



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



2022-1564

Officer-Involved Critical Incident- 1132 Ashwood Dr, S. Charleston

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Patrick Hainzer
Activity Date: 7/24/2022
Activity Location: Ashwood and Acorn
Authoring Agent: SA Matt Collins, #151

Narrative:

On Sunday, July 24, 2022, at 1913 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Collins (SA Collins) interviewed Patrick Hainzer (Hainzer), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on Sunday, July 24, 2022. The interview took place at the intersection of Ashwood and Acorn. Also present during the interview was Hainzer's wife, Mindy, SAS Justin Root and SA Tyler Price. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

SA Collins was told Hainzer possibly had information related to the shooting incident. Hainzer was speaking with SAS Root and SA Price in regard to video Hainzer had on his cellular phone. Hainzer lives at 1121 Ashwood. He stated he had come out onto his porch to smoke a cigarette and heard two (2) gunshots. Hainzer said he witnessed a highway patrolman round the corner of the street and head into the direction of 1132 Ashwood. By that same time, an ambulance pulled up to the Ashwood/Acorn intersection and told him to get into his home.

Hainzer described SWAT teams arriving and he heard approximately forty (40) gunshots. After a pause, Hainzer said he heard an additional ten to fifteen (10-15) more. Hainzer said another SWAT team arrived and was utilizing flashbangs in the front and back yards. He said a team member had busted out the front window of the trailer and threw in a flashbang and tear gas into the window. Hainzer said the trailer then caught fire. Hainzer said that was about the time the incident ended.

Hainzer was asked if he knew the subject (Cole White (White)) who was involved. Hainzer said he did not know the guy too well, however, he recalled an instance where White was cutting through the field located south of Hainzer's property. Because Hainzer initially got the information from Mindy, she began explaining the prior incident. Mindy stated they had always believed White was "trippin'" all the time or otherwise under the influence of narcotics. Mindy said White approached and tried to hang out with her six-year-old daughter, lay with her in the field.



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SA Collins asked if they had ever seen White with any weapons and they stated no. As SA Collins was originally walking up to Hainzer's truck to speak with him, SA Collins heard him say something about someone having an "AR." SA Collins asked Hainzer about that comment. Hainzer stated he was referring to law enforcement, as far as visually seeing someone with a gun. Hainzer said something to the effect of, "I only heard the other people firing." SA Collins asked him what he meant by that. Hainzer said he believed some gunfire was coming from inside the trailer and some was coming from outside. SA Collins asked him how he came to that conclusion. Hainzer said he believed there were different types of weapons being used. He said he could hear what sounded like pistol fire, "Bang...Bang" and he could also hear "semi-autos" being fired like, "da, da, da, dow."

The interview concluded at approximately 1924 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.