



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



2024-3413
 Officer Involved Critical Incident - Bernard Park - 1105
 Bernard Ave., Findlay, OH 45840

Investigative Activity: Interview with [REDACTED]
Involves: [REDACTED]
Activity Date: 11/08/2024
Activity Location: Findlay Police Department, 308 Dorney Plaza, Findlay, Ohio, 45840
Authoring Agent: SA Tiffany Najmulski

Narrative:

On November 8, 2024, at 1138 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Ryan Emahiser (SA Emahiser) and SA Tiffany Najmulski (SA Najmulski) interviewed Findlay Police Department (FPD) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who was accompanied by his attorney, Yvonne Trevino, from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA). The interview took place at FPD. The interview was audio and video recorded.

[REDACTED] read, understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form.

During the interview, agents utilized tactics designed to illicit truthful responses and to test the veracity of information provided. As many of the details of the investigation into the incident were publicly available, it was necessary to utilize alternative tactics (beyond the typical methodology of retaining confidential "holdout" information regarding the incident and then comparing/contrasting witness statements with information that could only be known by those with actual knowledge of the incident). These tactics include developing rapport and potentially providing information known to be erroneous. Therefore, misstatements of facts or evidence in the recorded interview by the interviewing agents are intentional and align with the strategy for the overall investigative plan.

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

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recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Preliminary and Demographic Information:

Name: ██████████	Rank: ██████████
Badge Number: ██████	Cruiser/Vehicle Number: ██████
Radio Call Sign: ██████	Immediate Supervisor: Sgt. Lawrence
Radio Channel Utilized: no	Mobile Data Terminal: Present & Utilized
Cruiser Description: marked	Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions: driver
Assignment: ██████	Normal Shift: ██████████
In-Car Camera: Operational, But Not Used	Spotlight: Present; Not utilized
Emergency Lights: Present; Not Utilized	Siren: Present; Not Used
Shift Day of Incident: 1400-0000	Duty Status: On-Duty
Days Off: ██████████	Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: no
Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: 7	Consider Self Well-Rested?: yes
Total Length as Officer: ██████████	Length at Current Agency: ██████████
Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid): no	Corrective Lenses: No Corrective Lenses
Uniform Worn: Class A	Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest: Taser, flashlight, gloves, flashlight, body cam, vest
Ballistic Vest: Concealed Armor	Body Worn Camera: Present & Used
Other Recording Devices: no	Partner: no
Injuries: no	Equipment Damage: no
Training or Areas of Specialty: Raider active shooter tactical training	OPOTC Certification: OSP ██████████
Military Experience/Training: ██████████	Use-of-Force Training: yes
Prior Shooting Incidents: no	Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints: no
Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time	Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for

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of Incident: no	Interview: no
Alcohol in Past 24 Hours? no	Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident: no

Officer's Firearm(s):

Weapon #1

Make: Glock	Model: 21
Caliber/Gauge: .45 caliber	Serial: [REDACTED]
Type: Semi-Auto Handgun	Method of Carry: holster
Magazine Capacity: 12	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 13
Extra Magazines: 2	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: 12
Discharged During Incident? Yes	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Rounds Remaining After Incident: 6	Number of Rounds Fired: 7-8 estimate
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned
Last Qualification Date: 2024	Type of Holster, if any: unknown

Narrative:

[REDACTED] advised he and Officer Burkholder received a call of juveniles drinking in Bernard Park. [REDACTED] got to the park first and pulled up to where he saw three juveniles (two males and one female) sitting at the picnic table. [REDACTED] could see what looked like wine coolers under the table. [REDACTED] exited his marked police cruiser and told the juveniles why he was there. He saw the female juvenile shove something in her pocket which turned out to be a vape pen. [REDACTED] saw some of the wine coolers were already drank.

[REDACTED] began to seek the identity of juveniles. One of the juveniles identified himself as "Vin Dara" later identified as, Calvin Darapheth (Darapheth). [REDACTED] said he thought Darapheth was not being truthful about his name. [REDACTED] did not remember ever dealing with Darapheth before that day. [REDACTED] said he wanted to wait until Officer Burkholder arrived and officers could get the whole story before they started running the juvenile's names.

[REDACTED] told Darapheth to call his parents so his parents could meet them at the station. Officers obtained the personal information of the other two juveniles.

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Darapheth told [REDACTED] he had his mom on the phone. [REDACTED] said while at the scene he did not catch that Darapheth's mother said something about Darapheth having a warrant. [REDACTED] said that since then he has watched his body worn camera footage and heard her mention a warrant. [REDACTED] said he believes he was so focused on watching all three of the juveniles that he never heard it. The phone then cut off and Darapheth attempted to call his mother back.

