



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



2022-1734
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 27724 Zuck Road, Howard,
Ohio 43028

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Jerod Scoles (W)
Date of Activity: 09/01/2022
Activity Location: Scoles, Jerod – Business – 11540 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mount
Vernon, OH 43050, Knox County
Author: SA Eric Lehnhart, #84

Narrative:

On Thursday, September 01, 2022, at approximately 1320 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Lehnhart (Lehnhart) and SA John Tingley interviewed Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) Deputy Jerod Scoles (Scoles), who was accompanied by his attorney, Doug Behringer, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at 11540 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050. The interview was audio recorded.

Deputy Scoles was identified as being a police officer who witnessed or had some level of involvement in the August 22, 2022, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 27724 Zuck Road, Howard, Ohio 43028. Reportedly, Scoles did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Deputy Scoles stated his radio call sign on August 22, 2022, was 4246. He has been employed by the KCSO for about one year. He has been a police officer for a total of one year. During the incident, Scoles wore his standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore a concealed ballistic vest and duty belt. He considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident. He stated was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI.

On Monday, August 22, 2022, Deputy Scoles was completing a security detail at the Wilhelm residence when a dispatch call came over the radio for a disturbance on Zuck Road. This call was quickly upgraded to a burglary in progress and Deputy Scoles responded immediately to the area.

On scene, Deputy Scoles made contact with a Danville police officer who advised him that

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both juveniles, who resided in the house, were out of the residence and safe at a neighbor's home.

Deputy Scoles, along with Sergeant (Sgt.) Ramsier, and the Danville officer made their way down the road to the Delano property. Once there, they began calling Elizabeth Delano (Delano) out of the residence. Delano appeared in a window of the home with a shotgun. As Sgt. Ramsier tried to make his way towards the Delano residence, she fired one shot.

Officers continued to give Delano commands to put down her weapon and exit the home. However, she was defiant with, "No, get off my property."

Deputy Collins arrived on scene and took a position of cover with Deputy Scoles near the carport. Officers continued to give Delano commands to stop her actions, but she continued to fire the shotgun in the direction of officers. While near the carport, Deputy Scoles stated that he began to smell a faint odor of propane, which caused Sgt. Ramsier to back officers away from the residence.

After retrieving his patrol rifle, Deputy Scoles made an attempt to navigate his way to the back of the residence through overgrowth and high weeds. Deputy Scoles was unaware that Delano had exited the home and he could hear her say, "I see you," followed by a gunshot. Deputy Scoles was not sure if Delano had fired at him, so he continued into the weeds looking for additional cover. He then heard Delano again say, "I hear you," with another shot fired by Delano. This time, Deputy Scoles could hear the shotgun pellets hitting the weeds near him. Again, Delano yelled out towards him, "I see you," as she fired a third time.

Deputy Scoles made his way out of the back of the residence in time to hear a final shot and see Delano fall to the ground. Deputy Scoles went back to his patrol vehicle to get his medic bag; when he returned, he witnessed Deputy Williams performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on Delano.

Deputy Scoles stated that EMS had arrived by the time he and two additional officers had cleared the home. The interview concluded at approximately 1335 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-09-01 Scoles, Jared Interview (Audio)