



Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT



12/18/2012 INTERVIEW OF MICHAEL RYAN

Summary

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Special Agents Cooper and Stranahan met with Ryan, his attorney Patrick D’Angelo, Fraternal Order of Police President Brian Betley, and Cleveland Police Patrolmen’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 Ryan of his Miranda rights by reading them from a preprinted form. Special Agent Stranahan asked Ryan if he understood his rights. Ryan stated he understood his rights and was willing to proceed with the investigative interview. The following information was provided by Ryan to special agents during the interview.

Ryan was asked if the shooting had affected him and if he was having any difficulties as a result of the shooting. Ryan stated the shooting had “physically affected” him and he felt bad for everyone involved. Ryan stated “It was a mess up there.” Ryan stated the chase was “physically

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draining” on him and the longest police chase he had ever experienced in his career. Ryan stated he was doing fine otherwise.

Ryan 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.

Ryan stated he has been employed by the Cleveland Police Department for seventeen (17) years. Ryan stated he began working in the jail in 1995. Ryan stated he worked at Highland Heights Police Department prior to his employment with the Cleveland Police Department as a part-time officer. Ryan stated he works an off-duty detail at the “Horseshoe Casino” in Cleveland. Ryan stated he works the off-duty detail twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) hours bi-weekly on his days off from the Cleveland Police Department. Ryan stated he does not work the off-duty detail immediately before or immediately after his shift as a Cleveland Police Officer. Ryan stated he works a rotating shift. Ryan stated he has no set days off.

Ryan stated he takes no prescribed medications. Ryan stated he does not abuse alcohol or drugs. Ryan stated he wears glasses for distance vision.

Ryan stated he was wearing his departmentally issued duty belt containing his departmentally issued Firearm, a Glock 19, with three seventeen (17) round magazines, two (2) sets of handcuffs, his departmentally issued Taser with one cartridge, and a canister of oleoresin capsicum. Ryan stated he does not carry an ASP baton, a backup weapon, or a personal recording device.

Ryan stated he has no specialized training with the exception of being a field training officer. Ryan stated he has never been involved in an officer involved shooting. Ryan stated he has been disciplined once for failing to take a report from an intoxicated subject as described in policy.

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

Ryan stated his supervisors on the evening of November 29, 2012 were Sergeants Shepard, Sanders, and Jones.

Ryan stated he was never directly involved in the shooting. Ryan stated he and his partner, Alderman, were working the third district in car 327, when they heard broadcast of officers taking fire from a vehicle. Ryan stated his perception from the radio broadcast was that officers were engaged in the pursuit of an active shooter. Ryan stated dispatch broadcast the pursuit on channels 2 and 3. Ryan stated Alderman and he were never actually involved in the chase.

Ryan stated he monitored the broadcast of the pursuit and noted the vehicle was heading back towards his position. Ryan stated Alderman and he moved to 55th and 490 to “block traffic” in the intersection. Ryan stated his mission was to prevent any traffic from entering the intersection to avoid a traffic accident from the vehicle and the pursuing officers. Ryan stated Alderman and he preceded north on East 55th Street to secure an intersection located near 71 and Wade Park

Drive. Ryan stated he continued to assist by blocking two to three different intersections. Ryan stated he saw the vehicle being pursued twice. Ryan stated he did not see the driver or the passenger well. Ryan stated the suspect vehicle "was moving fast". Ryan stated he heard an Officer Mateo request direction several times from supervisors without a response.

Ryan stated during the radio broadcasts he clearly heard an officer saying the suspect vehicle had shot at officers and the passenger was pointing and reloading a gun. Ryan stated he also heard the suspect's vehicle had "rammed" a cruiser. Ryan stated he heard the gunshots on the radio and heard officers call out shots fired. Ryan stated he heard an officer broadcast, "They're shooting at us."

Ryan stated Alderman and he proceeded to the shooting scene. Ryan stated Alderman and he had to park pretty far away from the shooting and were one of the very last cruisers to arrive. Ryan stated he ran past approximately twenty police cars up and up to the area of the shooting. Ryan stated by the time he arrived the shooting was finished and he saw "kids pacing and walking around in shock". Ryan stated he saw "kids" who he personally trained telling him they were out of ammunition and asking for more. Ryan stated he was concerned for the young officers.

Ryan stated he never went into the crime scene and left after about ten (10) minutes. Ryan stated he was never closer than twenty (20) to thirty (30) feet of the suspect's vehicle. Ryan 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.

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

The interview with Ryan was concluded. Ryan, his attorney and Union representative departed area. The interview with Ryan was audio/video recorded. A copy of the interview was downloaded to a DVD which was added to this case file as Exhibit #34.

Subject Information

Name:	Michael Ryan
Address:	[REDACTED] Vestlake, Ohio 44145
Telephone:	[REDACTED]
Employment:	Cleveland Police Department
DOB:	11/27/1962
SSN:	[REDACTED]
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Height:	6'01"
Weight:	245lbs.
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
S/V/W:	Witness
CCH:	No identifiable criminal history per OHLEG