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Officer-Involved Critical Incident - 1659 S. Main Street, Akron, Ohio
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Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer Jordan Hensley

Activity Date: September 13, 2022

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

Narrative:

On Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 2353 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Officer Jordan Hensley (Hensley), 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 Hensley 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 Hensley 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, Officer Hensley was the driver of marked APD cruiser, Car 06; his partner, Officer Mokodean, was the passenger. Officer Hensley was wearing his standard APD uniform.

Prior to the interview, SA Momchilov was advised that Officer Hensley had typed a supplemental report that documented his involvement in the June 27, 2022, officer-involved shooting. Officer Hensley wished to read the narrative out loud and then he would answer any follow-up questions if needed.

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Officer Hensley's typed narrative reads:

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<p>I Officer Hensley #1509 assisted with this incident by responding to the scene right after the shots were fired. I helped secure the perimeter and keep the vehicle secure while BCI did thier investigation until i was relieved.</p> <p>BWC available.</p>

SA Momchilov asked Officer Hensley what cause him to respond to the scene. Officer Hensley responded, "I was on Car 6, it was coming into my district, which is Car 6. It was starting to come into my district and I noticed it was starting to head, head to Wilbeth, I was hoping to maybe parallel, parallel it. I thought I might have heard shots fired in the distance like, right before pulling up, I'm not entirely sure on that. I remember pulling up, everybody had already, there's a lot of officers already out of the car, running up there. I very briefly ran up there, that point it was over, um, and you know, people were just starting to, you know, get directed to do different things like perimeter and um, I ran over to the vehicle with, I don't know who ran with me, other officers just to clear it real quick, make sure that, obviously there's nobody was inside injured or any other suspects or anything like that. Cleared that, then got directed on perimeter, sat there until I was told to, um, go over and assist with making sure that the vehicle was towed properly and that was really it. I cleared."

SA Momchilov stated, "You said it came into our section, what are you referring to when you say it?" Officer Hensley replied, "The pursuit. It was in my area that I was working that night."

SA Momchilov asked, "When the pursuit was, was going on, did you hear and specific radio traffic about what was occurring with the pursuit." Officer Hensley replied, "So, I was just getting to a call not too far, and pursuits happen all the time, its not uncommon, so, usually unless its right there, I'm not really concerned about it because it can be more, more of a hassle to, everyone trying to get in but then the shots fired came out and I immediately, I mean it was, without a doubt in my mind it was, you know, shots fired out the window, called out by, you know, one of our own so I ran to the vehicle and started, you know, especially now I'm hearing it, its starting to come off of the, because they exited the highway, it was coming off, off on Main, on to, near the Wilbeth area and that was my area so I was like, without a doubt, doubt in my mind I was going to go, see how I could help."

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SA Momchilov then asked Officer Hensley if he remembered any signals being called during the pursuit. Officer Hensley replied, "I remember the shots fired and to me that's Signal 21."

SA Momchilov stated, "And I believe you said you heard shots going off in the distance when you were in the area." Officer Hensley replied, "I believed I did, it like, my adrenaline after, after hearing the officer call shots fired was, I was amped just because it's not, I mean it shouldn't be a common thing for somebody to shoot out a window and at that point I know, you know, if anyone was immediately hit or what was going on. I just heard shots fired at officers and, you know, I thought I might of, as I was closing in when, um, you know, I, the radio traffic was pretty hectic towards the end but, I thought I did but I can't remember entirely."

Officer Hensley advised that he did not see any portion of the officer-involved shooting.

SA Momchilov asked Officer Hensley if he had any conversation with the involved officers. Officer Hensley replied, "No, other then the, the encouraging words, that was it." Officer Hensley also advised that nothing related to the shooting was discussed. SA Momchilov stated that another officer had mentioned in their narrative that Officer Hensley had sequestered Officer [REDACTED]. Officer Hensley replied, "Correct." Officer Hensley stated that he did not have any conversation with Officer [REDACTED] about the shooting.

SA Momchilov asked Officer Hensley if he had an opportunity to look inside the individual's vehicle. Officer Hensley replied, "At first, no, the tow, the guy, so we were going to have the vehicle towed and ah, I believe it was your agents were there, doing what they had to do. I stood by and I did see on the, the side, the door, um, it appeared to be a gun, wedding ring, magazine and a shell casing, I didn't touch anything."

SA Momchilov asked Officer Hensley where those items were inside the vehicle. Officer Hensley advised the items were on the driver's seat. Officer Hensley then stated, "And the slide was forward and everything, so I don't know if there's still a round in it, or what. I know that the magazine was removed, shell casing and a, the maga, the wedding ring, gold wedding ring."

SA Momchilov stated, "And you said that was when our agents or BCI Agents were on scene." Officer Hensley replied, "Yeah, I didn't, I didn't the, I didn't want the, I wanted to make sure they didn't miss anything and that the tow truck driver didn't touch nothing he wasn't suppose to before your guys could come and..." SA Momchilov responded, "Basically you were securing to make sure no one went in that car." Officer Hensley replied, "Secured, until your, then I remember one of your agents came out with a box, took photographs and took it out, removed everything that was on that seat."

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SA Momchilov asked Officer Hensley if he had is body-worn camera activated on scene. Officer Hensley responded, “Yeah, on scene and then once I sequ, once I was sequestered it, we were told to go blue and shortly after, off.”

SA Momchilov stated that it was his understanding that “going blue” was turning off the audio. Officer Hensley replied, “Yes, sir.” SA Momchilov asked Officer Hensley if he had watched his body-camera footage. Officer Hensley responded, “The news.”

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



Figure 1



Figure 2

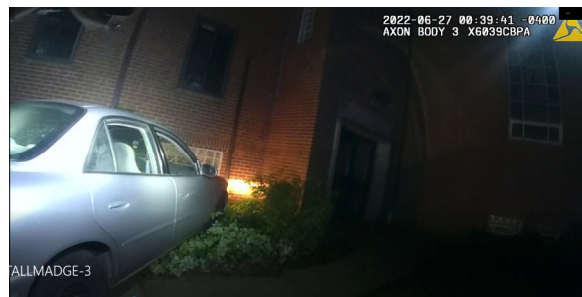


Figure 3

The above images are from Officer Hensley’s body-worn camera footage. Based upon Officer Hensley’s body-worn camera footage, Officer Hensley is seen running toward the scene, after the shooting, as officers are approaching Walker (Figure 1). Officer Hensley is then observed running across the street (Figure 2) and then clearing the individual’s vehicle (Figure 3).

Attachments:

The audio recording of the interview is attached to this Investigative Report

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