

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

2022-2876 Officer-Involved Critical Incident- Travis Hellinger



Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer

Involves:	Sergeant Jake Stoll
Activity Date:	12/21/2022
Activity Location:	100 Dillmont Drive, Columbus, Ohio
Authoring Agent:	SAS Scott Stranahan

## Narrative:

On Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at approximately 0920 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Scott Stranahan conducted an interview Sergeant Jake Stoll (Sgt. Stoll) of the Dublin Police Department. Sgt. Stoll is a member of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team. The Delaware County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team was requested to assist the Marion County Sheriff's Office with a search warrant in LaRue, Ohio on the morning of December 20, 2022. Sgt. Stoll was present during this operation. The interview took place at 100 Dillmont Drive, Columbus, Ohio. The interview was not recorded due to a malfunction of the recording device.

SAS Stranahan began the interview by identifying himself and explained that BCI was requested to conduct an investigation into the Officer Involved Critical Incident that occurred in LaRue, Ohio the previous day. Sgt. Stoll stated he was present during this operation. Sgt. Stoll stated he works for the Dublin Police Department and is assigned to the Delaware County SWAT Team. SAS Stranahan asked Sgt. Stoll to describe his involvement in this incident.

Sgt. Stoll stated that he was the team leader of the group of SWAT operators assigned to the Delaware County SWAT Team MaxxPro vehicle. Upon arrival, Sgt. Stoll stated his vehicle was positioned a short distance away from Hellinger's residence which is located at 256 N. Swain, LaRue, Ohio.

Sgt. Stoll stated a short time later, he observed an individual on the railroad tracks behind Hellinger's residence. Sgt. Stoll observed this individual (Hellinger) was holding a flashlight and SWAT operators were following Hellinger along the railroad tracks. Sgt. Stoll stated he thought he observed a holster on Hellinger's hip, but did not see a gun. Sgt. Stoll stated was unable to recall which hip the holster might have been on. Sgt. Stoll stated Hellinger and the group of

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SWAT operators continued to walk west along the railroad tracks and ultimately out of his view. Sgt. Stoll stated due to the engine noise of the MaxxPro, he was unable to hear anything outside of the vehicle. Sgt. Stoll stated he did not see any officers discharge their firearms.

Sgt. Stoll was unable to provide additional details regarding this incident and the interview was concluded.

The interview was not audio recorded due to a malfunction of the recording device.