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2022-1356

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

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer Adam Guilmette

Activity Date: September 28, 2022

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

Narrative:

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 2310 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Officer Adam Guilmette (Guilmette), 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 Guilmette 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 Guilmette 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 Guilmette stated he was driving a marked APD cruiser, Car 11, and his partner, Officer Mook, was the passenger. Officer Guilmette was wearing his standard APD uniform.

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

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Officer Guilmette's typed narrative reads:

NARRATIVE
<p>On 06/27/2022 Officer Mook #1430 and I, Officer Guilmette #1411 were assigned district 11 and were driving car 11. At approximately 0031 hrs. Car # [REDACTED] (Ofc. [REDACTED] and Ofc. [REDACTED]) attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a Tan Buick (bearing OH reg HON4514). The Buick failed to stop and led Officers on a vehicle pursuit. The pursuit ended when the suspect bailed from the vehicle and fled on foot. Officers used lethal force during the foot pursuit.</p> <p>I arrived on scene shortly after Officers on scene discharged their firearms. I exited the cruiser and proceeded towards the parking lot of the Bridgestone Building (1659 S. Main St.) where the incident took place. I observed a male laying on the ground with several gunshot wounds to his body. I assisted in rendering aid to the male on the ground. I continued to assist until EMS arrived on scene. Once EMS was on scene I assisted in locating several shell casings that were in the parking lot. I then stood by on the perimeter of the scene until I assisted in paperwork in an unrelated case at Akron Police Station.</p>

SA Momchilov asked Officer Guilmette if he recalled any radio traffic that indicated that shots have been fired during the vehicle pursuit. Officer Guilmette responded, "Yeah, the officers, Car [REDACTED] said that there was a shot, shots coming from the vehicle." SA Momchilov asked Officer Guilmette if he recalled any signals being called. Officer Guilmette replied, "Ah, just Signal 5 (Emergency Radio Traffic Only) from the pursuit."

SA Momchilov asked Officer Guilmette what specifically caused him to respond to the pursuit/scene. Officer Guilmette stated, "Typically when there's a, you know, car chase, Signal 5 traffic, any type of shots fired involved, I would go to assist in any way for the officers on scene."

SA Momchilov stated to Officer Guilmette that he mentioned in his narrative, "Officers used lethal force during the foot pursuit." SA Momchilov asked Officer Guilmette how he knew that. Officer Guilmette advised he learned that information based on the radio traffic that shots had been fired.

Officer Guilmette advised that he did not see or hear any portion of the shooting.

SA Momchilov asked Officer Guilmette if he had conversation with any of the involved officers. Officer Guilmette stated that he had sent a text message to the two officers who were on his shift. Officer Guilmette advised that one officer was Officer [REDACTED] but he could not recall the other officer's name. SA Momchilov asked Officer Guilmette if they discussed specifics of the shooting. Officer Guilmette replied, "We did not."

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Officer Guilmette stated he was wearing a body-worn camera and that it was activated. Officer Guilmette advised that he has not viewed his body-worn camera footage.

At the end of the interview, Officer Guilmette was afforded the opportunity to view his body-worn camera footage. Officer Guilmette accepted. Afterward, Officer Guilmette advised that after watching his body-worn camera footage, he did not wish to add or clarify any matter.



Figure 1



Figure 2

The above images are from Officer Guilmette's body-worn camera footage. Based upon Officer Guilmette's body-worn camera footage, Officer Guilmette's body-worn camera is active as he is walking up to the scene (Figure 1). Officer Guilmette is then observed holding a flashlight, standing near other officers who are providing medical treatment (Figure 2).

Attachments:

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

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