



Ohio Attorney General's Office
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Investigative Report



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

Date of Activity: 12/20/2022
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Narrative:

On December 20, 2022, Special Agent (SA) Josh Rammel (Rammel) and SA Chris Hamberg (Hamberg) conducted an interview with Officer Colin Lowe (Lowe) of the Marion Police Department. The interview was in regard to the officer-involved shooting (OIS) that occurred on the morning of December 20, 2022, along the railroad tracks near North Section Street in LaRue, Ohio. The interview was conducted at the Marion Police Department, located at 233 West Center Street, Marion, Ohio. The interview was recorded using a digital audio recorder. A copy of the interview was attached to this investigation.

The interview began at 1429 hrs. on December 20, 2022. SA Rammel, SA Hamberg and Lowe introduced themselves. SA Rammel explained the reason for the interview to Lowe, and Lowe agreed to continue speaking with SA Rammel and SA Hamberg.

Lowe provided his date of birth as May 31, 1989, and advised that he has been employed with the Marion Police Department since 2016.

Lowe advised that he was assigned to the command post as security for the drone teams. While at this position, Lowe was informed that the alleged suspect had left his residence, along the railroad tracks, and any unmarked teams were requested to assist with following the suspect. Lowe stated that he was with Detective Matt Creps and an analyst in his unmarked vehicle, and they headed to the south side of the railroad tracks on North Section Street.

At that time, Lowe observed the alleged suspect and other officers heading towards his location, along the railroad tracks. Lowe made the decision to remove the analyst from that location, and he, along with the analyst, headed to the next intersection south, away from the tracks. It was at this location that Lowe heard several gunshots and saw some of the muzzle flashes. Lowe indicated that he heard several people shouting commands but did not know for sure what was being said.

Lowe informed SA Rammel and SA Hamberg that he was dressed in plain clothes with an outer carrier vest clearly identifying him as a law enforcement officer. Lowe said that he was carrying his Glock handgun but neither he nor the analyst was wearing a body camera.

At that time, the interview was concluded at 0232 hrs.

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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. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Interview with Colin Lowe 2022-12-20

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