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2025-1783
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 10180 Busenburg Rd.,
Howard, OH 43028, Knox County

Investigative Activity: Interview of Jerrad Ray
Involves: Jerrad Ray (W)
Activity Date: 06/05/2025
Activity Location: 10180 Busenburg Road, Howard, OH 43028
Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Lamping #184

Narrative:

On Thursday, June 05, 2025, at 0857 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joe Lamping (Lamping) and SA John Tingley (SA Tingley) interviewed Jerrad Ray (Jerrad), the son of Lloyd Ray (Lloyd) whom is a subject in the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Thursday, June 5, 2025. The interview took place near 10180 Busenburg Road, Howard, Ohio 43028. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this individual.

Jerrad explained that Lloyd and his girlfriend, Laurretta Beltz (Laurretta), were at the residence drinking beer around 1500 hours on June 4, 2025. Jerrad left to pick up his juvenile daughter around this time and returned to the residence at approximately 1630 hours. When he returned home, he had a few beers with Lloyd and Laurretta. He recalled that at roughly 1800 hours Laurretta's sister, Rita, came to the residence and drank with everyone. Jerrad estimated that around 1900 hours he started his nighttime routine with his daughter, put her to sleep, and he went to sleep shortly afterward.

Jerrad recalled that sometime after midnight, possibly closer to 0100 hours, he was awoken by someone knocking at the front door. He answered the knocks and spoke with a deputy. The deputy told him that there had been a 911 hangup call from the residence. Jerrad went to Lloyd's room to check on him, and he described the incident as follows:

"So, I went to dad's bedroom and knocked, and he answered. When I knocked, I heard the arguing in there, but, you know, I didn't know if it was just her loud, like talking or whatever. I didn't know if like, they were, you know, mess, like having sex, you know what I mean? I didn't. Well, um, he answers the door. I said, there's a sheriff here. And when he went to shut the door, Laurretta yelled, help. And I asked him, I said,

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what's going on? And then I heard him tell, like, tell there was scuffling and stuff in there, the sheriff, he must have heard it." (3:32)

Jerrad then made his way back to the deputy and spoke with him briefly. The deputy asked to come into the residence, and Jerrad allowed him in. Jerrad stayed in front of the deputy and walked him to Lloyd's room. Jerrad provided the following statement about the incident:

"So, I was in front, in front of him and walked him through. And Lauretta's yelling, help. We get into the kitchen and from from the kitchen table, you can like see down the hall to dad's bedroom door and Lauretta 's yelling help and stuff. So, the cop, uh, asked what was going on and stuff. My dad answered the door and told him she was being crazy, whatever. She was very drunk, you know? So, I, I didn't know what was going on. Said she's being crazy. And then she's on the floor and she's yelling and he reaches next to the door. And, uh, he had a .22 rifle. And when he reached for it and went to pull it, the, I, I moved, I started moving. Like, I moved behind the cop and the cop fired a round at him. And then my, I heard my, I ran to the bedroom and the cop, uh, or not, my dad, I heard what I think was .22, you know, it wasn't the cop's pistol, but was firing back. And then I went in the bedroom and jumped on, jumped on, uh, my daughter. And like keep, you know, holding her ears closed." (4:20)

Jerrad recalled that another deputy arrived on scene with a rifle, and that more rounds were exchanged. Jerrad stated that he began to yell at his father:

"I yelled, I just remember yelling to dad. I was like, stop, please stop." (5:48)

The other deputy entered the house, took Jerrad and his daughter, and escorted them out of the residence. As Jerrad was being escorted to the deputy's vehicle he recalled that his father was shooting rounds out the window:

"And on the way to the car or the cruiser, he was shooting rounds out the window. I, I don't think at me, you know, but just at I don't, I don't even know, you know, I don't know if he knew where, whatever. But, uh, yeah, we got in the cruiser and I heard a round hit the cruiser. The cop, the one that I came out with me with the assault rifle, said he thinks he hit the cruiser, whatever. And then they started, you know,

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just like, uh, it wasn't like, I don't know, it was just like pot shots at each other." (6:01)

Jerrad could not recall how long he was in the deputy's cruiser, but after some length of time the deputy drove him and his daughter to the end of the driveway where an ambulance was standing by.

After Jerrad concluded his initial recounting of the incident, SA Lamping asked Jerrad questions. When asked if there was a large argument or altercation that precipitated this incident, Jerrad explained that though there was not a large argument, the couple were known to fight. He described their relationship as "on again, off again" and that when Laurretta would get drunk an argument would ensue. This usually resulted in either Laurretta leaving Lloyd's residence, or Lloyd leaving Laurretta's residence.

SA Lamping asked Jerrad how impaired he felt that Lloyd was prior to the incident. He explained that Lloyd used to drink a lot, but that he stopped for a while. Jerrad estimated that Lloyd had five beers, but did not believe him to be drunk from that level of alcohol. Jerrad also stated that his father was on "a bunch of medication" for a stroke condition and mood stabilizers for bipolar disorder.

Jerrad recalled hearing the back door open a few times during the night prior to the shooting, but he stated that this was not out of the ordinary.

SA Tingley asked Jerrad if he could tell if the deputy escorting him to the cruiser had fired outside the residence, or if all the shots were contained to the inside of the residence. Jerrad said that he was not sure, and that he just heard shots.

Jerrad also stated that he owns a .22 caliber rifle that he stored in his closet. He stated that Lloyd was aware of the rifle. Jerrad also believed that Lloyd stored .22 caliber ammo in his room, but that most of the ammo was stored in a cabinet by the front door.

The interview concluded at approximately 0912 hours.

The interview was video recorded. The recording is stored on Axon Justice as reference item E. Please see the recording for further details.

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References:

Reference Item E – Witness Interviews – in Axon Justice

Attachments:

None

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