



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: Ryan Zempter (O)
Date of Activity: 12/20/2022
Activity Location: Marion County Sheriff's Office – Business – 100 Executive Drive, Marion, OH 43302, Marion County
Author: SA Tiffany Vollmer, #49

Narrative:

On 12/20/2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Tiffany Vollmer (Vollmer) interviewed Marion County Sheriff Captain Ryan Zempter (Captain Zempter) at the Marion County Sheriff's Office, 100 Executive Drive, Marion, Ohio. The interview was digitally recorded, and a copy of the audio recording is attached to this Investigative Report. A copy of the audio recording has also been placed in this case file. The following is a summary of the interview.

Captain Zempter has been with the Marion County Sheriff's Department since 2004. Captain Zempter who is the administrative captain for the sheriff's department was called to go to the 12/20/2022, officer-involved shooting after it occurred, which happened in the area of the railroad tracks near the intersection of School Street and Section Street in LaRue, Ohio. Captain Zempter is often called to the scene after a critical incident occurs because he is the public relations manager. Captain Zempter was notified at approximately 0600 hours by team commander Mike Wheeler to come to the scene.

Captain Zempter and Detective Christy Utley walked the tracks outside the taped off section to make sure no other areas needed to be taped off but did not locate anything. Captain Zempter left shortly after that to help prepare a press release.

Captain Zempter was not directly involved in the officer-involved shooting. At the time of the interview, he had no further information but provided his phone number should questions arise.

Upon audio review by SA Vollmer, it was realized the date given for the interview

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Finalized by SAS Scott A. Stranahan on
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should have been 12/20/2022, and not 12/22/22.

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 audio recording. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview. This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law – a statute, an administrative rule or any rule of procedure and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions or responses. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the audio recording.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Ryan Zempter

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