



Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT



12/19/2012 INTERVIEW OF ROBERT T. GORZELANCZYK

Summary

The Cleveland Police Officers involved in the shooting on November 29, 2012 were interviewed at the BCI Richfield Offices. Also present with the officer was Attorney Patrick D'Angelo along with Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association Vice President Steve Kinas representing the union. The interview was conducted by Ohio BCI Special Agent Dave Horn and Special Agent Thomas Verhiley.

Patrol Officer Robert T. Gorzelanczyk was advised of his "Miranda Rights" which he waived and consented to speak with investigators.

The interview was video recorded and submitted to the case file as Exhibit #61.

Details

Gorzelanczyk was asked how he was he was holding up and he said, "Good."

Gorzelanczyk is currently assigned as a basic uniformed patrol officer in B-Platoon the 3rd District, Zone-3, call sign 3B23 and is a four year veteran of the Cleveland Police Department. In the last week of November, Gorzelanczyk was working second shift, 1530 hours to 0130 hours with rotating days off. Gorzelanczyk was dressed in a Cleveland Police Department uniform with an external bullet resistant vest with a duty belt with all of the department issued equipment. Gorzelanczyk is unsure who his direct supervisor was but, Lieutenant Friedel was the other supervisor on duty.

Gorzelanczyk works a part-time job on Tuesdays. On Thursday, November 29, 2012 Gorzelanczyk said he felt good and had no issues. Gorzelanczyk takes no prescription medication and wears contact lenses.

Gorzelanczyk was assigned the passenger in unit 334, partner Jeff Frinzl. This is a fully marked Cleveland Police vehicle, with no dashboard camera. All equipment was in good working order.

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Investigative Activity: Gorzelanczyk Interview	Supervisor Approval: Dennis Sweet JAN 14 2013 <i>DS</i>

Gorzelanzyk was never involved in any shootings prior to Thursday, November 29, 2012.

Earlier in the shift, Gorzelanzyk and his partner, Jeff Frinzl, were on routine patrol in the 3rd District in the area of East 40th Street and Croton Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Gorzelanzyk was advised by the dispatch center that the 2nd District initiated a vehicle pursuit in the area of the Second District and shots were fired. Gorzelanzyk stated he and his partner were assigned to assist in the pursuit. Gorzelanzyk was advised via the police radio the vehicle pursuit was eastbound near downtown Cleveland. Gorzelanzyk said he heard someone broadcast over the police radio that shots were being fired by the suspects. Gorzelanzyk switched the handheld radio to channel 2 (2nd District) so they could monitor the pursuit. Gorzelanzyk's vehicle police radio remained on channel 3 so they could monitor the radio traffic in the 3rd District. Gorzelanzyk said they started westbound toward downtown Cleveland in order to assist with the pursuit.

Gorzelanzyk said when he heard the pursuit go from Clark Avenue to Quigley Avenue they positioned themselves in the area of the east bank of the flats, anticipating the pursuit to continue across the flats to their location. Gorzelanzyk said he then heard the pursuit continue on West 14th in the Tremont area to eastbound Interstate 90.

Gorzelanzyk said he remembered the vehicle was eastbound on I-90 at East 55th Street. Gorzelanzyk entered I-90 eastbound from West 3rd Street and tried to catch up with the pursuit. Gorzelanzyk heard officers in the pursuit broadcasting shots fired; however, he was not sure who was making these broadcasts. Gorzelanzyk said while they were eastbound on I-90, they had their overhead emergency lights and sirens were on. Gorzelanzyk heard the suspects exited I-90 at East 72nd southbound, so they exited I-90 at East 55th Street. Gorzelanzyk heard the pursuit in the area of Addison Road and Superior Avenue. Gorzelanzyk stated they continued to follow in the direction of the pursuit, eastbound Euclid Avenue with lights and sirens activated. Gorzelanzyk observed several Cleveland Police vehicles in the pursuit, which were blocking various intersections along the pursuit route. At no time did Gorzelanzyk see the suspect's vehicle during the pursuit. Also, Gorzelanzyk did not hear the suspect's vehicle backfire during the pursuit.

Gorzelanzyk stated he then heard the pursuit was in the area of Wade Park. Gorzelanzyk was able to catch up to the pursuit vehicles and follow as well as assisting with blocking intersections. Gorzelanzyk heard one of the pursuing officers say they were in a waste water treatment facility. Gorzelanzyk then turned southbound on Wymore Avenue from Euclid Avenue. Gorzelanzyk then heard an officer broadcast, "Shots Fired," over channel 2. Gorzelanzyk did not recognize any of the officers broadcasting over the police radio. Gorzelanzyk stated Wymore Avenue was entirely blocked with police cars, so they parked and exited their vehicle. Gorzelanzyk said as they were exiting their vehicle, he heard gun fire in the area of Terrace Road and Wymore Avenue. Gorzelanzyk wasn't sure where the gunfire was coming from so they took cover behind several trees in the area. Gorzelanzyk was not sure if it was the suspects shooting at the officers or officers shooting at the suspects. Gorzelanzyk was greatly concerned about the other officers' safety so they made their way to the scene via the

wooded area adjacent to Terrace Road. When Gorzelanczyk arrived at the scene, he described it as "mass confusion." Gorzelanczyk walked near the suspect's vehicle; however, he did not touch anything, take photographs, or speak to anyone about the incident that just occurred. At this time, crime scene tape was being affixed to the outer perimeter of the scene. Gorzelanczyk was advised by the third shift supervisor to go back in to service and handle his radio calls. Gorzelanczyk did not submit any police reports in reference to his involvement in the pursuit or officer involved shooting.

Subject Information

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S/V/W: W
CCH: No
