



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



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

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Prosecutor Raymond A Grogan (O)
Date of Activity: 12/20/2022
Activity Location: Marion County Sheriff's Office – Business – 100 Executive Drive, Marion, OH 43302, Marion County
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Narrative:

On 12/20/22, Special Agent (SA) Jason Snyder (Snyder) with the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), conducted a taped interview of Prosecutor Raymond A. Grogan (Grogan) with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office. The interview was conducted at the Marion SO, located at 100 Executive Dr., Marion, OH 43302.

Both SA Snyder and Grogan agreed to meet at this date and location. Grogan voluntarily agreed to speak to BCI agents.

SA Snyder asked Grogan about his work history and education. Grogan has a bachelor's degree in political science. In 2008, he graduated from the Ohio Northern University with a Law Degree. In October 2017, Grogan was appointed prosecutor for Marion County.

SA Snyder asked Grogan about an incident that occurred that morning in LaRue, OH. Grogan stated that he was apprised of the search warrant being conducted in LaRue a few days earlier. Detective (Det.) Matt Baldrige (Baldrige) briefed Grogan earlier in the week. Grogan assisted in advising Det. Baldrige while the search warrant was being created for the location of 256 N. Swain Ave., LaRue, OH 43332.

It was determined during the research for the search warrant that Hellinger was a higher danger risk. Due to this, it was determined to request a night search warrant, in the hopes to make the search warrant safer for all involved.

Grogan attended the morning briefing for the officers who were going to execute the search warrant that morning. He stated that he did not attend the entire briefing.

When the search warrant was being served, he was in a trailer, which housed the drone computers and gear. The trailer was located near the water tower, at the old school in LaRue, Ohio.

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Grogan entered the trailer and observed the drone footage. Officers approached the building that was to be searched. After a few minutes, he saw on the drone's screens that several officers were following a person on the railroad tracks. Based on the information received, Grogan believed that the person on the railroad tracks was Travis Hellinger.

After a few more minutes, an officer asked if a K-9 officer could deploy. A few moments later, the K-9 was seen approaching Hellinger on the drone screen. When the K-9 was a few feet away from Hellinger, Hellinger shot at the K-9. The K-9 then retreated. He then saw Hellinger fall to the ground. On the radio, he heard that shots had been fired and a request for EMS. Grogan then rode with Sheriff Matt Bayles to the scene of the shooting.

Grogan advised officers to have their weapons collected and secure the area for BCI to process. Also, video would need to be downloaded and preserved. Then the officers who were involved were transported to the Marion Police Department. Grogan then left the area.

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.

This report was written by SA Jason Snyder.