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

Investigative Activity: Interview with Geoffrey Parker
Activity Date: September 14, 2022
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

Narrative:

On Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 0019 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Officer Geoffrey Parker (Parker), 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 Parker 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 Parker 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 Parker was the passenger of marked APD cruiser, Car 10; his partner, Officer Luke, was the driver. Officer Parker was wearing his standard APD uniform.

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

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Officer Parker's typed narrative reads:

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<p>On 27 June, 2022 while working in car 10, I Officer G. Parker #1523 and Officer D. Luke #1497, responded to a vehicle pursuit for a driver failing to stop for a traffic violation / equipment violation. I was was passenger and we responded from Kenmore Blvd and Victory St.</p> <p>While in route car [REDACTED] radioed that shots were fired from within the suspect vehicle. We went to S. Main Street and then got onto 76E to 77S. As we got onto 77S, car [REDACTED] radioed that the vehicle would be coming up to our side and to be careful. Our vehicle at this time was in the lead. Car [REDACTED] was behind us following us from S. Main St. I thought the suspect vehicle would continue going south on 77S. We were almost passed the exit to Archwood Ave. and the vehicle then got off. We were not able to get off of the exit without slamming on the breaks slightly to the left of the exit. At that time we waited for all the cruisers that were following the suspect vehicle to pass us before we got off the exit.</p> <p>We then parallel the chase going west on Firestone Blvd. to S. Main Street. We then went south on S. Main Street and east on Wilbeth Road. We arrived on scene with the other officers at 0038 hours and 22 seconds. At that time the suspect was laying on he ground and officers began to approach him with guns drawn. I approached as well with my firearm drawn. Multiple other officers immediately began to provide medical treatment to the suspect.</p> <p>Seeing that there was plenty of officers on scene with the suspect, I looked around for the suspects vehicle. I spotted it a moment later, crashed into the north wall of the church on the south side of the street. I saw a couple officers starting to approach the vehicle to clear it. Seeing that the vehicle was being taken care of, I started to search the area between the suspect and he vehicle was for any type of evidence the suspect might have dropped. Nothing was found.</p> <p>I then started to help expand the perimeter of the crime scene south on Clairmont Ave. After I finished putting crime scene tape up I relieved Officer Marcum from guarding the suspect vehicle. Sgt. Orande arrived on scene and myself and officer Marcum shut the car off. Shortly after that myself and Officer Luke were told to go into service.</p> <p>BWC</p>

SA Momchilov asked Officer Parker what caused him to respond to the vehicle pursuit. Officer Parker stated, "We initially started towards the area, which we, a lot of officers normally do when a pursuit gets called out and then after the shots fired they called for a Signal 21, which is officers in assist, needs assistance and then we just proceeded from there. Kind of mirroring and following along."

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SA Momchilov stated, "You said when you arrived on scene, the suspect was laying on the ground." Officer Parker responded, "Yes." SA Momchilov then asked, "Did you see or hear any portion of the officer-involved shooting." Officer Parker responded, "No."

SA Momchilov asked Officer Parker if he had any conversation with any of the involved officers; Officer Parker responded, "No."

SA Momchilov asked Officer Parker if he had an opportunity to look inside the individual's vehicle. Officer Parker replied, "Yes." SA Momchilov then asked Officer Parker if he observed anything or conducted a detailed search. Officer Parker responded, "I did not, I was not involved in the search. I did look into the vehicle and saw the gun, magazine and the ring on the driver's seat and then I assisted with shutting the car off, after Sergeant Orrand arrived."

Officer Parker advised that he was wearing a body-worn camera and that he has watched his body-worn camera footage one time.

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



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

The above images are from Officer Parker's body-worn camera footage. Based upon Officer Parker's body-worn camera footage, Officer Parker is seen running toward the scene, after the

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shooting (Figure 1). Minutes later, Officer Parker is observed walking over to the individual's vehicle (Figure 2). After performing other duties at the scene, Officer Parker is eventually observed returning back to the individual's vehicle. It appears that Officer Parker looks inside the passenger-side window (Figure 3).

Attachments:

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

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