

CUYAHOGA CNTY SHERIFF



Incident Number

21-20175418

Investigative Report

Title / Subject: INITIAL REPORT

On December 12, 2021 the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department initiated an investigation into a Use of Deadly Force incident by Police officers of the City of Cleveland Division of Police.

On December 12, 2021 at approximately 3:11pm Cleveland Dispatch put out a radio call of a male (Patrick Derrill Horton) (Horton) in the area of Superior Ave. and E. 18th Street, waiving a gun and firing it into the air. Cleveland Police Officers Sean Grace #982 and Mathew Gulak #140 assigned to patrol vehicle #308 (Zone car 3B23) arrived in the area shortly before 3:24pm.

Officers Grace and Gulak located Horton walking westbound on Superior Ave., on the north side of the street. Officers Grace and Gulak traveling westbound on Superior Ave., stopped their patrol vehicle, exited and shouted commands for Horton to drop his weapon.

Horton initially complied putting the weapon on the ground and taking a step back. As Officers Grace and Gulak began approaching; Horton picked up the weapon and began to fire it. Officers Grace and Gulak discharged their firearms striking Horton. Horton fell to the ground on the northwest corner of Superior Ave. and E. 12th St.

Officers Grace and Gulak got back into their patrol vehicle and approached Horton. Officers Grace and Gulak coordinating with responding Officers Bruce Smith #2328 (Off Duty) and Jonnatan Sanchez #996 (working Downtown Cleveland Alliance) secured Horton and began first aid. Horton was transported by Cleveland E.M.S. to MetroHealth.

At approximately 4:22pm Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Investigators were advised that Horton was pronounced dead.

The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office was notified and Dr. Thomas Gilson and staff responded to the scene.

A request to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was made to assist with processing the crime scene. BCI subsequently responded with three evidence agents to the scene.

Officers Grace and Gulak were escorted to the Sheriff's Department where Sgt. Steven Veverka took into evidence their duty weapons and magazines. He also took photos of items collected as well as the officers.

Notification of next-of-kin was made by Sheriff's Detective Kevin Harvey and Lieutenant James Mackey. The relative notified was Horton's mother, Marie Horton, residing at 1045 #2 E. 61st Street, Cleveland OH. When the information of her son dying she did have a person of support at her side. She informed us that Horton had three juvenile children and that she would make the necessary notifications to other family members. She was provided with investigators contact information as well as information for the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner.

Nothing further to report at this time.

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