruiser and get a chest seal. [REDACTED] then handcuffed Jones and while checking him found a gun, which Jones was carrying.

[REDACTED] then concluded his statement.

SA Tingley asked [REDACTED] which pocket Jones had the gun in. [REDACTED] replied, the right front pocket.

SA Tingley continued and asked [REDACTED] how soon after hearing the two (2) shots did the U-Haul begin to slow. [REDACTED] said immediately.

SA Bynum then asked [REDACTED] where he put the gun removed from Jones. [REDACTED] replied that he put the gun into the U-Haul.

Attorney Will then asked [REDACTED] what he was feeling when the U-Haul began moving. [REDACTED] stated: "... it felt like he made the movement pretty quick, um, I was, I had it in my mind that if I let go of the truck or if I let go of my partner, we, either one of us was going to get seriously hurt or killed. I figured we would get ran over by the truck or oncoming traffic." (0:08:05 mark of the recorded video)

The interview then concluded.

The video and audio recording of [REDACTED] interview is attached to this case file as reference item D.

Attachments:

No attachments.

References:

D – USB Thumbdrive – APC [REDACTED] Video Interview