



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



2020-3388

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus,
Ohio

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review, Interview with Officer

Involves: Officer Michael Alexander (W), Columbus Police Department (O),
Jaclyn Renee Tipton, Esq. (O)

Date of Activity: 01/13/2021

Activity Location: 5th Precinct Sub-Station – 1371 Cleveland Ave, Columbus, Ohio,
OH, Franklin County

Author: SA James H Gore, #168

Narrative:

On the morning of January 13, 2021, at approximately 0132 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Jon Dozer and James Gore interviewed Columbus Police Officer Michael Alexander at the 5 Precinct Substation, 1371 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211. Officer Alexander was accompanied by Attorney Jaci Tipton of the Fraternal Order of Police. The purpose of the interview with Officer Alexander was to determine the extent of his involvement and response to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident which took place on the morning of December 22, 2020, at 1062 Oberlin Drive in Northwest Columbus. Atty. Tipton advised agents that questions regarding departmental policies on body cameras and rendering aid were not permissible.

Officer Alexander reported that he has been employed with the Columbus Division of Police since approximately December, 2015. Ofc. Alexander stated that his badge number is 2813 and his log-in or radio call sign for the date in question was 24, because he was assigned to patrol vehicle 24 (which was responsible for District 24). Ofc. Alexander further explained that he was the driver of car 24, while his passenger/partner for that shift was Officer Arthur Whitworth. Ofc. Alexander stated that his normal work schedule is from [REDACTED] hours, and his days off are [REDACTED]. Ofc. Alexander said he is assigned to 2 Precinct, which is located 2077 Parkwood Avenue, and his supervisor is Sergeant Albers.

Prior to the interview, Ofc. Alexander reviewed his body-worn camera footage with Atty. Tipton. When asked, Ofc. Alexander concurred that the footage was an accurate representation of what he personally observed.

Ofc. Alexander was asked to describe the dispatch call and/or radio traffic that prompted him and Ofc. Whitworth to respond to Oberlin Dr. Ofc. Alexander said he recalled hearing

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"shots fired," or a "10-3" over the radio. "10-3," according to Ofc. Alexander, is a code for "officer in trouble." Ofc. Alexander said that he and Ofc. Whitworth traveled from the 2 Precinct Substation to the scene on Oberlin.

SA Gore presented an overhead map to Ofc. Alexander and asked him to indicate where it was that he parked his patrol vehicle upon arriving on Oberlin. (Note: The following image is an interpretation of what was relayed by Ofc. Alexander, and is for reference purposes only.)



Ofc. Alexander recalled turning onto Oberlin from Kenny Rd., and he observed the headlights of a cruiser parked down the roadway near where he presumed was the location of the original call. He explained that his partner, Ofc. Whitworth, looked up the call on their car computer and there were very few details.

Ofc. Alexander also recalled seeing crime scene tape already up around the site. He said he recalled seeing a person, who he later learned was Mr. Hill (Andre Hill) laying on the driveway. He reiterated that at that time, there was still very limited information regarding suspects, victims, and witnesses. Ofc. Alexander said that other officers who arrived before he did were patting down and handcuffing Hill.

Ofc. Alexander explained that he and other officers conducted a cursory, protective sweep of the residence for additional victims, witnesses, and/or threats. Ofc. Alexander recalled encountering a male and female (later identified by others as Billy Wadley and Dystanie Lydelle), and he believed that the male was the homeowner. Ofc. Alexander said he recalled the woman mentioned that he (Hill) was the father of her children, or he was her ex-husband, and he was bringing her money, or other words to that effect.

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Ofc. Alexander recalled escorting the female (Lydelle) outside to a cruiser, which he believed was #41, where she was to be sequestered for further questioning and/or her involvement could be ascertained. He said he asked another officer to monitor her while she smoked a cigarette behind the vehicle. Ofc. Alexander said he was then told by a sergeant to expand the crime scene and he did so by placing more crime scene tape up around the location.

Ofc. Alexander estimated that he was at the scene for a total of three hours, but mentioned that he and his partner left once and came back.

Ofc. Alexander stated that he has never responded to calls on Oberlin Dr. before and to his knowledge, he has not had any prior contact with Andre Hill, Billy Wadley, or Dystanie Lydelle. Ofc. Alexander also reported that he has not worked directly with Ofc. Adam Coy in the past either.

Ofc. Alexander said he did not complete any reports regarding the matter. A copy of the audio recording of the interview was attached for reference.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:2020-3388 Ofc. Michael Alexander Interview 1-13-2021 – Gore, Dozer