Darapheth told [REDACTED] he was 17 years old and asked if he was going to jail. [REDACTED] said he took note of Darapheth saying that but did not acknowledge him. [REDACTED] began talking to the female juvenile who started crying and telling him she had mental issues, needed help and wanted to go to the hospital. She pulled up her sleeves exposing self-inflicted cuts on her arms. [REDACTED] said they would deal with the current situation first, notify parents and would go from there. The female juvenile calmed down and then Darapheth said his mother was back on the phone.

[REDACTED] told her that Darapheth was being arrested for underage consumption and she could pick Darapheth up at the police station. [REDACTED] got his handcuffs out and his plan was to take him into custody and put him in the back of the patrol car. SA Emahiser asked [REDACTED] if there was anything he observed about Darapheth's behavior. [REDACTED] did not notice Darapheth had a weapon. He did observe Darapheth kept moving to [REDACTED] left. [REDACTED] said he was trying to watch all three juveniles but did notice Darapheth seemed nervous.

[REDACTED] went to set the phone down and Darapheth took off running. Agents gave [REDACTED] a diagram of the park so he could more easily explain what happened and where. [REDACTED] stated he saw and heard Darapheth turn and fire two shots. He said he was running after Darapheth and did not see where Darapheth pulled his gun from. [REDACTED] said he still remembers the muzzle flash and sees it every time he closes his eyes.

[REDACTED] said Darapheth turned and kept running and [REDACTED] could see the gun in his hand. [REDACTED] said he was scared for his life as well as the other two juveniles who were still at the picnic table, Officer Burkholder and other people in the park. [REDACTED] said he did not know if Darapheth was going to turn around and "duke it out" with him.

[REDACTED] said he was about to give his verbal commands when Darapheth began shooting. [REDACTED] was still holding his handcuffs as he ran after Darapheth. [REDACTED] said he remembered feeling the vibration of the bullets going past his left side. [REDACTED] said it reminded him of a time in training

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when he felt the same thing. [REDACTED] went on to say that he tries not to think how close he was to being shot. [REDACTED] said that is why he unholstered his weapon and aimed for center mass.

[REDACTED] described how Darapheth ran down a path and that [REDACTED] shot seven or eight times and did not shoot his weapon after that. [REDACTED] saw Darapheth disappear behind some trees as dusk was setting in and visibility was getting bad. SA Emahiser asked [REDACTED] if Darapheth ever shot any more rounds at him and [REDACTED] said no. [REDACTED] said he watched his body worn camera and heard other shots but did not know if it was an echo however, he thought it sounded distinct. [REDACTED] made it clear he did not hear the last shots during the time of the incident and thought his adrenaline was running so high he did not hear them.

[REDACTED] continued saying that he could not see where Darapheth went after he entered the area with the trees. As [REDACTED] cleared the tree area, they could see Darapheth laying in the clearing. [REDACTED] yelled out to Officer Burkholder, as Officer Burkholder approached, that he could see Darapheth. [REDACTED] said he could hear Darapheth moaning but could not see the gun. As [REDACTED] got closer, he could see Darapheth sustained a gun wound to his buttocks and then realized Darapheth had a bad head wound.

[REDACTED] and Officer Burkholder were communicating with each other about trying to find the gun. Officer Burkholder radioed for an ambulance and more units. [REDACTED] saw a lot of blood coming from Darapheth's head and stated he wanted to find the gun quickly so they could tend to Darapheth's wounds. Officer Burkholder told [REDACTED] he could see the gun by Darapheth's leg. [REDACTED] then saw the gun at the bend of Darapheth's leg. Officer Burkholder secured the gun and [REDACTED] holstered his duty gun to begin life saving measures.

[REDACTED] saw another gunshot wound in Darapheth's chest. [REDACTED] used a chest seal to aid Darapheth's wounds. Back up officers arrived and took over life saving measures. [REDACTED] said he believes his actions were consistent with training and credits his department for consistent stress level training and tactics. SA Najmulski asked [REDACTED] why he took off after Darapheth and he said he was a suspect trying to get away from being arrested. [REDACTED] said he has now been made aware Darapheth has been connected to having guns and hanging out with a kid named Connor Fleck. [REDACTED] had nothing else to add pertaining to the case.

The interview concluded at approximately 1223 hours.

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The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is also attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

Attachments:

1. Audio Interview (Case Documents) [REDACTED]
2. OICI Criminal Investigation Notification (Case Documents) [REDACTED]
Criminal Notification form

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