

## Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation

**Investigative Report** 



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



Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer Joseph Nemeth

Activity Date: September 8, 2022

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

On Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 0716 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Officer Joseph Nemeth (Nemeth) 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 Nemeth 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 Nemeth 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, dispatch records indicate that Officer Nemeth was driving marked APD cruiser, Car 25. Officer Nemeth was wearing his standard APD uniform.

SA Momchilov stated to Officer Nemeth that it was his understanding that he responded to a shooting scene on June 27, 2022.

Officer Nemeth works dayshift and explained that he did respond to the scene shortly after roll at approximately 0630 hours, to relieve midnight shift, who was performing perimeter scene security while the crime scene was being processed.

SA Momchilov asked, "Would it be fair to say that you did not see any portion of the officer-involved shooting. Officer Nemeth stated he did not see any portion of the shooting and that he was asleep when it occurred. Officer Nemeth advised that he did speak with any of the involved-officers about what had occurred.

Officer Nemeth advised he left the scene after Ohio BCI finished processing the area.

No body-worn camera footage related to this incident exists for Officer Nemeth.

## **Attachments:**

The audio recording of the interview is attached to this investitive report.

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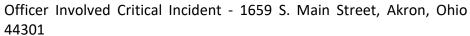
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