



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
Involves: Trooper Connor Nagel (W)
Date of Activity: 07/14/2022
Activity Location: OSHP Cambridge Post – 7051 Glenn Hwy, Cambridge, OH 43725, Guernsey County
Author: SA James Poole

Narrative:

On Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 1302 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) interviewed Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP) Trooper Conner Nagel (Trooper Nagel). The interview took place at the OSP Cambridge post located at 7051 Glenn Hwy, Cambridge, OH 43725. Trooper Nagel was identified as being a police officer who was involved in the Officer-Involved Critical Incident involving now deceased Joy Graham (Graham). The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

This interview was audio recorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview.

Prior to the interview SA Poole advised Trooper Nagel that BCI was conducting a criminal investigation separate from any internal investigation and that this interview was voluntary. Trooper Nagel verbally confirmed he understood and acknowledged he would like to continue with the interview.

Trooper Nagel stated he was working his normal shift when he was dispatched to help assist Barnesville Police on a pursuit. Trooper Nagel acknowledged the direction of where the pursuit vehicle, Graham's vehicle, was heading and decided to set up spike trips at US 22 and Lakeridge Road. Trooper Nagel explained that Graham's vehicle ran over the spikes confirming the spikes struck the vehicles tires. Trooper Nagel stated he packed up the spikes and followed the pursuit until the Graham's vehicle came to a complete stop in front of 131 Old national Rd., Lore City, Ohio.

Trooper Nagel explained Graham was refusing to exit the vehicle and started playing music,

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putting on Chapstick, and calling individuals on her phone. Acting unaffected by the situation she was in. Trooper Nagel stated a Cambridge K-9 officer arrived and approached Graham's vehicle. When he approached, Trooper Nagel clarified he retreated back to cover stating she pointed a gun at him. Trooper Nagel explained officers ordered Graham to put the gun down and come out, but she continued to refuse.

Trooper Nagel then explained that Guernsey County Strategic Response Team (SRT) arrived and devised a plan to extract Graham from the vehicle. When the SRT moved to the passenger side of Graham's vehicle to conduct their plan, Trooper Nagel stated he crouched behind his cruiser for cover not knowing what was going to happen. Trooper Nagel stated he did not see who shot, but just heard the gunfire ring out. After the gunfire stopped, Trooper Nagel then popped back up and saw Sheriff Paden helping extract Graham out of the driver's side door.

SA Poole asked Trooper Nagel if he ever saw Graham make any movements towards officers. Trooper Nagel said he did not from where he was standing.

SA Poole asked if Trooper Nagel believed Graham was on drugs or mentally unstable during the incident. Trooper Nagel said he had never dealt with Graham and did not know her normal behavior, but thought she was acting very nonchalant towards the officers.

SA Poole asked what type of weapon Trooper Nagel had that night and if he fired it during the incident. Trooper Nagel stated he carried a 9mm Sig 320 handgun, but never fired it.

The interview ended at 1312 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 7/14/22 OSHP-Trooper Connor Nagel Interview