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

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer Ronnell Massengill

Activity Date: September 14, 2022

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

On Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 0013 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Chuck Moran (Moran) interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) Officer Ronnell Massengill (Massengill) who was accompanied by his attorney, Jason Wells, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at 1460 Triplett 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 Massengill 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 Massengill 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 Massengill was the driver of marked APD cruiser, Car 02, and his partner, Officer Anderson was the passenger. Officer Massengill was wearing his standard APD uniform.

Prior to the interview, SA Momchilov was advised that Officer Massengill had typed a supplemental report that documented his involvement in the June 27, 2022. Officer Massengill wished to read the narrative out loud and then he would answer any follow-up questions if needed.

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Officer Massengill's typed narrative reads:

NARRATIVE
<p>On 6/27/2022 my partner Officer Anderson 1536 and I, Officer Massengill 1538 were working uniformed patrol car 2. We responded the the intersection of E Wilbeth Ave and S Main St to assist other units.</p> <p>Upon arrival, officers advised the suspect vehicle had not yet been cleared. Myself and other officers, cleared the vehicle. Once the vehicle was clear, I noticed a small crowd began to gather at E Wilbeth Rd and Clairmount Ave. I maintained perimeter detail until the crowd dispersed.</p> <p>I was later instructed to add crime scene tape from E Wilbeth Rd to the corner of the building located at 1741 S Main St. Once the crime scene tape was placed, I maintained perimeter detail at the intersection of E Wilbeth Rd and S Main St until relieved.</p>

SA Momchilov asked Officer Massengill what caused him to respond to this incident. Officer Massengill explained that he and his partner were in their cruiser when they heard a "pursuit going on." Officer Massengill advised he then heard, "21, shots fired."

SA Momchilov asked Officer Massengill, "What is a 21." Officer Massengill replied, "21 is officer needs assistance."

SA Momchilov asked Officer Massengill if he observed anything in the vehicle when he and other officers cleared it. Officer Massengill stated he was just looking for a person and did not do a detailed search of the vehicle.

Officer Massengill stated he did not see any portion of the officer-involved shooting.

SA Momchilov asked Officer Massengill if he had any conversations with any of the involved officers. Officer Massengill stated he did not. Officer Massengill advised that he had Officer [REDACTED] sequestered after the shooting but no conversation about the incident occurred.

Officer Massengill stated had his body-worn camera activated and that he has not watched the footage from his body-worn camera.

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At the end of the interview, Officer Massengill was afforded the opportunity to view his body worn camera footage. Officer Massengill declined.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

The above images are from Officer Massengill's body-worn camera footage. Based upon Officer Massengill's body-worn camera footage, the footage begins when Officer Massengill is already in the parking lot, a distance away from other officers (Figure 1). Officer Massengill is then observed running across the street (Figure 2). Officer Massengill is then observed clearing the individual's vehicle with other officers (Figure 3).

Attachments:

The audio recording of the interview is attached to this Investigative Report.

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