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2022-1356

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1659 S. Main Street, Akron, Ohio
44301

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer Ashley Radak

Activity Date: August 25, 2022

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

On Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 2002 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Officer Ashley Radak (Radak) who was accompanied by her attorney, Jason Wells, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at 1460 Triplet Boulevard, Akron, Ohio. Fraternal Order of Police Akron Lodge #7 President Clay Cozart was also present during the interview.

The interview was audio recorded

Officer Radak was identified as being a police officer who had some level of involvement in the June 27, 2022, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 1659 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio. Reportedly, Officer Radak did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident and arrived on scene after the shooting. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

On June 27, 2022, Officer Radak was the passenger of marked APD cruiser, Car 16, and her partner, Officer Hooper was the driver. Officer Radak was wearing her standard APD uniform.

SA Momchilov asked Officer Radak what caused her to respond the scene. Officer Radak explained that her and Officer Hooper were getting fuel when she heard a call go out for a "chase." Officer Radak advised that the chase was not near their location. Once Officer Radak and Officer Hooper were finished fueling they began to head towards the chase. Officer Radak stated she then heard "the call of shots fired and Signal 21, which is an all hands on deck for us." Officer Radak stated, "By the time we could catch up to the chase it had already ended."

Officer Radak advised that she did not hear or see any portion of the shooting.

SA Momchilov asked Officer Radak if she spoke to any officers who were involved in the shooting. Officer Radak stated that she and Officer Hooper had Officer [REDACTED] sequestered in their cruiser, however, particulars of the shooting were not discussed.

Officer Radak was asked if her body-worn camera was recording. Officer Radak stated, "It was activated until we went sequestered with the officer. I don't know that it was active the whole time because I did have any communication with any citizens or anyone else besides officers, so I don't know if the audio was on or not."

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Officer Radak also advised that she did not go near the shooting scene or the individual's vehicle. Officer Radak advised while on scene she hung crime scene tape on the perimeter and sequestered an officer.

At the end of the interview, Officer Radak was afforded the opportunity to view her body-worn camera footage. Officer Radak declined.

Officer Radak did not complete a typed supplement or report.



The above image is from Officer Radak's body-worn camera footage. The footage from Officer Radak's body-worn camera does not contain audio and the majority of the footage shows her hanging crime scene tape for,

Attachments:

The audio recording of the interview is attached to this report

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