



Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT



12/18/2012

INTERVIEW OF DAVID ALDERMAN

Summary

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Special Agents Cooper and Stranahan met with Alderman, his attorney Patrick D’Angelo, Cleveland Police Patrolman’s Association President Brian Betley, and Cleveland Police Patrolman’s Association Vice-President Steve Kinas in the conference room at the Richfield BCI&I offices. Special Agents Cooper and Stranahan properly identified themselves and Special Agent Stranahan advised Alderman of his Miranda rights by reading them from a preprinted form. Special Agent Stranahan asked Alderman if he understood his rights. Alderman stated he understood his rights and was willing to proceed with the investigative interview. The following information was provided by Alderman to special agents during the interview.

Alderman was asked if the shooting had affected him and if he was having any difficulties as a result of the shooting. Alderman stated he was doing fine and did not feel affected by the shooting.

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Alderman was questioned concerning his background regarding his employment with the Cleveland Police Department and specifically about his knowledge and actions of the evening of November 29, 2012. Alderman stated he has been employed by the Cleveland Police Department since December 17, 2001. Alderman stated he had no previous police officer experience prior to working for the Cleveland Police Department. Alderman stated he is a former United States Marine and worked in aviation ordinance. Alderman stated he was briefly detailed to the vice unit in 2008. Alderman stated he works an off-duty detail at the Norma Herr women's shelter on Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of every week from 1000 hours until 1400 hours immediately before his shift as a Cleveland Police Officer. Alderman stated he works rotating days off. Alderman stated he has no set days off. Alderman stated his shift is from 1500 hours until 0130 hours.

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Alderman stated he does not abuse alcohol or drugs. Alderman stated he does not require glasses or contacts to correct vision.

Alderman stated he wears his departmentally issued duty belt containing his departmentally issued Firearm, a Glock 19, three seventeen (17) round magazines, two (2) sets of handcuffs, his departmentally issued Taser with three (3) cartridges, an ASP baton, a leatherman tool and carries a canister of oleoresin capsicum in his coat. Alderman stated he does not carry a backup weapon or a personal recording device.

Alderman stated he has no specialized training with the exception of his military training in the United States Marine Corps.

Alderman stated he has been involved in an officer involved shooting. Alderman stated the shooting involved two suspects in a stolen vehicle. Alderman stated during the incident, the driver of the stolen vehicle put his car in reverse knocking a fellow officer down and ramming into his assigned cruiser. Alderman stated he fired five (5) rounds into the stolen vehicle fearing for the safety of the officer who was knocked to the ground by the actions of the operator of the stolen vehicle. Alderman stated the officer who was knocked to the ground fired six (6) additional rounds for a total of eleven (11) rounds fired during the exchange. Alderman stated the occupants of the stolen vehicle were not struck during the gun fire exchange. Alderman stated the suspects of the stolen vehicle were later apprehended after a foot pursuit and no additional gun fire was exchanged.

Alderman stated he has been disciplined once for an off-duty incident while he was still in the academy. Alderman stated the incident involved a verbal altercation with a Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority Officer. Alderman stated he received a five (5)-day suspension.

Alderman stated he is assigned to the third district and normally works zone 6. Alderman stated he worked zone 6 the evening of November 29, 2012 with Cleveland Police Officer Michael Ryan ("Ryan"). Alderman stated both Ryan and he worked uniformed patrol the evening of

November 29, 2012.

Alderman stated his supervisors on the evening of November 29, 2012 were Sergeants Bickerstaff, McMann, Loomis and Jones. Alderman stated other supervisors included Lieutenants Freel and Shepard.

Alderman stated he was never directly involved in the officer involved shooting of November 29, 2012. Alderman stated he and his partner, Ryan, were working the third district in car 327, when they heard broadcasts of officers taking fire from a vehicle. Alderman stated he drove the cruiser on the evening of November 29, 2012.

Alderman stated his perception from the radio broadcasts was that officers were engaged in the pursuit of an "active shooter". Alderman stated dispatch broadcast the pursuit on channels 2 and 3. Alderman stated Ryan and he were never actually involved in the chase.

Alderman stated he monitored the broadcast of the pursuit and noted the vehicle was heading back towards his position. Alderman stated Ryan and he moved to 55th and 490 to "block traffic" in the intersection. Alderman stated his mission was to prevent any traffic from entering the intersection to avoid a traffic accident from the vehicle and the pursuing officers. Alderman stated Ryan and he proceed north on East 55th Street to secure an intersection located near Addison and Wade Park Drive. Alderman stated he continued to assist by blocking two to three different intersections including 71 and St. Clair. Alderman stated he saw the vehicle being pursued twice. Alderman stated he did not see the driver or the passenger. Alderman stated he was monitoring the traffic in the intersections. Alderman stated the suspect vehicle was moving very quickly. Alderman stated he estimated the vehicle at 35 miles per hour through the turns.

Alderman stated during the radio broadcasts he clearly heard officer saying the suspect vehicle had shot at officers. Alderman stated he heard the gun shots on the radio and heard officers call out shots fired. Alderman stated he heard on officer broadcast, "They're shooting at us."

Alderman stated Ryan and he ran to the shooting scene. Alderman stated Ryan and he had to park at a distance away from the shooting and were one of the very last cruisers to arrive. Alderman stated up seeing the shooting scene he saw approximately 20 to 30 police officers and a "blue vehicle in the side of a zone vehicle".. Alderman stated by the time he arrived the shooting was over. Alderman stated he never removed his departmentally issue firearm from his holster. Alderman denied firing his departmentally issued firearm.

Alderman stated he approached the location of the shooting and was as close as 10 feet from the suspect's vehicle. Alderman stated Ryan and he left the crime scene after about 10 minutes. Aldermen stated he never took any photographs of the scene and did not text or transmit any phone messages to anyone concerning the events of November 29, 2012.

Alderman stated he later came to learn the identity of Malissa Williams ("Williams") while working the women's shelter a few days later. Alderman stated he had previous contacts with

Williams while working the women's shelter. Alderman stated Williams lived at the shelter and there were "lots of issues" with Williams and the shelter. Alderman stated Williams was "delusional", paranoid, and seemed to be angry. Alderman stated Williams would sometimes spit on people and become argumentative with the shelter staff. Alderman stated he was occasionally asked to escort Williams from the property of the shelter by the residence administration. Alderman stated he never had anything personal against Williams.

Alderman stated he and the other officers involved in the pursuit on November 29, 2012, took actions which were consistent with their training. Alderman stated the information he provided was truthful and he is unable to provide any additional details regarding this investigation. Alderman stated he had not been coached on any statements he provided during the investigative interview.

The interview with Alderman was concluded. Alderman, his attorney and Union representative departed area. The interview with Alderman was audio/video recorded. A copy of the interview was downloaded to a DVD which was provided to Special Agent Kollar to be maintained in his case file as Exhibit #34.

Subject Information

Name: David Alderman
Address: [REDACTED] North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039
Telephone: [REDACTED]
Employment: Cleveland Police Department
DOB: 1/25/1973
SSN: [REDACTED]
Sex: Male
Race: White
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 190lbs.
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
S/V/W: Witness
CCH: No identifiable criminal history per OHLEG