



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



2022-1356

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

Investigative Activity: Interview – Officer Jeffrey Goodlet
Activity Date: December 22, 2022
Activity Location: BCI Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Matthew Armstrong #146

Narrative:

On Thursday, December 22, 2022, at approximately 1508 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) SA Matthew Armstrong (Armstrong) conducted a recorded interview with New Franklin Police Officer Jeffrey Goodlet (Goodlet). The interview was conducted by phone at phone number [REDACTED]. The recording has been attached to this report.

Goodlet was identified as a part-time New Franklin police officer who worked on June 26, 2022. Furthermore, Goodlet handled a call for service on June 26, 2022, at 38 Buddy Street, New Franklin, Ohio. New Franklin Police records indicated Goodlet handled the call by phone and was “on scene” at 2238 hours and cleared at 2313 hours.

38 Buddy Street was located in a trailer park which was in close proximity to the intersection of West Turkey Foot Lake Road and St. Rt. 93. Google location data records associated with Jayland Walker’s Google account revealed between 2312 hours and 2326 hours, Walker’s cell phone likely traveled past the intersection of St. Rt. 93 and West Turkey Foot Lake Road four times. Specifically, the cell phone was on St. Rt. 93, north of West Turkey Foot Lake Road at 23:12:00 hours, and south of West Turkey Foot Lake Road at 23:14:06 hours.

The purpose of the interview was to determine if Goodlet recalled the location from which he handled the call for service. Throughout the interview, Goodlet provided the following information:

Goodlet did not recall handling the call for service on June 26, 2022. Calls handled by phone are generally sent to his cell phone by dispatch. He would typically go park somewhere while handling a call by phone, but he did not have one specific location that he always went to. Generally, he would pull into a lot that was close to where he was when he received the call. He sometimes parked on St. Rt. 93 and has parked at the uniform store at the corner of St. Rt. 93 and West Turkey Foot Lake Road, but that was not a common lot for him to park in.

When Goodlet was provided the time he cleared the call, he indicated he was likely at the station when he handled the call by phone. He could not say with all certainty but explained the call would have been at the end of his shift and the oncoming shift would have been in briefing.

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Goodlet indicated he did not remember any vehicles trying to get his attention. He recalled hearing about the pursuit with Walker's vehicle the previous night but thought there was no way that vehicle was going to come back to New Franklin after being in a pursuit.

Attachments:

2022-12-22 Recorded Interview - Jeff Goodlet

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