



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



2024-1433

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4802 James Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Interview Conducted
Involves: Officer Vincent Macy (W)
Activity Date: 05/22/2024
Activity Location: North Ridgeville Police Department, 7070 Ranger Way, North Ridgeville, OH 44039
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Nicholas Valente #139

Narrative:

On May 22, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente and SA John Tingley interviewed North Ridgeville Police Department (NRPD) Officer Vincent Macy (Officer Macy) at the NRPD, 7070 Ranger Way, North Ridgeville, Ohio. Officer Macy was accompanied by Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA) Attorney Danniell Chaffin during the interview. The interview was audio and video recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report and the video recording was saved as Reference Item F.

Officer Macy was identified as a NRPD officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the May 8, 2024, officer-involved shooting which occurred at 4802 James Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio. Officer Macy did not discharge a firearm during this incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known to or observed by Officer Macy.

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 the 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. It 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 obtained during the interview.

Throughout the interview, Officer Macy provided the following information:

Officer Macy has been a police officer with the NRPD for five years. On the day of the officer-involved shooting, Officer Macy was wearing a standard issue NRPD uniform with police patches on the shoulders and a large patch bearing the word "POLICE" across the back. Officer Macy also wore an exterior police vest carrier and a duty belt.

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Officer Macy drove a marked police cruiser to the officer involved shooting. This cruiser had police markings on its sides and a lightbar on the roof. Officer Macy felt he was clearly identifiable as a police officer and his vehicle was clearly identifiable as a police car at the time of the officer-involved shooting.

Officer Macy was assigned a take-home car and was driving to work when he overheard radio traffic related to this matter. Rather than report directly to the police station as he normally would, Officer Macy was directed by NRPD Lieutenant West to assist in searching the area for the subject vehicle which he then knew was wanted in connection with a murder.

While searching the area, Officer Macy heard radio traffic from Officer ██████ stating that he located the vehicle in question parked on James Drive. Officer Macy responded to James Drive and blocked access to the road (which had only one way in and out) to prohibit traffic from potentially going to or leaving the location. Once other officers arrived in the area, the officers began to set up a perimeter around the subject location, 4802 James Drive. Officer Macy was tasked with driving down James Drive and positioning himself near the front of the home and to the east along with Officer ██████.

While Officer Macy was positioned at the cul-de-sac at the end of James Drive just east of the subject residence, two men exited the subject residence. Officer Macy gave the two men commands. Officer Macy believed he yelled at the two men "North Ridgeville Police Department. Don't Move." Officer Macy believed he gave that verbal command two or three times. When asked what the response to his commands from the two men were, Officer Macy stated that the two men were still moving around but, due to his line of sight, he had a difficult time seeing what they were doing. Officer Macy believed Officer ██████ also gave the two men who exited the subject residence verbal commands.

Officer Macy got into his police vehicle, turned on the vehicle's overhead lights, and began to drive to the subject residence to block the subject's vehicle in the driveway and prevent him from potentially escaping. As Officer Macy drove to the subject's residence, he observed the subject produce a handgun, point the gun in the direction of Officer ██████, and fire one shot.

Officer Macy believed that approximately 1.5 seconds after hearing the subject fire he heard two more popping sounds he felt were also gunshots. Officer Macy felt these second two gunshots were fired by the involved NRPD officers as they were noticeably

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more muffled sounding than the first shot and he was aware the NRPD rifles are equipped with silencers.

When asked, Officer Macy stated he did fear for the safety of himself and the other officers. Officer Macy stated his fear was based on being aware of the seriousness of the offense the subject was wanted for (murder) and being unaware of what actions the subject might take to escape. When asked, Officer Macy believed that an officer could have been struck by the subject's gunfire and, as a result of being shot, could have been seriously injured or killed.

After the subject fell to the ground, Lieutenant Lee and Officer Macy approached the subject. Officer Macy placed the subject in handcuffs and immediately began to render aid. Officer Macy used trauma shears to cut the subject's shirt, located a penetrating wound to his upper torso and placed a chest seal on the wound. NRPD officers also requested that EMS respond to treat the subject. The subject was not combative and did not make any statements to Officer Macy when he was approached and rendered aid.

References:

F - Officer Interview Videos

Attachments:

1. 2024-05-22 Audio Interview Vincent Macy
2. Vincent Macy Criminal Investigation Notification

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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).

Vincent Macy
Printed Name of Interviewee

05-22-24 1119 hrs
Date / Time

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Signature of Interviewee

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BCI Agent (Printed)

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