



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5760 US 62, Hillsboro, OH,
Highland County (L)

Investigative Activity: Radio Traffic Review
Involves: Richard Jean Poulin (S)
Date of Activity: 07/21/2022
Activity Location: Highland County Sheriffs Office – Business – Highland County
Justice Center, 130 Homestead Avenue, Hillsboro, OH 45133,
Highland County
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On July 17, 2022, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Highland County Sheriff Donald Barrera to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on US 62 near the Hillsboro Church of God (5760 US 62, Hillsboro, Ohio). The OICI entailed Highland County Sheriff's Office Sergeant [REDACTED] (Sgt. [REDACTED]) firing a single, fatal shot at Richard Jean Poulin (Poulin) at the end of a vehicle pursuit.

On July 21, 2022, BCI Special Agent Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) received an audio file containing the Highland County Sheriff's Office radio traffic relative to the pursuit and OICI on July 17, 2022.

SA Seitzman documented the portions of the audio that he believed to be the most relevant. The reader is encouraged to review the audio file in its entirety. SA Seitzman noted the following:

- At 00:01, Sgt. [REDACTED] initiates a traffic stop.
- At 00:13, Sgt. [REDACTED] called out the license plate FZQ1756, then indicated "took off" on him.
- At 00:30, Sgt. [REDACTED] indicates he is pursuing the vehicle southbound on US-62 in the unincorporated area of Samantha.
- At 00:39, Sgt. [REDACTED] said the vehicle was a "full-size Ford pick-up truck. Probably an F-250."
- At 01:12, Sgt. [REDACTED] instructs Deputy Sarah McKenzie not to put herself in danger by attempting to deploy stop sticks.
- At 03:38, Sgt. [REDACTED] said, "He hit the sticks [referring to the stop sticks set up near Westview Motors]."

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- At 04:48, Sgt. ██████ said, "Hit a second set in front of Frisch's [referring to stop sticks set up in front of Frisch's]."
- At 12:52, Sgt. ██████ said, "15 [Deputy McKenzie], go ahead and take over radio communications for me cuz we're not going to last much longer. I want to get out of my car in case this guy pops out and starts shooting."
- At 13:13, Deputy McKenzie said the vehicle stopped. Dispatch asked for clarification as to where. Deputy McKenzie said they stopped on US 62 in front of the Hillsboro Church of God.
- At 14:32, Deputy McKenzie said the vehicle was attempting to pull away.
- At 15:52, Sgt. ██████ said, "[unintelligible]...get a squad out here."
- At 16:29, Sgt. ██████ said, "We got a gunshot victim get the...get the chopper in the air."

The audio file of the radio traffic was provided to SA Seitzman on a thumb drive. The thumb drive was added to the permanent case file.

References:

USB Thumbdrive