



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



2022-1726
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 15266 Gilchrist Rd., Mt.
Vernon (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Sgt. Chris Hasty (W)
Date of Activity: 09/27/2022
Activity Location: Ohio State Highway Patrol Aviation Section – Business – 2829 West
Dublin–Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235, Franklin County
Author: SA John P. Tingley, #154

Narrative:

On September 27, 2022, at approximately 1814 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) interviewed Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Sergeant (Sgt.) Chris Hasty (Hasty) of the OSHP Aviation Section. The interview took place at the OSHP Aviation Section Office, which is located at 2829 West Dublin–Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

Sgt. Hasty was identified as being a law enforcement officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the August 20, 2022, officer–involved critical incident, which occurred in the area of 15266 Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Knox County, Ohio. Reportedly, Sgt. Hasty did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information obtained during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions nor is it a word–for–word translation of either the questions or answers. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

SA Tingley started the interview by asking Sgt. Hasty to describe his involvement in the officer–involved critical incident from August 20, 2022.

Sgt. Hasty stated that he was the Tactical Flight Officer (TFO) on the on–call OSHP helicopter, with OSHP Sgt. Edington as the pilot. He advised, as the TFO, he was responsible for operating the sensor equipment, including the forward looking infrared radar (FLIR) system, as well as

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the thermal system and spotlight.

Sgt. Hasty stated that they received phone calls from both the Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) and the OSHP Delaware dispatch center requesting assistance for a shots fired call in Knox county. Shortly before arriving in the area, he was notified that there were two heavily armed subjects involved in the ongoing incident. He was initially requested to check the area of the pole barns on the property at 15266 Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. After checking on the barns, he was advised to monitor "mom's house" (Saundra Wilhelm's residence), which is located north of the pole barns on the same property.

Upon arriving over "moms house," he observed a subject exit the residence and go between two vehicles. Sgt. Edington, who was wearing night vision goggles, then advised that he observed flashes of light coming from the area of the vehicles. Sgt. Hasty scanned and saw a subject with a rifle to his shoulder, firing the rifle at the helicopter. He stated that he knew they were being fired at because saw a smoke bloom and the spent shell casing ejecting from the rifle after each shot.

Sgt. Hasty advised that the subject firing then ducked down between the vehicles and he lost sight of him. However, he observed a second subject but lost sight of him quickly as well. The OSHP helicopter circled back around and Sgt. Hasty again saw gunfire coming from the subjects near "mom's house."

The helicopter cleared the area and circled back for a third pass; however, even though two subjects were seen, no more gunfire was directed toward the helicopter.

Sgt. Hasty stated the OSHP helicopter then remained in the area, monitoring the subject's movements and activities through the early morning hours. He observed the subjects move a propane tanker truck from the area of the pole barns to the driveway, near the "mom's house." He also observed the subjects patrolling the property and going to the one bother's residence (Randy Wilhelm's property at 15159 Monroe Mills Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio). The OSHP helicopter crew continued monitoring the activities until early morning, when they had to refuel the helicopter; at which time, they were relieved by another OSHP helicopter crew.

SA Tingley asked Sgt. Hasty if both subjects had fired at the helicopter. Sgt. Hasty replied that he could only confirm one person firing at a time. However, he could not say if it was the same subject firing every time he observed that they were taking fire.

The interview then concluded at approximately 1829 hours.

This interview was audio recorded and is attached to this case file. Please review the audio recording for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-1726 INTERVIEW OSHP SGT. HASTY

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