



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



2022-2876

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

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness

**Date of Activity:** 12/21/2022

**Author:** SA Ryan Emahiser, #36

**Narrative:**

On December 21, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Ryan Emahiser (Emahiser) interviewed Delaware County Tactical Unit (DTU) member Timothy "TJ" Ryan (Ryan) in regard to the officer-involved shooting that occurred in Marion County, on December 20, 2022. The interview was digitally recorded and the recording has been uploaded to this case file.

Ryan advised that he is a Westerville police officer and a member and team leader of the DTU, and advised that the DTU was called to assist the Marion County Sheriff's Office with a high-risk search warrant on December 20, 2022. Ryan said that Marion County was requesting DTU for their Bearcat vehicle with ram capabilities, due to the suspect living in a pole barn. Ryan said the DTU's responsibility was to breach the pole barn with their Bearcat vehicle ram, if needed, but to otherwise stand by and contain.

Ryan said that when they arrived at the target residence, they were going to breach the pole barn with the Bearcat ram; but prior to doing that, they were advised over radio communications that a subject was exiting the pole barn. Ryan stated that he was able to see a subject backing down the train tracks, to the rear of the residence with a flashlight, and saw Marion County's tactical team moving toward the subject with the flashlight. Ryan said that he did not see or hear any gunfire but did note that he heard on the radio communications that shots were fired. Ryan advised that after Marion County dealt with the situation with the subject, he and his team did then breach the pole barn door with the Bearcat's attached ram and then cleared the pole barn structure.

Ryan stated that while they were clearing the pole barn, he did observe several handguns on a shelf within the living quarters of the structure, and also located a secret room that appeared to him to have been a former marijuana grow room.

Ryan advised that he did not have any further information regarding the incident and advised that he would contact SA Emahiser should he have anything to add.

**Attachments:**

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Attachment # 01: TJ Ryan 12.21.2022

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