



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
Date of Activity: 06/25/2022
Activity Location: – 135 Old National Rd, Lore City, OH 43755, Guernsey County
Author: SA Andrew Russell

Narrative:

On Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 03:19 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP) Trooper (Tpr.) Jonathan Sanborn (Sanborn), the interview took place at 133 Old National Road, Lore City, Ohio 43768. The interview was audio recorded.

Sanborn was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the June 25, 2022, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 135 Old National Road, Lore City, Ohio. Reportedly, Sanborn did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Sanborn stated his radio call sign on June 25, 2022, was 1333. During the incident, Sanborn wore his standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt. He drove an OSP marked cruiser with OSP emblems and emergency lights. He considered himself to be well-represented as a State Trooper during the incident. He stated was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI.

Sanborn stated he was advised Barnesville PD was in a pursuit and requested assistance from OSP. Sanborn added he arrived in the area of State Route 285 and Old National Road to find the subject vehicle stopped with cruisers behind it. Sanborn stated he exited his cruiser with his shotgun and took up position with deputies already on scene. Sanborn advised the deputies were giving verbal commands but the driver was not listening and yelling back. Sanborn added OSP Sgt. Untied joined him and they made a plan to move to a parked truck on the passenger side of the subject's vehicle. Sanborn stated they moved to the truck and observed the female subject, saw her holding a

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handgun directly under the window in her left hand. Sanborn added Officer Smith and his K9 approached the vehicle and also saw a firearm, yelling "Gun, Gun, Gun".

Sanborn stated he saw the Guernsey County SWAT members arrive and gear up. Sanborn added he and Sgt. Untied retreated back behind the cruisers as the SWAT members approached the subject vehicle. Sanborn advised he then retrieved his AR (rifle) from his cruiser. Sanborn stated he saw the SWAT members then approach the vehicle and break out a window, throw a flash-bang, and then heard shots being fired. Sanborn added the team then got the unknown female out of the vehicle. He saw a handgun that the sheriff removed from the vehicle that was placed on the ground. He described this similar to a Smith & Wesson 9mm Shield. Sanborn advised the SWAT medic was working on the unknown female. Sanborn added he looked inside the vehicle and observed a pistol magazine on the floorboard.

Sanborn advised he heard 3 shots, and believed they came from the unknown female as they were muffled and then heard a few more shots and believed the shots came from the sheriff's office SWAT members.

The interview concluded at approximately 03:32 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 6-25-2022 Jonathan Sanborn OSP