

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



2025-1783 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 10180 Busenburg Rd., Howard, OH 43028, Knox County

Investigative Activity: Interview of Lieutenant Qade Lewis

Involves: Qade Lewis (W)

Activity Date: 06/17/2025

Activity Location: Knox County Sheriff's Office, 11540 Upper Gilchrist Road,

Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Lamping #184

Narrative:

On Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 1451 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente (SA Valente) and SA Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) interviewed Lieutenant Qade Lewis (Lt. Lewis), of the Mount Vernon Police Department (MVPD), relative to the officer-involved critical incident (OICI) which took place on Thursday, June 5, 2025. The interview took place at the Knox County Sheriff's Office, 11540 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mount Vernon, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by Lt. Lewis regarding their response to the incident scene as a member of the MVPD SWAT team. It should be noted that there is no video available from the drones utilized by the SWAT team as no memory cards were present in the devices during their use.

The interview commenced at 1503 hours. SA Lamping asked Lt. Lewis to describe his involvement in the SWAT team call-out. Lt. Lewis stated that he was the initial drone operator for the team. When he arrived, he launched a drone and surveyed the exterior of the residence. After determining that there was no point of entry available to the residence, Lt. Lewis landed the drone near the armored vehicle to change the drone's battery. Once the battery was changed, the drone experienced a malfunction, veered off, and crashed. Following the crash, Lt. Lewis requested MVPD Detective Timothy Arnold to operate the drone. Lt. Lewis did not operate a drone inside the residence during this incident.

The interview concluded at 1504 hours.

The interview with Lt. Lewis was audio and video recorded. The recordings can be reviewed in their entirety on Axon Justice as part of Reference Item D - Witness Officer Interviews.

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References:

1. Reference Item D - Witness Officer Interviews - Stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

None

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