



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



2022-1354
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 135 Old National Rd, Lore City
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Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Adam G. Dronebarger (W)
Date of Activity: 06/25/2022
Activity Location: Dronebarger, Adam G. – Home – 131 Old National Road, Old Washington, OH 43768, Guernsey County
Author: SA Ryan D. Scheiderer, #89

Narrative:

On June 25, 2022 at approximately 0337 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Ryan Scheiderer obtained a recorded statement from Adam Dronebarger (Dronebarger) at his residence located at 131 Old National Road, Old Washington, Ohio, regarding the June 24, 2022, shooting incident involving Guernsey County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) deputies and Joy A. Graham (Graham) which resulted in Graham's death. The shooting incident took place in the roadway directly in front of Dronebarger's residence. The following is a summation of Dronebarger's statement and additional details can be found within the attached audio recording.

Dronebarger stated he was lying in bed with the television on when he received a telephone call from his wife at approximately 2200 hours inquiring if everything was alright at his residence. Dronebarger's wife was at work and had received word that there was law enforcement activity near her residence. Dronebarger opened his front door and observed a mini-van stopped in the roadway and "police" staged with their guns drawn. Dronebarger stated he observed the sheriff's office and Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) on scene.

Dronebarger observed a Caucasian female, later identified as Graham, inside the van and she was refusing to exit the vehicle. Dronebarger heard officers ordering Graham to exit the vehicle and surrender. Dronebarger heard Graham making comments about a tow truck and not trusting law enforcement. Dronebarger stated officers negotiated with Graham for a long time and he could hear them calling her "Joy". Several minutes later Dronebarger heard a loud "bang" which he believed to be a flash-bang. Dronebarger looked out the window above his kitchen sink and could see officers close to the van on the passenger's side. Dronebarger then heard gunshots and observed an officer fall to his knees which made him believe the officer had been shot. Dronebarger heard additional gunshots, but dropped out of sight from the window because he wasn't sure if Graham was shooting towards his residence. Dronebarger

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heard a window being busted and heard someone saying something like “her finger is still on the trigger”. Dronebarger looked outside and saw officer removing a gun and Graham from the vehicle. The officers were also calling for “EMS”.

Dronebarger stated the officers were trying to negotiate with Graham but she refused to exit the vehicle. Dronebarger stated he heard the officers telling Graham that they wanted to talk to her and to put the gun down. Dronebarger heard an officer ask “Joy” if she wanted to go to the hospital before the “bang”. Dronebarger denied anyone else being at his residence during the incident. Dronebarger denied having any video cameras or recording the incident. Dronebarger denied being familiar with Graham. Dronebarger wasn’t able to provide any additional details about the incident.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Adam Dronebarger Audio Interview 6.25.2022