



Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT



12/20/2012 INTERVIEW OF SGT. MARK SHEPARD

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 Robert M. Phillips, along with Fraternal Order of Police President Brian Betley and Fraternal Order of Police Vice President Jerry Zarlenga representing the union. The interview was conducted by Ohio BCI Special Agent Scott Stranahan and Special Agent Thomas Verhiley.

Sergeant Mark S. Shepard 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 #81.

Details

Shepard is currently assigned as a Patrol Sergeant to the 3rd District second shift and is a 24-year veteran of the Cleveland Police Department. On Thursday, November 29, 2012, Shepard was working 1400 hours to 2400 hours, with rotating days off. Shepard's supervisor was Lieutenant Friedel.

Shepard said he is in good health and is not currently taking any prescription medications with no substance abuse. He does not wear corrective lenses only reading glasses occasionally. Shepard does not currently work any part-time jobs.

Shepard was wearing his issued Cleveland Police Department uniform with the exterior bullet resistant vest. Shepard was also carrying a Taser and duty belt with department issued equipment. All of Shepard's department magazines were at full capacity and he was not carrying a back-up weapon. Shepard indicated he usually carries a personal audio recording device on his person during interviews and traffic stops.

File Number: SI-18-12-82-1493	File Title: Timothy R. Russell (S) Malissa A. Williams (S)
Case Agent: Mark Kollar	Authoring Agent: Verhiley, T. #76 <i>TV</i>
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Shepard said on Thursday, November 29, 2012 he was in the 3rd District Lieutenant's office with Sergeant Edens and Lieutenant Wilson when he heard Detective Almeida broadcast over channel 3 there was a pursuit in progress. Shepard said he heard more commotion over the radio about, "We just got shot" and someone was in pursuit; however, he was unclear who was in pursuit. Shepard said he picked up the radio and asked who was in pursuit, what was it for, and a possible location. Shepard did not hear a response from anyone so he asked a second time. Again, Shepard said there was no response so he told the dispatching center if the officer wasn't going to respond, the officer must terminate the pursuit. Shepard believes he told the officer to terminate the pursuit on two separate occasions.

At this time, Shepard didn't realize the pursuit was actually being broadcast and taking place over channel 2 (2nd District). Officer Almeida was monitoring the pursuit on channel 2. Shepard said as Detective Almeida was monitoring channel 2, he broadcast on channel 3 (3rd District) there was a pursuit taking place. Shepard clarified that nobody from the 3rd District was in pursuit. Shepard said he then finished his shift and left the Police Station.

Shepard did not respond to the scene or have any involvement with the pursuit.

Subject Information

Name: Mark S. Shepard
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Telephone: [REDACTED]
Employment: Cleveland Police Department
DOB: 03/15/1964
SSN: [REDACTED]
Sex: Male
Race: White
Height: 5'-10"
Weight: 210 lbs
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
S/V/W: W
CCH: No
