



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 256 N. Swain, LaRue, Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Lt. Jared Robinson (W)
Date of Activity: 01/30/2023
Activity Location: Robinson, Lt. Jared – Business – 233 West Center Street, Marion, OH 43302, Marion County
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Narrative:

On 1/30/23, Special Agent (SA) Jason Snyder (Snyder) with the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), conducted a recorded interview of Lieutenant (Lt.) Jared Robinson (Robinson) with the Marion Police Department (Marion PD). The interview was conducted at the Marion PD, located at 233 W. Center St., Marion, Oh. 43302.

Both SA Snyder and Lt. Robinson agreed to meet this date and location. Lt. Robinson voluntarily agreed to speak to SA Snyder.

SA Snyder asked Lt. Robinson a little about his work history and education. Lt. Robinson has a bachelor's degree in Criminology from The Ohio State University. He has been with the Marion PD since 2013. In 2020, he was promoted to Lieutenant.

SA Snyder asked Lt. Robinson about an incident that occurred on 12/20/22 in La Rue, Ohio. Lt. Robinson assisted in creating the operational plan for the search warrant that was being executed in La Rue, Ohio. During the preparation of the operational plan, he and a few other officers were briefed on the particulars of the drug investigation into a Travis Hellinger (Hellinger). The operational plan was based on the known history of Hellinger and the investigation up to that point.

Lt. Robinson was advised that Hellinger was a known convicted felon. Hellinger had made statements in the past about not going back to jail. He would use violence if necessary to prevent his incarceration. Lt. Robinson looked at the location of the search warrant a week before the operation. He pointed out areas he and snipers could be stationed before the operation would be started. These were the best areas to hide and observe the search warrant location before the tactical team would arrive.

On 12/20/22, Lt. Robins stationed himself and two other snipers in the area of the search warrant. All three arrived before the tactical teams were deployed. Lt. Robinson was

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stationed southeast of the building search warrant, which was located at 256 Swain St., La Rue, Oh. 43332. Lt. Robinson took an angle where he could observe the south side of the buildings.

While the tactical teams were in route, he heard on the radio that the other two snipers had seen Hellinger walking in their direction. They then contacted Hellinger. Lt. Robinson could hear the snipers talking to Hellinger so he left his position. He took his "gilly" top off and exposed his equipment carrier which clearly had a patch that displayed he was a police officer. He then made contact with Hellinger.

Lt. Robinson could see that Hellinger had a firearm on his right side at his waistband. The other snipers indicated that Hellinger also had another firearm. Lt. Robinson told Hellinger he was being detained and Hellinger refused. Lt. Robinson then told Hellinger he was under arrest and to stop and lay down. Again, Hellinger refused to comply to Lt. Robinson's orders. Lt. Robinson continued to give Hellinger orders to stop and give up. It came to the point that Lt. Robinson "started to lose my voice." Due to Hellinger refusing to comply, Lt. Robinson requested additional officers to assist in apprehending Hellinger.

When additional tactical officers arrived, Lt. Robinson left and retrieved his gear he had left beforehand. Since several officers responded to his request to apprehend Hellinger, Lt. Robinson took up a position near the search warrant location and provided rear guard and control. Later, he heard the sound of gun shots and radio traffic that Hellinger was down.

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.