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Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 121 W. Perry St., Tiffin, OH,
44883 (L)

Date of Activity: 05/03/2024
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Narrative:

On May 3, 2024, Special Agent (SA) Josh Rammel (Rammel) conducted an interview with Robert Fay (Fay) regarding the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which occurred at 121 West Perry Street, Tiffin, Ohio, on May 3, 2024.

The interview was conducted as Fay set in his vehicle, identified as a Gray Chrysler 200 with Ohio License KFG1016, near the location of the OICI. The interview was recorded using a digital audio recorder. A copy of the interview was attached to this investigation.

SA Rammel began the interview by identifying himself and explaining the reason for the interview. Fay acknowledged that he understood and agreed to speak with SA Rammel. Fay provided basic identification information including his date of birth, address, and phone number.

Fay advised that he was heading from the center of Tiffin along Perry Street when the Tiffin Police Officer activated his overhead lights and passed Fay in order to make a traffic stop on a red truck. Fay indicated that he pulled over as the Tiffin Police Officer conducted the traffic stop. Fay stated that the Tiffin Police Officer got out of his vehicle at the same time the driver of the red truck got out. Fay identified the driver of the red truck as "Blake" (Blake) and said that he knew Blake "from school".

Fay stated that he saw Blake "heading towards the officer...with a knife". Fay also mentioned that the officer was backing up as Blake approached. Fay told SA Rammel that he had the windows of the car rolled up and the radio on, so Fay did not hear anything said between the officer and Blake but could see their mouths moving. Fay advised that he saw the officer had his gun drawn and that caused Fay to stop his vehicle completely. Fay was unable to provide the amount of gun shots heard.

When asked to clarify that he saw Blake holding a knife as he approached the officer, Fay confirmed that he did see the knife. Fay mentioned that due to his point he could not be sure, but he was pretty sure the officer pulled out his gun after Blake approached with a knife.

Fay indicated that he had pulled his vehicle up further down Perry Street from where he was when the shooting occurred. Fay stated that he was "directly in line" with Blake and the officer

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when the shooting occurred. Fay also informed SA Rammel that the cruiser had also been moved from the spot it was at during the shooting, but the red truck had not been moved.

Fay told SA Rammel that he did not have any additional information to provide at this time, but agreed to contact SA Rammel in the event that he could think of anything else or had any questions.

SA Rammel provided Fay with his contact information and the interview was concluded as Fay was told he was free to leave the scene.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: robert fay 2024-05-03