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1/07/2013 REPORT RECEIVED FROM CUYAHOGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Summary

On January 7, 2013, Special Agent (SA) Mark Kollar received a report from Detective James Mackey of the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office. The report, authored by Deputy C. Veverka of the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office, documented a dive team search for potential evidence in several waterways along the pursuit route. No probative evidence was located.

Details

On January 7, 2013, at approximately 10:00 AM, Special Agent (SA) Mark Kollar received a report from Detective James Mackey of the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office while at the BCI Richfield Office. The report, authored by Deputy C. Veverka of the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office, documented a dive team search for potential evidence in several waterways along the pursuit route. The report included printed photographs of the areas searched. No probative evidence was located.

The report and photographs were added as an attachment to this report to be submitted to the case file.

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Case Agent: Mark Kollar	Authoring Agent: Mark E. Kollar <i>MK</i>
Date of Report: 1/07/2013	Exhibit #: N/A
Investigative Activity: Report Received from CCSO	Supervisor Approval: Dennis Sweet <i>[Signature]</i> JAN 14 2013

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FROM Deputy Steven C. Veverka #44

TO Sgt. Synkowski

SUBJECT Dive Operations 12-001

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Dive Operations After Action Report
Dive Operation 12-001
12/27/2012 – 12/28/2012

Objective: Perform an evidence search within the below listed locations

- Locations:
1. Waterway east of Martin Luther King Dr. at Wade Park
 2. Cuyahoga River off Northern Section of Lower W 3rd St.
 3. Illuminating Company Power Plant off South Marginal. Water Inlet

Dive Team Personnel: Supervisor: Sgt. David Synkowski

Divers: Deputy Matt Bilak
Deputy James Mackey

Line Tenders: Deputy Steven Veverka
Deputy Christopher Kozub

Other: Deputy John Hadam

Synopsis: On 12/27/2012 between the hours of 0900 and 1300, the Cuyahoga County Dive Team performed an evidence search of Location #1. Deputy Bilak was deployed into the waterway approximately 200 ft upstream from the Wade Park overpass. Deputy Bilak utilized a drysuit to enter the water and a metal detector to search for evidence within the waterway. Items such as rebar, street signs and cans alerted the metal detector. The weather conditions were approximately 36 degrees F outside temperature, 4-5" of fresh snow on the ground, water temperature of approximately 39 degrees F, overcast clouds, water depth varying from 6" – 2.5 ft, clear water, and slow moving currents. As Deputy Bilak searched in the waterway, Sgt. Synkowski, and Deputies Veverka, Mackey, Kozub, and Hadam performed a river bank search. No evidence was located during the search.

On 12/27/2012 between the hours of 1400 and 1600, the Dive Team performed a visual search of Location #2. Divers did not enter the Cuyahoga River for several reasons. No boats were available for deployment and the bulkheads were too tall to safely repel from. The river conditions in the immediate are contained hazards – black water conditions, bottom entanglements, currents, and shore entanglements. There were several inches of fresh snow on the ground. The Dive Team did not locate any evidence.

On 12/28/2012 between the hours of 1000 and 1500, the Dive Team performed two dives at Location #3 in search of evidence. Deputy John Hadam was not present for the dives. The weather conditions were overcast, 35degrees F, several inches of fresh snow. In order to access the water, the tender and

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divers had to climb down a 6 ft ladder from the bank to the water level. The first diver to enter the water was Deputy James Mackey. Being tended by Deputy Veverka via hard line and electronic communication gear, Deputy Mackey performed a parallel line search of the western half of the water area south of the I-90 freeway bridge to the actual water inlet of the plant. According to Deputy Mackey's dive gauge pod, the water depth was 14ft. Deputy Mackey advised the underwater visibility was close to zero and the water temperature was 39 degrees F. There was a strong current in the water intake area. There were several entanglements on the bottom such as trees and a multitude of branch particles. The bottom was also very silty. Deputy Mackey did not locate any evidence. The second dive was performed by Deputy Bilak. Being tended by Deputy Veverka via hard line and electronic communication gear, Deputy Bilak continued a parallel line search from the ending point of Deputy Mackey's dive through the eastern half of the water inlet area. Deputy Bilak stated the water contained a strong current, visibility was near zero, and there were many bottom entanglements such as tree branches. There was no ice on the water surface. Metal detectors were unable to be used as they would create an unsafe working environment in black water containing many entanglements. Monofilament fishing line and exposed fishing hooks were abundant in the area due to local fishermen using the area for sport fishing. There was no evidence located during the two dives.

Please refer to the attached photographs for Location #1, #3.

If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail at sveverka@cuyahogacounty.us

Respectfully Submitted,



Deputy Steven C. Veverka #44

























