

CUYAHOGA CNTY SHERIFF



Incident Number

21-20175418

Investigative Report

Title / Subject: MATT GULAK

01/24/22

MATHEW GULAK

D.O.O. 12/12/21

On January 18, 2022 Detectives Roberts and Harvey spoke with Mathew Gulak, who is a member of the Cleveland Division of Police. Gulak was hired on November 30, 2020 with the Cleveland Division of Police and is a 27 year old male. Gulak is assigned to the 3rd District B Platoon Zone 3 and works the hours of 1500-0100. The following is condensed from an video/audio recorded interview conducted with Gulak in regards to the incident on December 12, 2021.

Detectives asked Gulak what his assignment was on December 12, 2021 and he replied by saying 3rd District B Platoon Zone 3 and his call sign for the day was 3B23. Gulak further confirmed that his work hours on the day of the incident had been 1500-0100. Gulak was also asked what his days off were and stated they rotate so his days off change every week.

Gulak stated that their roll call was at 1500 hours and they got there vehicle equipped around 1515 hours. Gulak reports they received a radio assignment of a male shooting a firearm indiscriminately on Superior Ave. and East 12th St. Gulak stated an off duty police officer called it in. Gulak reports the male was reportedly walking westbound on Superior Ave. on the northside of the roadway by East 12th St. Gulak further states the off duty officer reported the male was firing a gun on East 12th St. on the northside of the street. Gulak states when they approached the scene they observed a male walking brandishing a firearm. Gulak reports he and his partner exit the vehicle and began to give verbal commands to the male to "Drop the weapon, drop it now get on the ground". Gulak reports the male dropped the firearm and put his hands up and walked several steps towards them, and then quickly walked back towards the firearm picks it up off the ground and shoots in their direction. Gulak states as he's picking up the gun they tell him "stop" but he continues to pick up the weapon. Gulak reports the male fired in their direction and they returned fire. Gulak reports when he and his partner returned fire, they observed the suspect on the ground so they began to approach him along with two other officer's Smith and Sanchez.

Detectives asked Gulak if he knew how many times the subject fired at them and he replied by saying "I do not know, I cannot say specifically". Detectives also asked Gulak if he knew that the subject clearly was firing at them and he replied by saying "yes". Detectives continued to ask if he knew how many times he shot his weapon and he replied by saying " I know that I shot a full magazine which is approximately 17 rounds". Detectives asked Gulak if the vehicle he was in was equipped with a dash cam and he replied by saying " I do not believe so, we do not have dash cam's in Cleveland from what I understand". Detectives further asked Gulak if the vehicle he was in that day was a Ford Explorer that was fully marked as a police vehicle and he replied by saying "yes". Detectives lastly asked Gulak during the incident was there any point in time that he was in fear for his life and he replied by saying "yes". Gulak continued to state the fear was due to a male firing a weapon indiscriminately. Detectives asked after the subject was down on the ground he was cuffed by Officer Smith and he replied by saying "To the best of my knowledge I believe it was Officer Smith". Detectives also asked Gulak after he got the medical kit did he provide first aid to the subject and he replied by saying "No I did not". Gulak was not sure if Cleveland EMS or an off duty officer provided first aid to the subject.

Gulak was thanked for his time and provided a business card with our agency contact information.

By: DEP KEVIN A HARVEY

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