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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT



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REPORT RECEIVED SGT. JAMES RUTH

Summary


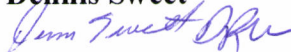
On December 19, 2012 Sgt. Scott Gardner and Sgt. James Ruth met officers of the Cleveland Police Department. This interview took place at 4055 Highlander Parkway Richfield, Ohio 44286.

Details

On December 19, 2012, Sgt. Gardner and Sgt. Ruth met with Ofc. Anthony Longer at the BCI Richfield Office. Longer was interviewed in regard to his participation in the officer involved shooting that occurred on November 29, 2012.

Sgt. Ruth reduced the interview to writing for submission to the case file.

The interview was video recorded and added to the case file as Exhibit #130. The recording and associated documentation were submitted to the case file.

File Number: SI-18-12-82-1493	File Title: Timothy R. Russell (S) Malissa A. Williams (S)
Case Agent: Mark Kollar	Authoring Agent: John Saraya 
Date of Report: 01/02/13	Exhibit #: 130
Investigative Activity: Report received from Sgt. Ruth - Longer	Supervisor Approval: Dennis Sweet 

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EAST CLEVELAND POLICE DEPT
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

OFFENSE/INCIDENT: HOMICIDE/OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

LOCATION: 14410 TERRACE ROAD, EAST CLEVELAND, OHIO 44112

Additional details of offense or accident program of investigation, etc.

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On January 2, 2013 Detective Sgt. James Ruth (ECPD) and Detective Sgt. Scott Gardner (ECPD) met with Officer Anthony Longer (CPD) badge #2452 along with his Union Representative (Jeff Follmer). Longer was advised we were conducting a criminal investigation regarding the officer involved shooting that took place on November 29, 2012 in the area of 14410 Terrace Rd. East Cleveland, Ohio 44112. Investigators asked Longer if he would speak to Investigators relative to this incident and Longer stated yes.

Investigators asked Longer to give us some general information about himself. Longer stated he lives at [REDACTED] Cleveland, Ohio and his date of birth is 8/2/83. Longer gave us his cell phone number as [REDACTED]. Longer stated he has been with the Cleveland Police Department for five years, assigned to the 5th District and his Supervisors were Lt. Brown and Sgt. Januszczak. Longer stated he is not on any medication and does not wear any type of corrective lenses. Longer states he was wearing the class B uniform and was carrying departmental issued equipment. Longer stated his partner was Jarod Schlacht. Longer stated he was driving on this night. Longer stated they had no type of recording device with them. Longer stated on the night of this incident their call sign was 5A35 but could not remember the car number. Longer stated they had their car radio on channel #2 and their portable was on channel #2. Investigators asked Longer if he had been involved in any other officer involved shootings. Longer stated no. Investigators ask Longer if he has any type of specialized training. Longer stated no. Investigators asked Longer if he qualified with his city issued weapon. Longer stated he qualified with his weapon this year in the summer along with his in service training for use of force. Investigators asked Longer if he had any prior discipline. Longer stated no. Investigators asked Longer to tell us how they first became involved in this incident and describe in detail their involvement in the pursuit.

Longer stated they were in the area of London and St. Clair when they heard over the radio that someone was pointing a gun at officers. Longer stated they went down to E.140th and St. Clair when they heard the suspect car was in the area of 79th and St. Clair. Longer stated they went to the area of Superior and Lakeview to wait for the pursuit. Longer stated they waited in this location and heard the pursuit was heading into East Cleveland. Longer stated as they were sitting they heard over the radio that it looked like one of the suspects was loading a gun. Longer stated as they were heading toward Euclid Ave they heard over the radio that shots were fired. Longer stated they were one of the last cars to arrive on scene. Longer stated once they parked they exited their zone car and

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walked up to the scene. Longer stated once they got on scene everything was over. Investigators asked Longer if he heard any shots while they were walking up to the scene. Longer stated no it was over and they only heard the shots being fired over the radio. Longer stated they saw the officers and the suspect car which was shot up along with a zone car that was shot up. Investigators asked Longer if a supervisor ever broadcasted over the radio to end the pursuit. Longer stated a supervisor did state end the pursuit so they never got involved in the pursuit. Investigators asked Longer if he ever heard another supervisor countermand the other supervisor regarding the termination of the pursuit. Longer stated he could not recall. Investigators asked Longer if he could recall his partner ever transmitting over the radio. Longer stated his partner may have used the radio but could not remember what he said. Investigators asked Longer if he ever saw the suspect car at any time during the pursuit. Longer stated no. Investigators asked Longer if he was aware of the suspect description. Longer stated he knew there were two occupants but nothing else. Investigators asked Longer if he has heard the names of the suspects or seen photos of them. Longer stated only from the news. Investigators showed Longer photos of the suspects and asked him if he ever had any type of interaction with them before. Longer stated no. Investigators asked Longer were they parked before going to the scene. Longer stated they parked on Wymore mid block and walked up to the scene. Investigators asked Longer what he observed while on scene. Longer stated he saw officers standing near the playground and others were scattered around. Investigators asked Longer if he ever saw anyone go up to the suspect vehicle or move anything. Longer stated no. Investigators asked Longer if he saw any officers injured. Longer stated no. Investigators asked Longer if he could recall any statements made by any officers while on scene. Longer stated no. Investigators asked Longer if he had any conversation with anyone regarding this incident. Longer stated he talked with his partner about how it came over the radio and just trying to recall how everything happened. Investigators asked Longer if he felt his and his fellow officers' actions were consistent with training. Longer stated yes. Investigators asked Longer if he used his phone to make any phone calls, text messages or take pictures while on scene. Longer stated no. Investigators asked Longer if he saw any other officer use a cell phone to take pictures of the scene. Longer stated yes he saw an officer take a picture with a cell phone but could not recall who the officer was. Investigators asked Longer if anyone has asked him to lie or otherwise influence his statement to investigators. Longer stated no.

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Investigators asked Longer if there were any other questions that we did not ask that he felt were important. Longer stated no. Investigators asked Longer if could recall the lighting in the parking lot. Longer stated it was well lit and the interview ended.

Investigation Continues...

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