

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



2023–2219 Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1389 Marion Drive Columbus, Ohio 43207

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer

Involves: Officer Kraig Gibson (W)

Date of Activity: 08/24/2023

Activity Location: 13 PCT CPD - 544 E Woodrow Ave, Columbus, OH 43207, Franklin

County

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Narrative:

On Thursday, August 24, 2023 at approximately 0406 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Jon Scale (SA Scale) and James Poole (SA Poole) interviewed Columbus Police Department (CPD) Officer Kraig Gibson (Officer Gibson), badge # 2138. BCI was requested to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI), which involved CPD officers and an individual identified as Jamie Overstreet (Overstreet). BCI was informed that a CPD officer was involved in a shooting that occurred near 1389 Marion Drive, Columbus, OH. Agents interviewed Officer Gibson inside CPD precinct 13 located at 544 E. Woodrow Ave., Columbus, OH. Also present during the interview was Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Attorney Nicole Wannemacher (Wannemacher).

The interview was audio recorded. A copy of the recording is attached to this report and a copy was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the attached audio for complete details. The following is a summation of Officer Gibson's interview:

Officer Gibson's assignment number is 13-C-1 and his day's off are Saturdays and Sundays. He was a single car unit driving marked cruiser #135 and was marked over the air as unit 131. Officer Gibson said that during the incident his body worn camera (BWC) was on and functioning, but believes the camera on his cruiser was not functioning.

Officer Gibson said he heard over the air that there was an individual with four (4) warrants in the area. He believed two (2) of the warrants were through Columbus and the other two (2) were out of Worthington. He said they were looking for this individual that was driving a black Monte Carlo. He said there was previous comments that this individual mentioned "suicide by cop" and was known to carry weapons.

Officer Gibson said that they observed the black Monte Carlo near Viewpoint. CPD officers

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turned on their lights and attempted to pull over the vehicle, but it did not pull over or stop. Officers were then told to shut down the pursuit, to which they did. Officer Gibson then said the police helicopter aired that the black Monte Carlo was involved in a traffic accident near Parsons Avenue and Corr Street, and the Monte Carlo fled from the accident scene.

Officer Gibson said the helicopter continued following the Monte Carlo and airing its location. Officer Gibson and other officers headed northbound on Parsons Avenue to Marion Street eastbound. The helicopter aired that the car stopped near the Marion Square Apartments and the driver was on foot heading westbound. They arrived to the location aired by the helicopter and CPD Officers Derwacter, Durr, and pulled in and got out of their cruisers before Gibson.

Gibson said he could see the other officers running, and then Officer shooting. He heard "maybe" five (5) shots. Gibson said that he could hear someone say there is a "33" on the ground near the subject. The subject was on the ground and they aired for a medic, and then began taking turns rendering medical aid. Officer Gibson said the subject appeared to try to speak while they were administering CPR, but didn't say anything.

Officer Gibson said that he never saw the subject before he was on the ground. Officer Gibson said he was the last cruiser to arrive and at that point the subject was already on foot and the other officers were closer to him. Officer Gibson did not discharge his firearm during the incident. Officer Gibson said that when he approached the subject, he observed a small handgun laying on the walkway near the subject. He said the magazine was hanging out of the gun, and there was three (3) or four (4) unspent rounds laying on the walkway.

This interview with CPD Officer Gibson concluded at approximately 0419 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-08-24 CPD Officer Gibson interview audio

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