



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



2025-0512

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 294 Ira Avenue, Akron,
OH 44301, Summit County

Investigative Activity: Civilian Witness Interview
Involves: Michael Flowers (W)
Activity Date: 02/17/2025
Activity Location: 312 Ira Avenue, Unit #1, Akron, Ohio
Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Goudy

Narrative:

On Monday, February 17, 2025, at 1148 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) interviewed Michael Flowers (Flowers), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Monday, February 17, 2025. The interview took place at 312 Ira Avenue, Akron, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

Flowers stated at approximately 0900 hours he woke up to noises coming from outside. After Flowers woke up, he went outside and observed the incident as it unfolded. Flowers stated:

a black male running towards the cops and the cops told him, put his hands up and I heard another gunshot, I believe it was from the suspect. And then the cops kept telling him, put, put his hands up, he wouldn't put his hands up. So, the cops fired their shots and he was laying on the ground flipping and cops put his hands up and he wouldn't put his hands up. So, the cops fired a bunch of, bunch of shots. I don't even know how many, it was a lot. (00:50)

Flowers went on to describe how he saw the male subject exit the vehicle down the street and walk towards the location of the officers. When asked who fired first, Flowers stated, "he definitely fired the gun first." (02:57) Flowers referred to the male subject firing his gun first, followed by multiple gunshots being fired by three Akron police officers. When asked if Flowers saw the gun in the male subject's hands, he stated that he could not see it due to how fast everything happened. However, Flowers said again that the male subject did in fact fire first at least two times in the direction of the officers.

When asked if Flowers heard any verbal commands from the Akron police officers, he stated that they were giving the male subject the commands of, "put your hands up, put the gun down, put your hands up, put the gun down. He kept telling him, he just

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wouldn't listen." (03:18) Flowers was asked if the male subject said anything to the officers during the incident, he stated that he did not.

The interview concluded at approximately 1153 hours.

For further information, please refer to the audio recorded interview of Michael Flowers. The recording could be found under reference item C, subfolder titled, "Michael Flowers-312 Ira Avenue, Akron, Ohio, which is located in evidence.com.

References:

Reference Item C - Witness Interview and photos

Attachments:

None

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