



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



2022-1354

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 135 Old National Rd, Lore City
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Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Officer Jacob Rettenberger (W)
Date of Activity: 06/25/2022
Activity Location: – 135 Old National Rd, Lore City, OH 43755, Guernsey County
Author: SA Andrew Russell

Narrative:

On Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 03:00 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Officer (Ofc.) Jacob Rettenberger (Rettenberger), the interview took place at 133 Old National Road, Old Washington, Ohio 43768. The interview was audio recorded.

Rettenberger was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the June 25, 2022 officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 135 Old National Road, Lore City, Ohio. Reportedly, Rettenberger 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.

Rettenberger stated his radio call sign on June 25, 2022 was 3447. During the incident, Rettenberger wore his standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt. He was the passenger in an ODNR cruiser, marked with ODNR emblems and emergency lights. He considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident. He stated was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI.

Rettenberger stated that he was a field training officer for ODNR Probationary Officer Jacob Mills (Mills) and Mills was driving the marked ODNR vehicle.

Rettenberger stated he was requested to assist with a pursuit initiated by Barnesville Police Department. Rettenberger stated that the subject vehicle came to a stop in the area of State Route 285 and Old National Road and Barnesville PD had set up for a felony traffic stop directly behind the subject vehicle. Rettenberger added the unknown female driver was failing to comply with verbal commands to exit the vehicle. Rettenberger advised that two OSP Troopers moved to a Ford Ranger pick-up that was parked on the passenger side of the subject's vehicle

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and he and Mills moved to their former position behind the cruisers. Rettenberger stated that an unknown Cambridge PD officer arrived on scene with his K-9 and approached the subject vehicle and attempted to deploy the K-9. Rettenberger added the Cambridge Officer advised everyone that the unknown female driver had a gun and had pointed it at him.

Rettenberger stated that the Guernsey County Sheriff's office SRT arrived and the Sheriff advised that they were going to approach the vehicle from the passenger side while he talked to the driver from the driver's side. Rettenberger stated an SRT member broke out the passenger side window and deployed a flash-bang. Additional SRT members moved to the driver's side and attempted to extricate the female from the vehicle when he heard a single gunshot, followed by several more gunshots. There was a pause then he heard additional gunshots. Rettenberger advised he let his dispatch know of the shots fired. Rettenberger advised the unknown female was removed from the vehicle and medics were requested. Rettenberger advised that he and Mills then help secure the scene.

The interview concluded at approximately 03:12 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 6-25-2022 Jacob Rettenberger ODNR