

Investigative Report

2024-3862

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 234 Mansfield Avenue, Shelby, Ohio 44875, Richland County



Investigative Activity: Interview Witness SPD Officer Ewing

Involves: Officer Dominic Ewing (W)

Activity Date: 12/18/2024

Activity Location: Shelby Police Department, 31 Mack Avenue, Shelby, Ohio

Authoring Agent: SA John P. Tingley

Narrative:

On Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 1134 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (SA Tingley) and SA Jesse Bynum (SA Bynum) interviewed Shelby Police Department Officer Dominic Ewing (Ewing), who was accompanied by his attorney, Bob Sauter, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at the Shelby Police Department, 31 Mack Avenue, Shelby, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

Officer Ewing was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the December 7, 2024 officer-involved shooting which occurred at 234 Mansfield Avenue, Shelby, Richland County, Ohio. Reportedly, Officer Ewing 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.

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 of the 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 nor is it a word for word translation of either the questions or answers. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify and content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Officer Ewing read, understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form which had been shown and explained to him by SA Tingley.

SA Tingley then had Officer Ewing read a written statement that he had prepared prior to his interview. After Officer Ewing read his statement, agents asked several additional questions related to the incident. A summary of that information from the written statement is detailed below.

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Officer Ewing stated that on December 7, 2024, he and SPD Sergeant Kochler went to the Arby's Restaurant at 234 Mansfield Avenue, Shelby, Ohio, in order to arrest Tyler Jacobs (Jacobs), who had an arrest warrant out of the Shelby Municipal Court.

Officer Ewing and Sergeant Kocher entered the restaurant, but Officer Ewing was directed to cover the back door to the business and left the business and proceeded to the area near the back door.

While at the back of the business, Officer Ewing was told by Sergeant Kocher that he had Jacobs with him up front. Officer Ewing began moving towards the front of the business and when he passed and looked in the drive-thru window of the business, he observed Jacobs running towards the rear of the building.

Officer Ewing began moving towards the rear of the building when he heard Sergeant Kocher over the radio saying that shots had been fired. Officer Ewing then turned and went to the front of the business where he entered the business through a side entrance (south). Officer Ewing noticed Sergeant Kochler running towards him with his hand pressed against his neck and blood streaming down his face.

Officer Ewing also observed Jacobs lying on the floor of the business with a knife next to him. After several failed commands to Jacobs to show his hands, Officer Ewing approached Jacobs and kicked the knife away. Officer Ewing then handcuffed Jacobs.

After checking on Sergeant Kocher, Officer Ewing went to his cruiser and retrieved a "go bag" which contained medical supplies. Officer Ewing returned to Jacob's location and began rendering aid to Jacobs, including applying tourniquets to each of Jacobs' legs.

SPS Sergeant Nolen then arrived at the incident location, and after removing Sergeant Kocher from the restaurant, came to Officer Ewing's position and assisted in rendering aid to Jacobs.

Once medical personnel had arrived on scene and took over the treatment of Jacobs, Officer Ewing exited the restaurant.

Officer Ewing then concluded his statement.

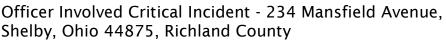
SA Tingley then asked Officer Ewing some demographic information. Officer Ewing stated his radio call sign on December 7, 2024, was 517. He has been employed by the Shelby Police Department for about one year. He has been a police officer for a total of about one year. During the incident, Officer Ewing wore his standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore an external ballistic vest and duty

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belt. He drove an SPD marked unit, clearly marked with SPD emblems and emergency lights. He does not wear corrective lenses.

SA Tingley asked Officer Ewing when he looked through the drive-thru window of the business if he saw anything in Jacob's hand. Officer Ewing replied: "I did not."

SA Tingley asked Officer Ewing if Jacobs said anything to him while he was rendering aid to Jacobs. Officer Ewing stated: "Nothing that I can recall."

SA Bynum then asked Officer Ewing if he had a chance to watch his body-worn camera video footage. Officer Ewing replied: "I have not."

SA Bynum continued and asked Officer Ewing if he had watched any of the other bodyworn camera video footage. Officer Ewing stated that he had only seen the video which had been publicly released by the SPD.

The interview was then concluded at approximately 1140 hours.

The interview was audio-recorded and was attached to this report as Reference Item C. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form and signed written statement are also attached to this report. Please see the attachments and audio recordings for further details.

References:

Ref Item C - Stored in Evidence.com - Officer Interviews

Attachments:

- 1. Officer Ewing Criminal Investigation Notification Form
- 2. Officer Ewing Written Statement

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Criminal Investigation Notification

- 1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
- Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
- 3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is <u>not</u> a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

Printed Name of Interviewee

Date

Signature of Interviewee

BCI Agent (Signature)

BCI Agent (Printed)

On December 7th, 2024 at approximately 11:18 pm myself (Officer Ewing) and Sgt. Kocher arrived at the local Arby's restaurant to effect an arrest on Tyler Jacobs who had a warrant out for his arrest through the Shelby Municipal Court. Upon arriving at the restaurant myself and Sgt Kocher entered the front dining area when Sgt Kocher advised me to go around to the back of the building. I then went to the back of the building and once I was at the back of the building Sgt Kocher advised me over the radio that he had Tyler up front with him. At this point I began making my way back up to the front of the restaurant. While making my way to the front of the building I looked through the drive-thru window and noticed Tyler Jacobs running towards the back of the building, followed by multiple bangs (which I later discovered were gunshots.)

attempting to flee but then Sgt Kocher came over the radio yelling "shots fired." Upon hearing his radio traffic I ran to the front of the building, made entry into the building and observed Sgt Kocher running towards me with his hand pressed against his neck and some blood streaming down his face. I also observed Tyler Jacobs laying on the kitchen floor with a knife next to him. While at gunpoint I ordered Tyler to show me his hands, to no avail. After several failed commands, I made my approach, kicking the knife away from Tyler and then handcuffing him. Once he was secured I approached Sgt. Kocher and checked on his status. He advised me to render aid to Tyler, that he was fine and had pressure on his wound. I then went out to the cruiser and located a "go bag." I then rushed back into the building, opened the bag and began rendering aid to Tyler Jacobs, including applying two tourniquets, one to each leg, and checking his body for other injuries.

While continuing to render aid to Tyler and checking on Sgt Kocher status, Sgt Nolen eventually arrived on scene, and removed Sgt. Kocher from the restaurant. He then came back into the building and began assisting me in rendering aid to Tyler Jacobs. Eventually more Law Enforcement agencies and medical personnel arrived on scene and took over providing aid to Tyler Jacobs. I then removed myself from the building per the directive of Sgt Nolen and later went back to the Police Department where I stayed until I was given permission to leave.

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