



Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT



12/19/2012 INTERVIEW OF DISPATCHER ROBIN VONTORCIK

Summary

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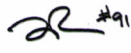

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Also present for the interview was Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association Vice-President, Steve Kinas (1303 West 58th Street, Cleveland, OH 44102 Ph. 216-631-8455)

Vontorcik stated these facts:

Vontorcik is assigned as a dispatcher for Cleveland Police Department, third shift (2230-0630 hrs) and has worked as such for fifteen (15) years. She has rotating days off (V-class). Her supervisors on November 29, 2012 were Sergeant Petranek and Sergeant Tucker. Road supervisors on that same date were Lieutenant Brown, Sergeant Brown and Sergeant Rose. She stated that she is current with all trainings regarding her dispatcher duties.

Vontorcik stated that she felt nervous at the time of this interview since she has never been in such a situation. She further stated she has no disciplinary actions against her to this date.

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Vontorcik denies any problems with drug use. She stated that she takes no prescription medications. She has no corrective lenses.

Vontorcik stated that she has been a dispatcher during situations where officers were shot at. She recalls one where Cleveland Police Officer Tommy Taylor was shot at.

Vontorcik stated that on November 29, 2012:

- She was the dispatcher for Channel 5. She stated her shift began at 2230 hrs.
- Vontorcik stated that she was advised by dispatchers of Channel 2 & 3 that officers involved in this vehicle pursuit were making their way into District 5 via I-90.
- She stated that she listened solely to her Channel 5 during the incident. She stated that she brought the incident up on her monitor and was reading the updates and actively informing officers of the updates.
- Vontorcik requested a supervisor/road boss for District 5. S534, Sergeant Rose, replied. Vontorcik stated she apprised him of the pursuit entering District 5. Sergeant Rose told her that one car could be allowed to assist from District 5.
- Vontorcik stated she contacted 5B22 who did assist in the pursuit. She stated that she did provide 5B22 updates from the incident screen.
- At 22:50, Sergeant Rose terminated all District 5 cars by a radio transmission. Vontorcik stated that, as far as she was aware, all cars were terminating. Vontorcik did state that one car said they were going to go and shadow an area since it was still part of their normal patch. Vontorcik stated that Sergeant Rose came over the radio again and stated that no District 5 cars are to be involved in the pursuit.
- Vontorcik stated that they were advised that there were shots fired. She stated she advised the supervisors at that time. She stated that 5S32 (Lieutenant Sheryl Brown) and 5S33 (Sergeant Januszczak) advised that they were going to the scene.
- 5S32 did radio Vontorcik from the crime scene. 5S32 did request that she have District 3/Channel 3 respond to the area of 205 W St. Clair to look for a shell casing. She stated that she relayed this by voice to the dispatcher for District 3 (who is sitting next to her in the dispatch area) and likely updated this request on her incident report.
- Vontorcik stated that during the pursuit, she had radioed to her officers that there was reportedly a gun pointed out the window of the suspect vehicle. This information was from another officer involved in the pursuit. She stated that she repeated this several times over the radio to District 5 officers.
- Vontorcik stated that she was unaware until much later that subjects in the suspect vehicle were actually dead following this incident.
- Vontorcik stated that she was aware that EMS was dispatched via Channel 3 from her hearing it in the dispatch room. At this time they were uncertain for whom EMS was being dispatched.
- At some point, after she had already advised District 5 officers of the imminent pursuit entering their district, an unknown district officer came over Channel 5. Vontorcik stated that the officer transmitted that the passenger was pointing a gun. Vontorcik stated that

the officer's voice sounded like he was in need of help. She stated the officer's voice was elevated and seemed more urgent than Vontorcik has experienced in other chases.

- Vontorcik stated that she did text Officer Alan Almeida. She confirmed they are friends and she was concerned about him. He replied that he was okay. She stated she replied to his text and called him a trouble-maker. She stated that this was the end of this texting conversation with Almeida.
- Vontorcik also stated she received a call from an off-duty officer who wanted to know what was going on. She advised that District 2 had pursued a vehicle, that officers were okay, and that the suspects were going to the morgue.
- She stated that she has since deleted the texts. She stated she never keeps her texts.
- Vontorcik stated that she believes her actions are consistent with her training.

This interview was audio/video recorded and added to this case file as Exhibit #45.

Subject Information

Name: ROBIN A. VONTORCIK

Address: [REDACTED] Burton, OH 44021

Telephone: [REDACTED] (personal cell phone)

Employment: Cleveland Police Department

DOB: 12/17/68

SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: F

Race:

Height: 5'02"

Weight: 180

Hair: BROWN

Eyes: BROWN

S/V/W: W

CCH: None

