



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 256 N. Swain, LaRue, Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Miss Amanda C Labounty (W)
Date of Activity: 01/11/2023
Author: SA Jason A. Snyder, #176

Narrative:

On 01/11/23, Special Agent (SA) Jason Snyder (Snyder) and Special Agent (SA) Tiffany Volmer (Volmer) with the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), conducted a recorded interview of Amanda LaBounty (LaBounty). The interview was conducted at the Multi-County Correctional Center, located at 1514 Victory Rd., Marion, Oh. 43302.

Both SA Snyder and LaBounty agreed to meet at this date and location. LaBounty was advised she did not have to speak to agents and she could ask to leave at any time. She was also advised the interview was regarding the incident that occurred in La Rue, Ohio, concerning Travis Hellinger (Hellinger). Agents would not be questioning her about her current legal issues for which she was incarcerated for at that time. LaBounty understood and voluntarily agreed to speak to BCI Agents.

SA Snyder asked LaBounty about the day she was with Hellinger on 12/20/22. She explained she was in the building (pole barn) with Hellinger during the night. She fell to sleep while Hellinger continued to stay up and smoke methamphetamine (meth). Hellinger was a daily user of meth and had ingested meth that night.

In the early morning, LaBounty was awakened by Hellinger. He appeared nervous and told LaBounty there were drones outside watching him. LaBounty did not believe that drones were in the area watching Hellinger. In the past, Hellinger had made claims that drones were watching him, but LaBounty confirmed there were no drones in the area during these other times.

Hellinger had firearms with him and it appeared that he had not slept that night. Hellinger escorted LaBounty to the trailer which was adjacent to the building she was sleeping in. Due to LaBounty not believing Hellinger's statements that drones were in the air following him, LaBounty then went to the bedroom of the trailer and attempted to fall back to sleep.

A few minutes later, law enforcement officers entered the trailer and detained her. She found out later that Hellinger had died.

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SA Vollmer asked LaBounty if Hellinger knew law enforcement was in the area. LaBounty said Hellinger stated he knew law enforcement was in the area due to the drones in the air. LaBounty also explained in the past, Hellinger stated to her if he "got raided," he was not ever going to be arrested again. He would "go out shooting," referring to having a shoot-out with officers and possibly dying during the act.

SA Vollmer asked LaBounty if Hellinger was known to carry firearms. LaBounty said Hellinger always had at least one firearm on him at all times. When Hellinger carried a firearm, he would have it on his body or on the floor board of the car he was traveling in. Two days before the incident, Hellinger purchased a hip holster for one of the handguns. He also had a shoulder holster for another handgun which he used.

Hellinger also had several firearms in the building including at least 15 handguns and one shotgun, which was stored on the wall of the building.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions.

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