



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



2022-1564
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1132 Ashwood Drive, South
Charleston, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Date of Activity: 08/25/2022
Activity Location: Ohio State Highway Patrol–SRT – Business – 1583 Alum Creek
Road, Columbus, OH 43215, Franklin County
Author: SA Richard Ward, #55

Narrative:

On Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 0908 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agents Richard Ward and Ken Smith met with Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Lieutenant Bryan Mangin at the Special Response Team (SRT) headquarters, 1583 Alum Creek Road, Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose of an interview. Mangin and members of the OSHP SRT team responded on July 24, 2022, to Harmony Estates for the purpose of augmenting other tactical teams related to the shooting death of Deputy Yates by Cole White.

Lieutenant Mangin stated the SRT teams are divided into four designated color coded quadrants and specific to southwest Ohio, his responsibility is "Blue Team". As it relates to the Blue Team, Mangin is the tactical commander and is one of two tactical SRT commanders in the state. On July 24, 2022, Mangin received a call from a Springfield police detective and asked Mangin to alert other troopers to not stop him in transit to this call. Shortly thereafter, Mangin was contacted from either OSHP Post 12 or the central hub (Fusion Center) for assistance reference a Clark County deputy shot inside a trailer. Mangin reached out to Clark County Sheriff's Major Chris Clark and asked what resources he needed. Mangin began to direct OSHP SRT resources to Clark County which included the BearCat stored in Columbus.

Once resources arrived, Lieutenant Mangin made contact with Springfield Police and Clark County Sheriff's Office to assess the situation and develop a game plan to remove Deputy Yates. Mangin stated he was present when the decision to utilizing SPD's MRAPs to "make intentional contact" with the front and rear of the trailer to distract while distraction devices and CS gas was deployed simultaneously. During the distraction, Springfield Police SWAT would make entry to extract Yates from the trailer and the scene would be treated as a barricaded subject. During the second attempt and first tactical attempt, Mangin positioned himself with SPD's MRAP at 2/3 corner and deployed a handheld cannister of CS gas into a window of the trailer. Agent Ward asked Mangin if he heard gunshots when SPD made their attempt and he stated there was a lot going on with gas and flash bang deployment, but did observed glass coming from the window he deployed the CS gas cannister, which was believed to be gunfire.

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Because that attempt also failed, Lieutenant Mangin stated a game plan between Greene County Regional SWAT, SPD, and himself was prepared to retrieve Deputy Yates. Mangin stated because the exact location of Yates was needed, a tactical drone was deployed along with a Robot inside the trailer. According to Mangin, the robot became trapped inside a room and was rendered useless; however, the drone was able to locate Yates, face down, further down by the kitchen. After locating Yates, the drone then became disabled for reasons unknown. Mangin believed Yates was pulled by the suspect further into the trailer possibly to bate other officers.

Lieutenant Mangin stated the plan mirrored the original tactical attempt to retrieve Deputy Yates; "intentional contact" with the MRAPs and trailer; flash bangs and gas. Agent Ward asked if any troopers deployed flash bangs and Mangin stated Sergeant Lofland and Trooper Saultz may have. Mangin stated during the final attempt, he remained at the command post, Lofland had relieved him in the rear 2/3 corner of the trailer and Saultz was near the front. On this final attempt, SPD SWAT was able retrieve Yates and Trooper/Medic Nadi Graham was able to assist with Yates being placed on the gurney prior to removal. While Yates was pulled out, someone yelled 'small fire' and cover was provided for fire personnel to eventually extinguish the fire. Agent Ward asked Mangin if he had knowledge of any other people inside the trailer and he had some details of a female unaccounted for, but no other additional details.

Agent Ward concluded the interview with Lieutenant Mangin at 0941 hours. The audio recorded interview is attached below.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-08-25 / Lt. Bryan Mangin audio interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.