

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



2022-1527 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 5760 US 62, Hillsboro, OH, Highland County (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Jesse J Morgan (W), Macy Lean Ferro (W)

Date of Activity: 07/22/2022

Activity Location: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation – 1560 SR-56 SW, London,

OH 43140, Madison County

Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On July 17, 2022, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Highland County Sheriff Donald Barrera to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on US 62 near the Hillsboro Church of God (5760 US 62, Hillsboro, Ohio). The OICI entailed Highland County Sheriff's Office Sergeant firing a single, fatal shot at Richard Jean Poulin (Poulin) at the end of a vehicle pursuit.

On July 21, 2022, at 1500 hours, BCI Special Agents Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) and Richard Ward had a scheduled meeting with a witness, Macy Ferro, at 5694 Concord Road, Hillsboro, Ohio. BCI agents were met by the homeowner, James Morgan (Mr. Morgan). Mr. Morgan advised that his son, Jesse Morgan (Jesse), and Jesse's girlfriend, Macy Ferro (Macy), witnessed a portion of the OICI. He said Jesse and Macy left prior to the BCI agents' arrival. He provided SA Seitzman with a written statement from Jesse.

SA Seitzman conducted a phone interview with Jesse and Macy on July 22, 2022, at 1402 hours. SA Seitzman asked Jesse a question to clarify his written statement. In his written statement, he said he heard a single gunshot but did not see a muzzle flash. He opined that the "officer on the driver side" was the one who fired. SA Seitzman asked him why he believed it was the officer on the driver's side. He said it was hard to see, but he thought he saw the officer with his gun raised. He said the officer was standing outside the driver's door. He thought the gun was outside the vehicle. He advised he did not know any Highland County Sheriff's deputies.

SA Seitzman spoke with Macy, who advised that she was with Jesse as they watched the incident from their bedroom. She said the incident occurred sometime between 0100 and 0200 hours. She said they looked outside after hearing multiple sirens. She heard the commotion, but she could not see much. She said she could hear officers yelling commands for "him to exit his vehicle." She advised that it did not appear that the subject tried to exit the vehicle. She next

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heard, "Hands, hands," She then heard one single gunshot. She did not see who fired the shot. She said she "does not have the greatest eyesight at night." She was able to see that officers removed the subject from the car and initiated CPR. She estimated that there were two to three police cars. She assumed there were four to six police officers present during the incident.

Macy advised that news reporters told her Poulin was the deceased subject. She said she did not recognize his name. She also said she did not know any Highland County Sheriff's Office deputies.

The interview was concluded at 1410 hours. The audio recording is attached below. Also attached is Jesse's written statement.

Attachments:

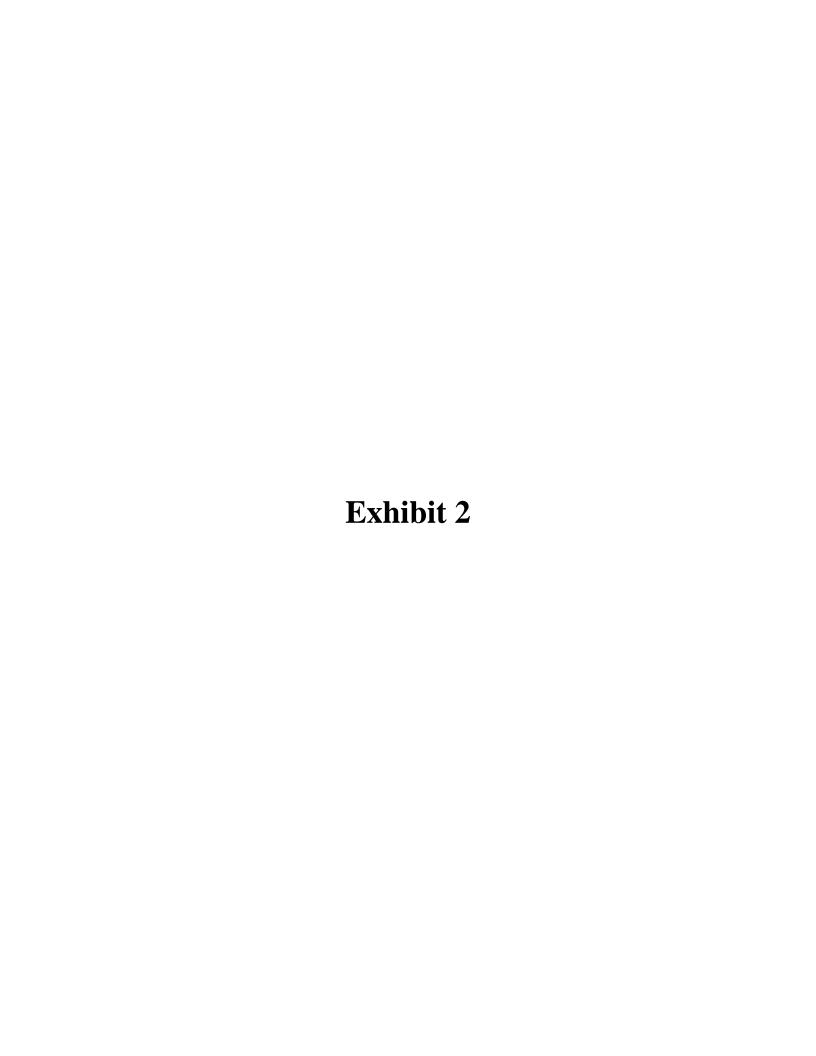
Attachment # 01: 2022-07-22/ Phone Interview with Jesse Morgan and Macy Ferro

Attachment # 02: Jesse Morgan Written Statement

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Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.



At approx 1:00 am. Sunday morning I heard sirens on 62. I looked out the Window and saw 2 cruisers in pursuit of a venicle. The vehicle came to a stop across the street from the church along with the cruisers. The vehicle was smoking, officers exited their vehicle and started shouting commands for driver to exit the vehicle. The officer closest to the vehicle then got on the bull horn and told the driver to exit the fucking vehicle, about this time the driver attempted to flee again and the venicle rolled a few feet and came to a stop. The officers then started to approach the venicle, while approaching they were giving orders for the driver to show his hands exit the vehicle and show his hands. Upon reaching the vehicle I heard what sounded like an officer batoning the window, busting of glass on second strike. Simutaneously I heard the an office shorting

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name. I heard "hands, hands, to hands and
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Muzzle flash, but believe officer on driver side fired his service weapon but, I am not certain as I didn't see the Muzzle flash. I then went outside and watched from the backyord for a few minutes upon coming outside it lookedlike an officer was giving the driver cpr and about this time more officers were arriving and they Set up a perimeter, and started signating The ambulance arrived roughly 4-5 minutes later. The started Officers started signaling traffic and taping up the scene.

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