

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: Supplemental Interview

Involves: Officer Adam Coy (S)

Date of Activity: 12/22/2020

Activity Location: - 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, OH 43221, Franklin County

Author: SA Richard Ward, #55

Narrative:

On Tuesday, December 22, 2020, while at the scene of 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agent Richard Ward requested and conducted a walk-through of the incident area with Columbus Police Officer Adam Coy. Present during the walk-through was Coy's union representation/labor attorney Nicole Wannamaker and BCI Crime Scene Special Agent Aja Chung. The above scene on Oberlin Drive was that of an Officer-Involved Critical Incident where Officer Coy and Officer Amy Detweiler responded to a call for service. During said call officers made contact with Andrew Hill and during the interaction Officer Coy discharged his fire arm and struck Hill, who later died.

Officer Coy was wearing a City of Columbus Police uniform and operated a marked City of Columbus patrol vehicle. Coy placed himself on the west portion of the driveway approximately 15 to 20 feet from the threshold of the driveway, this would have positioned him to Hill's right. Coy did not indicate to Agent Ward if there was any evidence that investigators were unaware of. No further detailed questions were asked.

Agent Ward requested and conducted a walk-through of the incident location with Columbus Police Officer Amy Detweiler, who reportedly was a witness to the event and did not discharge her firearm. Present was Detweiler's union representation/labor attorney Nicole Wannamaker and BCI Crime Scene Special Agent Aja Chung and SIU Agent Perry Roeser.

Officer Detweiler stated when she pulled onto Oberlin Drive, Officer Coy was outside, near his patrol vehicle. When she exited her marked City of Columbus Police patrol vehicle and was wearing a City of Columbus Police uniform. Detweiler stated she observed a person, later identified as Andre Hill, walking east on the sidewalk toward 1062 Oberlin Drive. Agent Ward asked Detweiler if Coy was interacting with Hill and Detweiler stated no. Agent Ward asked if Hill acknowledged officer's presence and Detwiler stated no; but believed Hill and Coy had 'brief interaction." Officer Detweiler asked Officer Coy if Hill was sleeping inside his

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car, and Coy told her no, that he trying to get in "that house." Detweiler stated while she and Coy were nearby their patrol vehicles, she and Coy had a brief discussion about the license plate on the Tahoe, whether it was reported stolen or Hill was the registered owner. According to Detweiler, Coy stated to her it was "weird" when he (Coy) arrived, the vehicle moved positions and indicated the current location of the Tahoe; Hill exited quickly and "darted" toward that house, (1062 Oberlin Drive).

While still on the street, Officer Detweiler stated she and Coy had a brief conversation about what they thought. Detweiler stated a person later identified as Robert Roenker, she believed to be the caller, came from 1054 Oberlin Drive toward them and was told by Coy he would talk to him shortly. Detweiler stated she and Coy walked toward the garage, which she said was open. Detweiler stated she utilized her flashlight and observed Hill inside garage, in front of the door that entered the residence. Detweiler stated she and Coy believed the situation to be weird; specifically, Hill acted as if he belonged there, but "lingered" at the door a long time without anyone letting him inside. Agent Ward asked if either she and Coy communicated with Hill at this point and she stated no, just watched him.

Officer Detweiler described the route she traveled and stated she and Officer Coy walked side by side toward the driveway. Detweiler stated her duty weapon was drawn. Detweiler described her position on the east portion of the driveway approximately twelve to fifteen feet from the threshold of the garage and driveway. Detweiler stated Coy was to her left, west side portion of the driveway. Detwiler stated Hill turned from the interior door inside the garage, which was located on the east/residence side of the garage, and walked toward her position. Detweiler stated Hill was holding a cellular telephone up with the screen facing her, but not sure which hand Hill was holding the cell phone with. Detweiler stated she observed the green text message bubbles on the screen and she continued to keep her flashlight on Hill. Agent Ward asked Detweiler if Hill said anything to her or Coy while in the garage and Detweiler stated no. Once Hill reached the rear of a white Nissan Altima parked inside the east portion of the garage, Hill turned toward Coy, and now was to Hill's right side. Detweiler stated when Hill turned away from her, she lost sight of Hill's right side. Once Hill turned toward Coy, Detweiler stated she heard "he's got a gun" and Coy fired more than one shot. Agent Ward asked Detweiler if she ever observed a gun and she stated "not from my vantage point." Agent Roeser asked Detweiler if Hill was white or black and Detweiler stated "light skinned." Agent Ward asked Detweiler if either she or Coy said anything to Hill and Detweiler stated something like "we need to know what's going on" was said to Hill. Detweiler stated Coy engaged Hill verbally, but the remarks were brief.

After the shots were fired, Detweiler stated Hill fell to the ground and was on his side, facing away from her and Coy. After Hill fell to the ground, Detweiler stated she and Coy verbalized commands for Hill to show his hands because she didn't know where the gun was. Detweiler stated she and Coy rolled Hill over, but did not observe a gun. Agent Roeser asked Detweiler if she rendered first aid and Detweiler stated she called for a medic, which took a long time to arrive. Detweiler stated Hill was handcuffed but not immediately after the shooting. Detweiler stated she called "shots fired" and for officer support via the radio. After the shooting occurred, a female exited the residence and was told to go back inside the house.

The walk-through was concluded with Officer Amy Detweiler. The walk-through was

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