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2025-0513 Officer Involved Critical Incident -14000 OH-104 Chillicothe, OH 45601 (L)

Authoring Agent:	SA Carrie Ryan
Activity Location:	14000 OH-104 Chillicothe, Ohio 45601
Activity Date:	02/17/2025
Involves:	Deputy Luke Ramsey #470
Investigative Activity:	Interview of uninvolved Deputy

Narrative:

On Monday, February 17, 2025, at 1946 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Carrie Ryan (SA Ryan) interviewed Ross County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) Deputy (Dep.) Luke Ramsey (Dep. Ramsey), badge #470. The interview took place at the site of an officer-involved shooting that occurred earlier on this same date near the entrance of the Chillicothe Baptist Church: 14000 OH-104 in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Dep. Ramsey was identified as a law enforcement member who either witnessed or had some level of involved in the incident. The purpose of the interview was to gather Dep. Ramsey's account of the events.

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. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Dep. Ramsey explained tonight (February 17, 2025) he was driving cruiser #76 preparing to start his shift when a call came over the radio by dispatch. Dep. Ramsey explained a 911 caller had reported a burglary in progress "with a firearm involved" on Pleasant Valley Road. Dep. Ramsey explained the caller was the homeowner. The subject individual involved in the home invasion has been identified as Daniel Wayne Long (Long). During the interview, Dep. Ramsey referred to Long as "the subject" and did not identify Long. For the purpose of this report, SA Ryan will refer to the subject as Long.

Dep. Ramsey further explained he heard **Badge # mark** that he was responding to the area of the burglary in progress and that he was nearby. Dep.

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Ramsey also marked on duty and advised he would respond to the area because he was close as well. Dep. Ramsey estimated the time was approximately 1700 hours. Dep. Ramsey stated, "literally seconds after I keyed up to dispatch, um, I heard uh mark on the radio that he had one at gunpoint." Dep. Ramsey activated his lights, while heading to the area. Dep. Ramsey stated, "no more than probably 10, 20 seconds later I heard subject down." Approximately "10, 15 seconds" later, Dep. Ramsey explained he accidently drove past 14000 OH-104, where was with Long. Tradioed that Dep. Ramsey had passed him and explained where he was located. Dep. Ramsey turned around and then pulled up "right next" to marked RCSO wehicle. Dep. Ramsey explained he witnessed states area before the ground." Dep. Ramsey clarified the subject (Long) was lying on "his back."

Dep. Ramsey then exited his cruiser "pulled out my firearm, pointed it at the subject." then "mentioned he's got a firearm, uh, in his left hand." Dep. Ramsey explained he told **sectors** he was going to approach the subject and "to cover me" and **sectors** also started approaching, while covering Dep. Ramsey, around the "perimeter." When Dep. Ramsey approached Long, he noticed "a small black handgun" within reach of his left hand and "kicked it away." At that point, Dep. Ramsey, accompanied by **sectors**, "rolled" Long away from them on his "stomach" and secured him with handcuffs.

At that time, Dep. Ramsey explained RCSO Dep. Tatman and Dep. Ryker Nott (Dep. Nott) arrived. Dep. Tatman then took "away from the subject, due to the circumstances." Dep. Ramsey explained he went over to "pick up the firearm to secure it and that's when I realized it was an empty magazine and there was nothing in the chamber." SA Ryan asked Dep. Ramsey if there was a magazine present, just not in the firearm and Dep. Ramsey responded, "there was no magazine present." SA Ryan asked Dep. Ramsey if he ever found a magazine and he responded "no." Dep. Ramsey said Dep. Tatman advised to leave the firearm and Dep. Ramsey "put" the firearm "back down" to start helping with CPR.

Dep. Nott and Dep. Ramsey then "rolled the subject to his back" and started to take turns administering CPR. SA Ryan asked if Dep. Ramsey noticed any injury to Long. Dep. Ramsey explained "we noticed a bullet hole through his jacket on the upper left chest." After a few rounds of CPR, RCSO Sergeant Champion (Sgt. Champion) and Deputy VanGundy (Dep. VanGundy) arrived. Sgt. Champion brought "his first aid kit out to us" and provided a scissor tool to cut off Long's layers of upper body garments.

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Dep. Ramsey cut off his upper garments and then "noticed he had a gunshot wound" to his "upper left chest."

Dep. Ramsey explained, after the arrival of Sgt. Champion and Dep. VanGundy, "I secured the firearm in my cruiser" on the passenger floorboard. Shortly after, Dep. Ramsey noted "EMS arrived." Dep. Ramsey estimated from the time he had initially arrived on scene to when EMS arrived, was within "5 and 10" minutes.

Dep. Ramsey confirmed that RSCO Captain Adair took possession of **Constant** firearm and the firearm that had been in the possession of Long. Dep. Ramsey explained prior to releasing the firearm that had been in Long's possession, he put it in a brown paper bag.

SA Ryan asked Dep. Ramsey besides **Example 1** telling him about the firearm in Long's left hand, had he made any other statements or advised what transpired. Dep. Ramsey replied, "no."

SA Ryan asked Dep. Ramsey if there was anything else he would like to offer that she had not asked. Dep. Ramsey noted he found a "box of ammo" contained in the outer coat Long was wearing, possibly in the right pocket. Dep. Ramsey was unsure of the caliber of the ammunition, just that it was a standard size box.

The interview concluded at approximately 2005 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording is attached to this report.

After the interview, SA Ryan asked Dep. Ramsey two (2) clarifying questions. Dep. Ramsey explained due to his body worn camera (BWC) being docked at RCSO, he had not yet mounted it for duty when the call was aired. Therefore, Dep. Ramsey did not have his BWC on. Additionally, Dep. Ramsey reported when handling the firearm that had been in possession of Long, he wore gloves.

References:

None

Attachments:

2025-02-17 - Audio recording of interview with Deputy Ramsey.

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