



Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT



12/28/2012

REPORT RECEIVED SGT. JAMES RUTH - SCHLACHT

Summary



On December 19, 2012 Sgt. Scott Gardner and Sgt. James Ruth met officers of the Cleveland Police Department. This interview took place at 4055 Highlander Parkway Richfield, Ohio 44286.

Details

On December 19, 2012, Sgt. Gardner and Sgt. Ruth met with Ofc. Jarod Schlacht at the BCI Richfield Office. Schlacht was interviewed in regard to his participation in the officer involved shooting that occurred on November 29, 2012.

Sgt. Ruth reduced the interview to writing for submission to the case file.

The interview was video recorded. The recording and any associated documentation were submitted to the case file as Exhibit #111 and attachment respectively.

File Number: SI-18-12-82-1493	File Title: Timothy R. Russell (S) Malissa A. Williams (S)
Case Agent: Mark Kollar	Authoring Agent: John Saraya 
Date of Report: 12/28/12	Exhibit #: 111
Investigative Activity: Report received from Sgt. Ruth - Schlacht	Supervisor Approval: Dennis Sweet  JAN 17 2013

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EAST CLEVELAND POLICE DEPT
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

OFFENSE/INCIDENT: HOMICIDE/OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

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Additional details of offense or accident program of investigation, etc.

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On December 19, 2012 Detective Sgt. James Ruth (ECPD) and Detective Sgt. Scott Gardner (ECPD) met with Officer Jarod Schlacht (CPD) badge #2378 along with his attorney (Pat D'Angelo) and Union Representative (Steve Kinas). Schlacht was read his Miranda Warning which he acknowledged and stated he understood them. Schlacht was asked that having his rights in mind would he speak with us concerning the officer involved shooting that took place on November 29, 2012 in the area of 14410 Terrace Rd. East Cleveland, Ohio 44112. Schlacht stated yes he would speak with us.

Investigators asked Schlacht to give us some general information about himself. Schlacht stated he lives at [REDACTED] Mentor, Ohio and his date of birth is 8/17/82. Schlacht gave us his cell phone number as [REDACTED]. Schlacht stated he has been with the Cleveland Police Department for five years, assigned to the 5th District and his Supervisor is Sgt. Rose. Schlacht stated he is not on any medication and does not wear any type of corrective lenses. Schlacht states he was wearing the class B uniform and was carrying departmental issued equipment. Schlacht stated his partner was Anthony Longer. Schlacht stated Longer was driving on this night. Schlacht stated they had no type of recording device with them. Schlacht stated on the night of this incident their call sign was 5A35 but could not remember the car number. Schlacht stated they had their car radio on channel #2 and their portable was on channel #5. Investigators asked Schlacht if he had been involved any other officer involved shootings. Schlacht stated in May of 2012 he was involved in a shooting. Investigators ask Schlacht if he has any type of specialized training. Schlacht stated he was in the Army for a short time but was discharged due to an injury. Investigators asked Schlacht if he qualified with his city issued weapon. Schlacht stated he qualified with his weapon this year in the summer along with his in service training for use of force. Investigators asked Schlacht if he had any prior discipline. Schlacht stated yes and it was for an accident he was involved in four year ago. Investigators asked Schlacht to tell us how they first became involved in this incident and describe in detail their involvement in the pursuit.

Schlacht stated they were at a red light at the intersection of E.152nd and St. Clair when dispatch broadcast 2nd district was in a pursuit. Schlacht stated they were notified that the pursuit was on 90 eastbound approaching dead man's curve coming their way. Schlacht stated they were hearing over the radio zone cars calling out where they were going. Schlacht stated they went to E.140th exit at I90 but then heard over the radio that the suspect car got off on E.72nd. Schlacht stated they turned around and went south on

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E.140 to St. Clair. Schlacht stated once they got to E.140th and St. Clair they heard the suspect car was in the area of Superior and Wade Park. Schlacht stated they got onto Lakeview heading toward Superior when Sgt. Rose called off the pursuit. Schlacht stated they turned off their overhead lights and stopped in a parking lot at Lakeview and Superior. Schlacht stated when they heard the pursuit was on Euclid Ave they got onto E.123rd heading back to their zone when they heard shots fired over the radio so they headed up to the scene. Investigators asked Schlacht if they ever transmitted over the radio. Schlacht stated no, because they did not want to interrupt what was going on. Investigators asked Schlacht if he ever saw the suspect vehicle prior to arriving on scene. Schlacht stated no. Investigators asked Schlacht to describe what he saw when he came up to the scene. Schlacht stated they had to park on Terrace and had to walk up to the scene. Schlacht stated as he got to the scene he observed officers standing near the playground. Investigators asked Schlacht if he saw any officer go into or go near the suspect car. Schlacht stated no. Schlacht stated he walked near the suspect car but did not get close because he knew it was a crime scene. Investigators asked Schlacht if he has heard the names of the suspects or seen photos of them. Schlacht stated only from the news. Investigators showed Schlacht photos of the suspects and asked him if he ever had any type of interaction with them before. Schlacht stated no. Investigators asked Schlacht if he could remember where any officers were while on scene. Schlacht stated it was random. Schlacht stated they were in several groups within a large group. Investigators asked Schlacht if he could remember the lighting conditions at the scene. Schlacht stated it was lit and you could see and there were zone cars with spot lights on. Investigators asked Schlacht if EMS was on scene when he was there. Schlacht stated EMS was just getting there. Investigators asked Schlacht if any officers were injured. Schlacht stated no. Investigators asked Schlacht if he could recall any officers saying anything. Schlacht stated he spoke to officer Brelo. Schlacht stated officer Brelo appeared to be almost in shock. Schlacht stated Brelo stated "you got to come and look at my zone car, I almost got shot, and I almost died". Schlacht stated he also talked to Officer Moore. Schlacht stated Moore seemed really shook up and stated "I have a baby at home and he's only ten months old". Investigators asked Schlacht if he had any other conversations with officers concerning this incident. Schlacht stated he has asked other officers what they think is going to happen regarding this incident. Investigators asked Schlacht if he felt his and his fellow officers' actions were consistent with training. Schlacht stated yes. Investigators asked Schlacht if he used his


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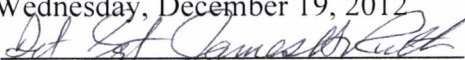
phone to make any phone calls, text messages or take pictures while on scene. Schlacht stated not while on scene but did use his phone to text after he left. Investigators asked Schlacht what type of text he sent. Schlacht stated the texts were about how crazy the chase was and that the officers were okay. Schlacht stated texts were mainly to Sgt. Dorothy Todd out of the 1st district. Investigators asked Schlacht if anyone has asked him to lie or otherwise influence his statement to investigators. Schlacht stated no. Investigators asked Schlacht if there were any other questions that we did not ask that he felt were important. Schlacht stated no and the interview ended.

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