



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer Zach McPherson (W)
Date of Activity: 12/22/2020
Author: SA Jonathan Scale, #169

Narrative:

On December 22, 2020, at approximately 0740 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Jon Scale (SA Scale) interviewed Columbus Police Department (CPD) Officer Zack McPherson (Officer McPherson) [Badge # 3018]. BCI was asked to investigate an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI), which involved CPD. BCI was notified that CPD responded to a suspicious person/vehicle complaint in the area of 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, OH. When officer(s) arrived on the scene, they encountered Andre Hill (Hill) in the garage of the above residence. During the contact, a CPD officer discharged his firearm at Mr. Hill, who later died from the gunshot injuries. The interview with Officer McPherson took place inside SA Scale's unmarked vehicle.

The interview was audio recorded and a copy of the recording is attached to this report and a copy was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the attached audio for complete details. The following is a summation of Officer McPherson's interview:

Officer McPherson typically works [REDACTED] which is from [REDACTED]. Officer McPherson has worked as an officer with CPD for a little over 3 years. He has no prior law enforcement experience.

Officer McPherson and CPD Officer Paige Lisko (Officer Lisko) were just clearing another call when they heard "shots fired" call over their radios. He said they immediately activated their lights and sirens, headed toward Oberlin Drive. He said he was the lead car and Officer Lisko was directly following him in her own cruiser.

Officer McPherson said that he and Officer Lisko arrived on scene and he saw two (2) CPD Officers. One male officer and one female officer. As they exited their vehicles and they were walking up the driveway, he heard the female officer telling an unknown female that was just inside the front door of the house to stay inside. He heard the female officer "air for a medic" and then the female officer told him and Officer Lisko to shut everything down and go put up

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scene tape.

He said the male officer was in the garage and there was an individual laying on the garage floor. The female officer was standing in the driveway a few feet from the garage. Officer McPherson said that he saw the individual on the ground breathing, "or at least it appeared that he was breathing." Officer McPherson said he did not recall seeing the male officer in the garage performing CPR or rendering any other aid on the individual, but he reiterated that he was only there very briefly before going to set up scene tape. Officer McPherson did not recall seeing any blood and did not see any weapons or any other items on the ground.

Officer McPherson said he really did not pay anymore attention to what was happening in the garage because he was told to go put up scene tape. He said at that point, Officer Lisko moved her cruiser further down Oberlin Drive and started setting up tape and he began setting up tape closer to the residence.

Officer McPherson said that he did not know either of the two officers on scene when he arrived. He said they worked [REDACTED] so he would not typically be working at the same time as them.

This interview concluded at approximately 0753 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:2020-12-22 Interview CPD Officer Zack McPherson