Ohio Attorney General's Office
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Investigative Report

2023-2307
Officer Involved Critical Incident - I-75 Southbound at Mile Marker 110, Danny E Berry (S)

Date of Activity: 09/03/2023

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Narrative:

On September 3, 2023, Special Agent (SA) Josh Rammel (Rammel) conducted an interview with Trooper Alex Lampert (Lampert) of the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP). The interview was conducted at the Auglaize County OSP Post located at 15472 Wapak-Fisher Road, Route 5, Wapakoneta, Ohio.

The interview was recorded using a digital audio recorder. A copy of the recording was attached to this investigation. Also present during the course of the interview was OSP Staff Representative Bruce Elling (Elling).

Lampert began the interview by providing a few basic identifiers such as his date of birth (January 19, 1986), phone number (█████████ , and that he had been employed by OSP for 11 years. Lampert indicated that he is assigned to the Piqua Post. Lampert also mentioned that he was wearing a body camera, and it is specifically assigned to him.

SA Rammel informed Lampert that the interview was purely voluntary, Lampert was not obligated to speak with SA Rammel, and the interview could be ended at any time. Lampert stated that he understood and agreed to proceed with the interview.

Lampert advised that he was dispatched from mile marker 90 on Interstate 75 (I-75), and told to head north on I-75 due to Troopers pursuing a subject wanted for homicide by Chicago Police Department, south on I-75. Lampert indicated that he went to the mile marker 113 and blocked the rest area entrance located on the southbound side. Once the subject passed that location, Lampert said he joined the stack in the pursuit until the subject's vehicle came to a stop near the 110 mile marker. Lampert indicated at that time, he was with the group of Troopers with their rifles aimed at the subject after he exited his burning vehicle.

Lampert advised he was told by closer Troopers that the subject had a pistol in his hand. Lampert said he could not see the pistol personally due to the smoke of the car. Lampert advised as the subject continued to walk down I-75, a command was given to take a shot if you get a clear chance.

Lampert told SA Rammel he did not know who gave the command to shoot, and did not know who actually shot the subject. Lampert stated he finally saw the subject's gun as the subject

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kept putting the gun to his own head. Lampert advised that the subject never pointed the gun toward him or any other Troopers to his knowledge. Lampert indicated that several commands were given to the subject for him to drop his gun prior to shots being fired.

Lampert advised at that time, he did not have any additional information to add or any additional questions for SA Rammel.

SA Rammel thanked Lampert for speaking with him and the interview was concluded.

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.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: trooper alex lampert 2023-09-03

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