



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



2021-1431

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 5714 South Park Boulevard, Parma,
OH 44134

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer Christopher Kalina
Activity Date: August 18, 2021
Activity Location: Parma Police Department
Authoring Agent: SA Prill #137

On Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at approximately 0936 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jared Prill (Prill) and SA Jonathan Lieber interviewed Parma Police Department Officer (Ofc.) Christopher Kalina (Kalina), who was accompanied by his attorneys, Adam Chaloupka and Danielle Chaffin, from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA). The interview took place at the Parma Police Department and was audio recorded. Ofc. Kalina read, understood and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form. Ofc. Kalina was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the June 13-14, 2021, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 5714 South Park Boulevard, Parma, OH 44134. Reportedly, Ofc. Kalina did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Ofc. Kalina stated that on June 13-14, 2021, his radio call sign was his badge number "535." He has been employed by the Parma Police Department for approximately 11 years and has served as a member of the SWAT team for approximately five years. Ofc. Kalina stated he had previously worked for the Lindale Police Department before being hired by the Parma Police Department and has 14 total years of law enforcement experience.

During the incident, Ofc. Kalina wore his standard navy-blue color police SWAT uniform which included "Police" on the front and back and a Southeast Enforcement Bureau (SEB) patch on one shoulder. He also wore an external ballistic vest and ballistic helmet. He considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident. He stated he was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI. He does not wear corrective lenses.

Ofc. Kalina stated that he initially became aware of the call through a page advising him of a call to service. Ofc. Kalina stated that there was not an official briefing at the time he arrived at the police department; advised his understanding of the call was that a subject had barricaded himself inside the home after a shots fired call and a pursuit with officers.

Ofc. Kalina responded to the scene by driving a Bear Cat® armored personnel carrier to the scene on South Park Boulevard, and he parked directly in front of the residence of 5714 South Park Boulevard (home of Kevin Giesel). From this location, Ofc. Kalina's armored personnel

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carrier issued commands to Kevin Giesel (Giesel) via the loud speaker, which Giesel did not comply with. Ofc. Kalina did observe Giesel come to the front door several times; speaking with officers using a lot of vulgarities and pointing to his head as to say, "shoot me." Ofc. Kalina even advised that he observed Giesel come to the door with a walking stick; holding it as though it were a weapon, seemingly instigating officers to engage him.

After verbal commands and negations failed with Giesel, Ofc. Kalina's armored personnel carrier was used to deploy approximately three rounds of CS/OC gas into the front of the residence. Ofc. Kalina believed this occurred at approximately 2200 to 2300 hours. After the non-lethal munitions were deployed, Ofc. Kalina stated that Giesel stopped responding to verbal negotiations.

Ofc. Kalina stated that after the OC/CS gas was deployed and an extended period had passed without verbal communications or visual observations, the SEB SWAT team deployed a bomb robot inside the home. Ofc. Kalina advised that after the robot was deployed into the house, he observed Giesel stand up in the kitchen in a disoriented manner, approach and close the front door and then retreat to the rear of the house. Ofc. Kalina advised that radio traffic was put out that officers at the back of the house believed they heard Giesel loading a shotgun. At this time, SWAT officers deployed additional CS/OC munitions into the back of the home where Giesel was located. Ofc. Kalina stated that after these munitions were deployed, Giesel began to discharge what he believed was a shotgun inside the home out the back of the home.

After hearing the shots from inside the home, Ofc. Kalina stated that he observed Giesel return to the front of the house; carrying two handguns, which were then used to shoot the deployed robot. Ofc. Kalina described Giesel shooting two guns in a cowboy-like manner, with one gun being discharged at a time. After Giesel shot the robot, Ofc. Kalina observed Giesel pick up and drag the robot with a pistol in his hand to the front of the house. Ofc. Kalina stated that he then observed Giesel raise a firearm, point it in the direction of officers and discharge the weapon at officers outside the house. Ofc. Kalina stated that, at this time, he heard officers return fire but could not see which officers fired at Giesel.

After the exchange of gunfire, Ofc. Kalina advised that an entry team was sent into the home and he was pulled off of the perimeter to a secondary location.

The interview was concluded at 0950 hours.



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Criminal Investigation Notification

1. 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 **not** a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

Christopher Kalina
Printed Name of Interviewee

8/18/21 0935
Date / Time

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Signature of Interviewee

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