



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



2023-0408
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1680 Stringtown Rd., Grove
City 43123 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Officer Nick Kingsbury (W)
Date of Activity: 02/12/2023
Author: SA James H Gore, #168

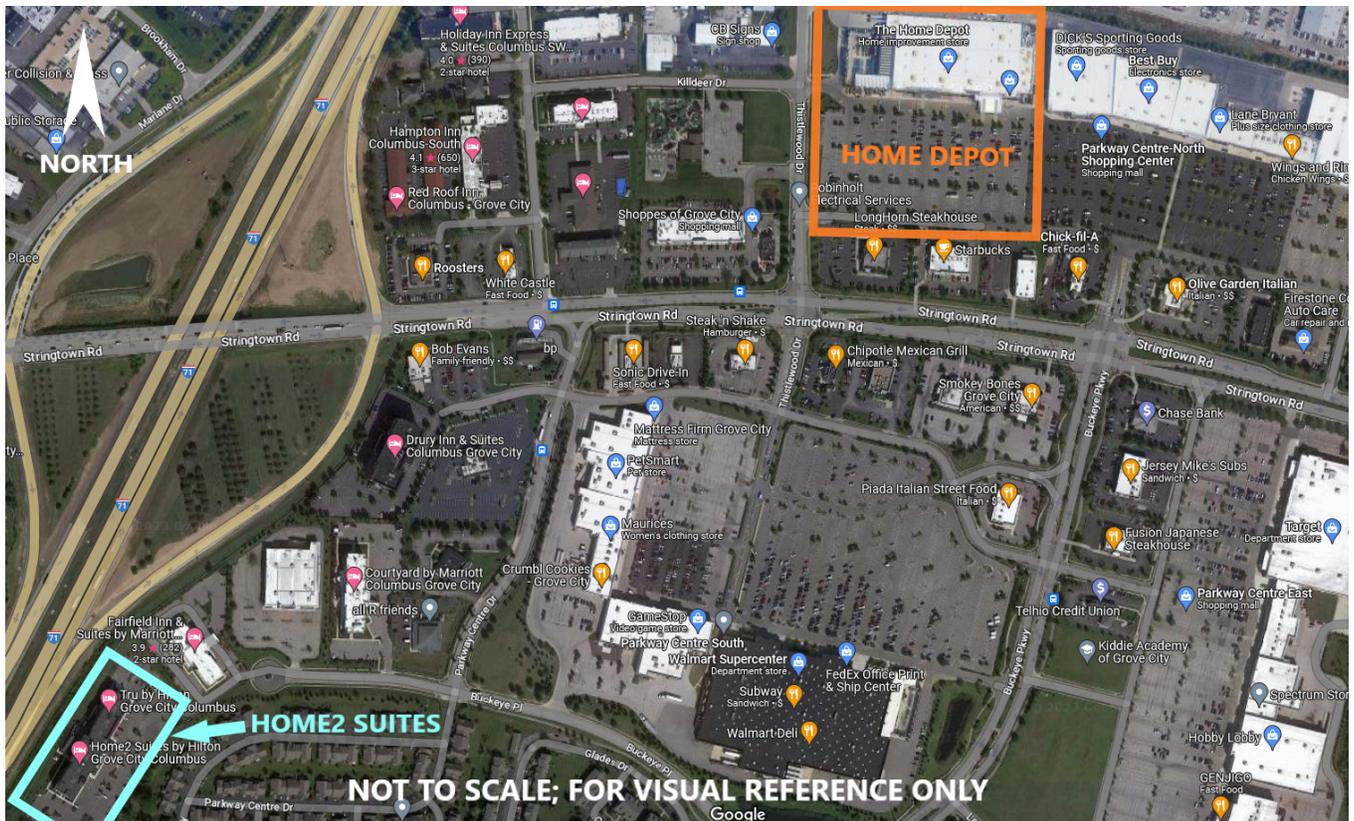
Narrative:

On the morning of February 12, 2023 at approximately 0015 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) James Gore interviewed Grove City Police Officer Nicholas Kingsbury (badge #153). Ofc. Kingsbury was identified as a potential witness to the aftermath of a critical incident involving officers from the Columbus Division of Police, which took place in the parking lot of the Home Depot, 1680 Stringtown Rd., Grove City, on the previous evening. The purpose of the interview was to obtain an account of what Ofc. Kingsbury observed, and to identify what interaction, if any, he had with the parties involved in the incident. The interview took place in front of the Home Depot.

Ofc. Kingsbury advised that he has been an officer with Grove City for over three years and he is assigned to the Patrol section. Ofc. Kingsbury stated his normal work shift is from 3 PM to 11 PM with Mondays and Tuesdays off.

Ofc. Kingsbury explained that the Grove City Police Department had received information from Athens County regarding a subject who reportedly had warrants for his arrest for rape. Ofc. Kingsbury said he could not recall the name of the subject, but the warrants had been verified. Ofc. Kingsbury said he and other officers first began searching for the subject near the Home2 Suites hotel, which is on Buckeye Place. He said one of the Columbus Police Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) officers then advised another Grove City officer that SWAT members were also in the vicinity searching for the subject.

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Ofc. Kingsbury mentioned that information was relayed from the initial caller, whom he believed had some sort of familial relationship with the subject, that the subject was going to be at the Home Depot instead of the Home2 Suites. Ofc. Kingsbury said he went to the area of the Putt N Play miniature golf course with another officer to establish a perimeter for containment.

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Ofc. Kingsbury recalled that shortly after it was broadcast that Columbus officers were making contact with the subject, he heard approximately 6 or 7 gunshots. Ofc. Kingsbury said he drove to the Home Depot parking lot and traveled in front of the building from west to east. He also mentioned that Grove City Ofc. Judd, who was on foot, broadcast over the radio that shots had been fired.

Ofc. Kingsbury stated as he arrived on scene, he observed that the SWAT officers had a vehicle surrounded and he saw bullet holes in the vehicle's windshield. Ofc. Kingsbury said he saw that the driver was still inside the vehicle, and he appeared to be complying with officers' commands. The passenger, Ofc. Kingsbury said, was unresponsive.

Ofc. Kingsbury said he observed a handgun laying on the passenger's waist as he sat in the vehicle. Ofc. Kingsbury continued, after a Columbus officer removed the passenger from the vehicle, he observed multiple injuries, including gunshot wounds to the subject's head, chest and shoulder.

Ofc. Kingsbury said he assisted Columbus medics who were already on scene by securing the subject on a stretcher, applying bandages, and by compressing a bag-valve-mask resuscitator. Ofc. Kingsbury explained that the initial first aid was performed in the back of the Columbus ambulance, then the subject was later transferred to a Jackson Township ambulance. Ofc. Kingsbury said it was his understanding that the Columbus medic unit had to remain on scene with the SWAT team, and the Jackson Township ambulance transported the subject to Grant Hospital.

SA Gore later reviewed Ofc. Kingsbury's vehicle and body-worn-camera footage, and he found that the footage was consistent with Ofc. Kingsbury's recollection.

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An audio copy of Ofc. Kingsbury's interview was attached to this report for reference. Video files from Ofc. Kingsbury's vehicle and body-worn camera are available for review, but were not attached to this report due to the size of the files.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-0212-00-21-16 Grove City PD Ofc. Nick Kingsbury Interview - SA Gore