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Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 15266 Gilchrist Rd., Mt.  
Vernon (L)

Date of Activity: 08/20/2022  
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**Narrative:**

On August 20, 2022, at approximately 1356 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent David Wieging (SA Wieging) interviewed Lieutenant [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with the Mansfield Police Department at the Knox County Sheriff's Office located at 11540 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 43050. The purpose of the interview with [REDACTED] was to obtain all relevant information regarding the activities that occurred on this date near the property at 15266 Gilchrist Road in Mount Vernon.

It was reported that the Mansfield Allied Special Operation Response Team (ASORT), Delaware Tactical Unit (DTU) and the Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) responded to the property on Gilchrist Road after learning that a bail bondsman, and subsequently an Ohio State Patrol helicopter, were reportedly shot at by Randy Wilhelm (R. Wilhelm) and R. Wilhelm's brother, Brad Wilhelm (B. Wilhelm). R. Wilhelm had a warrant for his arrest for failing to comply with the terms of his bail. As the incident progressed with ASORT, DTU and KCSO, BCI Agents learned that SWAT operators from DTU discharged their firearms during an interaction with the Wilhelm's. The Wilhelm's were shot and pronounced deceased at the scene.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author 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 obtained during the interview and 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 from the interview.

[REDACTED] works for the Mansfield Police Department serving as a 2nd shift watch commander. [REDACTED] was off work and asleep when he received the call. He said he met ASORT at the KCSO. [REDACTED] stated he was the driver of ASORT's BearCat and they were tasked to assist OSP SRT. ASORT received word that the target, R. Wilhelm, and his brother, B. Wilhelm, had rifles and were driving to a location nearby to where ASORT was set up. [REDACTED] said the plan was to ram the gate, proceed down the lane to get in front of their (Wilhelm's) vehicle (gold Trailblazer) to keep the Wilhelm's from leaving.

[REDACTED] explained they bumped the Trailblazer and saw a guy, subsequently identified as R.

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Wilhelm, standing at the back of the house pointing a rifle at them. B. Wilhelm walked toward the Trailblazer they were blocking at which time ██████ began giving commands via their intercom. B. Wilhelm did not comply and climbed in the passenger side of the Trailblazer. ██████ said he saw a long gun as B. Wilhelm made his way over the center consol. ██████ started ramming the car to prevent B. Wilhelm from going mobile. R. Wilhelm started shooting the BearCat and shot out the front and rear passenger side tires. While pushing the vehicle, B. Wilhelm was able to get out of the Trailblazer and that's when ██████ realized he did not have any brake pressure.

██████ said B. Wilhelm ran back inside the residence and they continued to receive rounds from R. Wilhelm. Rob Roose inside the BearCat opened the turret. Rounds then hit the turret, ricocheted and shrapnel dropped down inside. The turret was closed and they repositioned the BearCat. The Wilhelm's were subsequently observed in a side-by-side driving fast and spinning out of control one time. ██████ stated they (ASORT) positioned themselves at the rear and subsequently learned that DTU took two rounds to their windshield of their vehicle.

SA Wieging's interview with ██████ ended at approximately 1405 hours.

Shortly after our conversation, ██████ returned and stated that he did fire a weapon at the Trailblazer to immobilize it. He took ██████ Gess's weapon and shot out the tires of the Trailblazer through one of the gun ports of the BearCat.

A copy of the audio-recorded interview with ██████ is attached to this report.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2022-08-20 Audio Interview with Lieutenant ██████