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Officer-Involved Critical Incident - 1659 S. Main Street, Akron, Ohio
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Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer Zach Snader
 Activity Date: August 25, 2022
 Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

Narrative:

On Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 1957 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Officer Zach Snader (Snader), 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 Snader 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 Snader 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 Snader stated he was the driver of what he believed was marked APD cruiser 22, his partner, Officer Shoemaker, was the passenger. Officer Snader was wearing his standard APD uniform.

Both Officer Snader and Officer Shoemaker stated they were in APD Car 22. Officer Connor and Officer Powell also stated they were in APD Car 22. Dispatch records show that Officer Snader and Officer Shoemaker were in APD Car 15 and that Officer Connor and Powell were in Car 22.

AKE15	Patrol	1505 - Shoemaker, Thomas	06/27/2022 00:33
AKE15	Patrol	1500 - Snader, Zachary	06/27/2022 00:33
AKE22	Patrol	1483 - Connor, Travis	06/27/2022 00:32
AKE22	Patrol	1484 - Powell, Eric	06/27/2022 00:32

Figure 1: Excerpts from dispatch records

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Officer Snader was asked what caused him to respond to the scene. Officer Snader advised that, "It initially went out as a suspect fleeing officers." It was then broadcasted over the radio that the "suspect" had shot out of the vehicle. Based on the radio traffic, Officer Snader assumed that the fleeing "suspect" had shot at officers.

Officer Snader explained that if someone is shooting at officers, it requires an "extreme level of response." Officer Snader advised that he did not recall if a Signal 21 was broadcasted but according to Officer Snader, officers being shot at is the same thing as a Signal 21.

Officer Snader stated, when he arrived on scene, the individual who was shot was in handcuffs and he assisted with providing medical aid. After that, Officer Snader "helped perimeter" until he was dismissed to handle calls. Officer Snader stated he did not see or hear any portion of the shooting.

Officer Snader advised that he did not speak or converse with any involved officer.

Officer Snader stated he did have his body-worn camera activated.

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

Officer Snader did not complete a typed supplement or report.



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The above images are from Officer Snader's body-worn camera. Based upon Officer Snader's body-worn camera, he arrived on scene after the shooting.

Attachments:

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

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