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

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer Christopher Holmes

Activity Date: September 28, 2022

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

**Narrative:**

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 1252 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Officer Christopher Holmes (Holmes), who was accompanied by his attorney, Jason Wells, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at the law offices of Malarcik, Pierce, Munyer, & Will. Fraternal Order of Police Akron Lodge #7 President Clay Cozart was also present during the interview.

The interview was audio recorded.

Officer Holmes 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 Holmes 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 Holmes was the driver of marked APD cruiser, Car 58. Officer Holmes is a traffic officer and was not working with a partner. Officer Holmes was wearing his standard APD uniform.

SA Momchilov stated to Officer Holmes it was his understanding that he responded to a shooting scene on June 27, 2022. Officer Holmes replied, "Yes." SA Momchilov then asked Officer Holmes what caused him to respond to that scene. Officer Holmes stated, "I'm a traffic control officer, so we handle crashes, um, chases usually result in crashes. I tend to be in the area when a chase terminates so if there is a crash, I can handle it."

SA Momchilov asked Officer Holmes if there was anything specific broadcasted over the radio that made him respond. Officer Holmes stated, "I just tend to be in the area of pursuits, um, when I can be and then obviously when officers called out shots fired it tends to get everybody, that makes it a higher priority."

SA Momchilov asked Officer Holmes if any signals were called out over the radio. Officer Holmes advised that a Signal 5 (Emergency Traffic Only) and a Signal 21 were called. Officer

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Holmes stated that a Signal 21 is officer needs assistance and that Signal 21 being called is not a common occurrence.

Officer Holmes advised that he did not see any portion of the officer-involved shooting but that he heard it. Officer Holmes advised that he was approximately 300 yards east of the shooting on Wilbeth Road, behind a line of cruisers, and that when he exited his cruiser, he heard gun fire.

Officer Holmes was asked if he had spoken to any of the involved officers. Officer Holmes replied, "I did not."

SA Momchilov asked Officer Holmes what actions he took while on scene. Officer Holmes stated, he "helped clear the vehicle with three or four other officers" and provided scene security. SA Momchilov asked Officer Holmes if he observed anything inside the vehicle. Officer Holmes replied, "I heard mention of a gun. I don't remember if I saw the gun or not but I do remember when we where walking around the vehicle somebody stated that there was a gun in the car." Officer Holmes explained that he was focused on clearing the vehicle for occupants and not focused on searching the vehicle for evidence.

Officer Holmes' body-worn camera was activated during the incident.

At the end of the interview, Officer Holmes was afforded the opportunity to view his body-worn camera footage. Officer Holmes declined.



Figure 1



Figure 2

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Figure 3



Figure 4

*The above images are from Officer Holmes' body-worn camera footage. Based upon Officer Holmes' body-worn camera footage, Officer Holmes' body-worn camera is activated once already on scene (Figure 1). Officer Holmes is then observed running across the street (Figure 2) and then assisting other officers in clearing the vehicle the individual was driving (Figure 3). Officer Holmes is then observed hanging crime scene tape around the perimeter (Figure 4).*

**Attachments:**

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

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