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2022-1356

Officer-Involved Critical Incident - 1659 S. Main Street, Akron, Ohio
44301

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer Vladislav Mokodean

Activity Date: September 13, 2022

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

Narrative:

On Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 2345 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Officer Vladislav Mokodean (Mokodean), 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 Mokodean 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 Mokodean 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 Mokodean was the passenger of marked APD cruiser, Car 06; his partner, Officer Hensley, was the driver. Officer Mokodean was wearing his standard APD uniform.

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

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Officer Mokodean's typed narrative reads:

NARRATIVE

On the morning of 6/27/22 I, Officer Mokodean #1555, and my partner Officer Hensley #1509 were working Car 6. We arrived on scene after the suspect was already placed in handcuffs. Officer Hensley was assigned to sequester Officer [REDACTED] I was asked to start to canvas the area. I spoke with the residents at 18 E Wilbeth Rd, they stated that they did not see anything in relation to the call. I also spoke with the residents at 26 E Wilbeth Rd, who also stated that they just woke up and did not see anything.

After canvassing those two properties I was tasked with helping Officer Donohew #1556 with the crime scene log. During this task I also was asked to hold the perimeter at S Main St and E Wilbeth Road. After Officer Marcum #1508 was relieved of duty I was then assigned to hold position on the suspect's vehicle until it was towed. I was then assigned to block traffic at S Main St and E Wilbeth after the vehicle was towed and until the scene was cleared.

SA Momchilov asked Officer Mokodean what caused him to respond to the scene. Officer Mokodean replied, "That was our district, we were working Car 6. So, by the time we heard them coming towards us, we started moving towards that direction, by the time we ended up getting over there it was already over and then we just ran over towards the vehicle trying to see what they all needed help with."

SA Momchilov replied, "What specific act caused you to respond to the scene or to that incident." Officer Mokodean responded, "Shots fired and it's a chase coming towards us and, you know, back up our officers."

SA Momchilov then asked if Officer Mokodean hear any signals being called out during the "chase." Officer Mokodean replied, "I heard a signal, I think 21." SA Momchilov then asked Officer Mokodean what a Signal 21 was. Officer Mokodean responded, "Signal 21 it means like um, need ah, immediate assistance."

SA Momchilov asked Officer Mokodean if he had any conversation with any of the involved officers. Officer Mokodean replied, "No." SA Moran then asked Officer Mokodean if he overheard any conversation between Officer Hensley and Officer [REDACTED] Officer Mokodean replied, "No."

SA Momchilov asked Officer Mokodean if he heard or witnessed any portion of the officer-involved shooting. Officer Mokodean advised that he did not.

Officer Mokodean was asked if he obtained the names of the residents at 26 E. Wilbeth Road and 18 E. Wilbeth Road. Officer Mokodean advised that he did not.

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SA Momchilov asked Officer Mokodean if he looked inside the individual's vehicle. Officer Mokodean responded, "When I was holding position on the car, yeah, I looked inside the vehicle and there was a gun in the, on the driver's side." SA Momchilov then asked if he recalled seeing anything else by the gun. Officer Mokodean replied, "The magazine." Officer Mokodean then confirmed that the magazine was out of the firearm that was inside the vehicle.

Officer Mokodean's body-worn camera was activated when he arrived on scene. Officer Mokodean advised that he has not seen his body-worn camera footage.

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



Figure 1



Figure 2

The above images are from Officer Mokodean's body-worn camera footage. Based upon Officer Mokodean's body-worn camera footage, the footage begins when Officer Mokodean is already on scene near the individual's vehicle (Figure 1). A short time later, Officer Mokodean appears to be looking inside of the vehicle (Figure 2).

Attachments:

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

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