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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1659 S. Main Street, Akron, Ohio
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Investigative Activity: Interview with Sergeant Vincent Tersigni

Activity Date: August 25, 2022

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

Narrative:

On Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 2055 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Sergeant Vincent Tersigni (Tersigni), 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.

Sergeant Tersigni 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, Sergeant Tersigni 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 Sergeant Tersigni was the driver of marked APD cruiser, Car 46. Sergeant Tersigni was not working with a partner. Sergeant Tersigni was wearing his standard APD uniform.

SA Momchilov stated to Sergeant Tersigni that it was his understanding that he responded to a shooting scene on June 27, 2022. Sergeant Tersigni replied, "That's correct." SA Momchilov then asked, "What caused you to respond to that scene?"

Sergeant Tersigni stated, "I was a supervisor that night and I was responsible for those individuals involved. So, that's why I responded."

SA Momchilov then asked Sergeant Tersigni what particularly he heard on the radio that caused him to respond. Sergeant Tersigni replied, "I heard them call out the pursuit, shortly after, the shots fired, so that is why I responded."

SA Momchilov asked if any signals were called out during the pursuit. Sergeant Tersigni replied, "Signal 21." SA Momchilov then asked Sergeant Tersigni what is a Signal 21?

Sergeant Tersigni stated, "An officer needs help. So when that's called out we usually all go to help out." SA Momchilov advised Sergeant Tersigni that it is his understanding that all available

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units respond if a Signal 21 is called. Sergeant Tersigni replied, "Yes." Sergeant Tersigni advised that he has been a police officer for 16 years and that only three Signal 21's have ever been called out while he was working. Sergeant Tersigni advised that the Signal 21 called out on July 27, 2022, was the first one called out since he has been working as a sergeant.

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

Sergeant Tersigni advised that he did not search or conduct an inventory of the individual's vehicle.

Sergeant Tersigni stated he did have his body-worn camera activated and that he completed the "Case Report." The case report is a three-page document that contains very basic information about the incident.

Sergeant Tersigni's narrative for the "Case Report" states, "Suspect fled from officers during a traffic stop and led officers on a vehicle pursuit. Deadly force was used to apprehend the suspect."

Figure 1: Case Report, 2022-00078920, completed by Sergeant Tersigni

*It should be noted that agents purposely did not ask Sergeant Tersigni if he had discussions or conversations with the involved officers. The purpose of this was not to taint investigators with any possible Garrity-related statements or information.

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At the end of the interview, Sergeant Tersigni was afforded the opportunity to view his body-worn camera footage. Sergeant Tersigni declined.



Figure 1

Figure 2

The above images are from Sergeant Tersigni's body-worn camera footage. Based upon Sergeant Tersigni's body-worn camera footage, Sergeant Tersigni has his body-worn camera activated prior to arriving on scene (Figure 1). Sergeant Tersigni is observed approaching the scene after the shooting had occurred (Figure 2).

Attachments:

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

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