



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



2022-2876

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

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer Matt Cochell (W)
Date of Activity: 01/30/2023
Activity Location: Cochell, Officer Matt – Business – 233 West Center Street, Marion, OH 43302, Marion County
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Narrative:

On 1/30/23, Special Agent (SA) Jason Snyder (Snyder) with the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), conducted a recorded interview of Patrolman (Ptl.) Matt Cochell (Cochell) with the Marion Police Department (Marion PD). The interview was conducted at the Marion PD, located at 233 W. Center St., Marion, Oh. 43302.

Both SA Snyder and Ptl. Cochell agreed to meet this date and location. Ptl. Cochell voluntarily agreed to speak to SA Snyder.

SA Snyder asked Ptl. Cochell about his work history and education. Ptl. Cochell has an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Owens Community College. He has been with the Marion PD since 2016, and a member of the Special Response Team (SRT) for Marion PD since 2022.

SA Snyder asked Ptl. Cochell about an incident that occurred on 12/20/22 in La Rue, Ohio.

Ptl. Cochell arrived at the briefing that morning. He was briefed on a drug investigation involving Travis Hellinger (Hellinger). It was briefed that Hellinger was a known drug supplier and possible user. He was also known to carry firearms and was a convicted felon.

Hellinger had made statements in the past that he was not going to be apprehended again by law enforcement. He would use violence and, "shoot it out with us," if necessary to prevent his capture.

During the search warrant execution, it was radioed that Hellinger was outside the buildings and aware that law enforcement was in route.

Ptl. Cochell arrived at the trailer located at 256 Swain St., La Rue, Oh. 43332. He entered the trailer and cleared it with other officers. During the clearing, he encountered Hellinger's mother, Kimberly Speck (Speck). Amanda LaBounty (LaBounty) was detained along with Speck

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in the living room of the trailer.

Ptl. Cochell stayed in the living room of the trailer to provide security and continue monitoring both detainees. He was wearing his body worn camera and it was active during the incident. Ptl. Cochell did not see or interact with Hellinger.

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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