

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



2023-1809

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 3110 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43227 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Officer Robert Kemp (W)

**Date of Activity:** 08/29/2023

Activity Location: Harshman, Wannemacher, Tipton & Lipperman – 4683 Winterset

Drive, Columbus, OH 43220, Franklin County

Author: SA Ryan D. Scheiderer, #89

#### Narrative:

On August 29, 2023 at approximately 1403 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) obtained a recorded statement from Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Officer Robert Kemp (Officer Kemp) regarding the shooting incident involving officers from CPD, deputies from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO), and Antwan Lindsey (Lindsey) that occurred on July 08, 2023 at 3110 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio (Franklin County). Lindsey was fatally shot by officers during that incident. The contact with Officer Kemp took place at his attorney's office and his attorney, Lathan Lipperman, was present. Officer Kemp signed a Criminal Investigation Notification (CIN) form affirming his decision to provide a voluntary statement. The following is a summation of the contact with Officer Kemp and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording. (It should be noted that during the interview, Lindsey was referred to as "suspect" by the officer and that verbiage may be used throughout the summary when trying to quote the officer or document what an officer stated they heard or thought regarding the incident)

Officer Kemp, Badge #2427, has been with CPD for approximately 17 years and his assignment on July 8<sup>th</sup> was 14A6. On that date, Officer Kemp was working a "Parks Patrol" special duty assignment from 1600 – 2400 hours, with Officer Zachariah West (Officer West). On July 8<sup>th</sup> Officer Kemp heard radio traffic from Dispatch advising of an officer involved shooting. That was followed up by additional radio traffic alerting that an officer was down (meaning shot). Officer Kemp and Officer West responded to the incident location to assist. When the officers arrived on scene they parked to assist with blocking off the roadway. Officer Kemp and Officer West ran along the east side of the apartment building at 3110 E. Livingston towards the rear to investigate what was taking place at the rear of the building. While making their way to the rear of the building, Officer Kemp heard a single gunshot in the area, but did not know the

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exact location of where it was fired. There were additional officers at the rear of the building and Officer Kemp positioned himself outside while trying to figure out what exactly was taking place. Officer Kemp then heard an "eruption" of gunfire from inside the building. Officer West was not able to determine who was the contributor(s) of that gunfire.

After the gunfire, Officer Kemp and Officer West began to enter the building, but were met by who was running out of the building towards them. Officer Kemp stated seemed "disoriented" or "shell-shocked". Officer Kemp asked if he was alright, and after receiving acknowledgment that was alright, he and Officer West entered the building and made their way to the lower-level hallway. There, Officer Kemp observed a lot of smoke and officers at the south end of the hallway with Lindsey. Officer Kemp moved towards the officers and observed an officer handcuff Lindsey. Officer Kemp then began rendering first aid to Lindsey.

Officer Kemp did not know Lindsey's whereabouts prior to observing him on the ground in the hallway of the lower-level. Officer Kemp observed a FCSO cruiser near the front of the building when he arrived, but denied ever knowing the involved-deputy's location at the scene. Officer Kemp never observed anyone discharge a firearm on that date. Officer Kemp didn't have any additional information.

#### Attachments:

Attachment # 01: CPD Officer Robert Kemp Audio Interview 8.29.2023

Attachment # 02: Officer Robert Kemp CIN 8.29.2023

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## **Criminal Investigation Notification**

- This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
- 2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
- 3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is <u>not</u> a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

ROBERT KEMP	8/2
Printed Name of Interviewee	Date /
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Signature of Interviewee	
RYAN SCHETGESE	
BCI Agent (Printed)	