



Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

12/31/12 INTERVIEW OF SGT. ARNEIL ROSE

Summary

Cleveland Police supervisors, involved in the shooting on November 29, 2012 were to be interviewed. These officers, while pertinent to the investigation, were not immediately involved in the shooting. As such, they were interviewed telephonically. Also present with the officer was Brian Betley and Jerry Zarlenga representing the union. The interview was conducted by BCI SA Eric Lehnhart and BCI SA John Saraya.

The interview was audio recorded and submitted to the case file as Exhibit #100.

Details



Arneil Rose is a 15-year veteran of the Cleveland Police Department. He is currently assigned to the 5th District Patrol Division, "C Platoon" working from 2000-0600 hrs. Rose was unsure of his days off for the week of November 29. His supervisor that night was Lt. Cheryl Brown.

On November 29, Rose said that he was, "alert and ready for work." Rose does not take any medication and was not drinking prior to his shift. Rose occasionally wears corrective lenses. While Rose does work some open shifts and secondary employment, he does not recall working any in the 48 hours prior to the pursuit.

Rose is a uniformed sergeant and was wearing his Glock 19, 2 extra magazines, Taser, handcuffs, OC spray, and ASP baton and a folding knife in a vest pocket. He does not carry a back-up weapon or personal recording device.

Rose was using call sign 5S34 operating on channel 5, but does not recall which patrol car he was using. Rose was in a marked Ford patrol car. Rose said that all equipment was functional

Rose does not have any extra certifications. He does have prior military experience serving in the Navy Reserve Sea Bees from 1989-1996. In the last 12 months Rose has qualified with his

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handgun, shotgun, and supervisors also qualify with a “beanbag” shotgun. Rose has received Use of Force training in the past 12 months. He said that his OPOTA certificate is up to date.

Rose was involved in a single prior shooting incident. Rose did not shoot in that incident.

Rose said that he was outside in the district parking lot, sitting in his patrol car, talking to another officer. The dispatcher advised of the pursuit that had originated in the 2nd District and was headed towards the 5th District. Rose said that when he was advised, the pursuit was on I-90 at “Deadman’s Curve”. Rose said that at that time, he gave permission for one 5th District car to head towards I-90 to monitor and assist if it became a foot pursuit. Rose characterized it as a “listening game” to monitor the course of the chase. Rose heard traffic that there was an occupant pointing a gun, the car was traveling at a high rate of speed, traffic of the car losing a tire, and then when at E. 72nd St., Rose said that he thought he heard it turned into a foot pursuit with one subject fleeing. He later heard that the vehicle was traveling again and there was no foot pursuit. Rose heard mention of a pop can and two occupants.

Rose said that at about this time there was some confusion on his part. He had gone across channel 5 and advised 5th District cars not to engage in the pursuit. He then heard a car come across the radio, “32” which advised that the pursuit had entered their area. Rose reiterated that no cars were to engage in the pursuit. He later found out that “32” turned out to be his lieutenant, S32. Rose continued to monitor the chase and heard about a water treatment plant. He did not know of any such place and continued to listen. He was still at the District Station when he hears the radio traffic of “shots fired.” After hearing this, another supervisor, Sgt. Saffo, was listening at Rose’s window. Saffo got into Rose’s car and they went to the scene.

When they arrived, Rose said there were, “...a lot of cars. 15-20 zone cars and unmarked cars, a lot of personnel, most of which I did not recognize.” Rose went on that he went up towards the scene to see if any of the officers and cars involved belonged to his district. The inner perimeter was already established. He saw other supervisors present, including Lt. Brown. He confirmed that no officers were injured. When he found no 5th District officers involved, Rose returned to his district. Rose believes he was at the scene for about 15 minutes. Rose said, “There was enough personnel up there; crime scene, you don’t need a lot of people there, if you’re not handling business you don’t need to be there.”

Rose’s opinion of lighting at the scene, including overheads and headlights, made it difficult to tell. Rose commented on the parking lot lights as well as the strobe effect of the overheads.

Rose described the atmosphere of the scene as officers standing around, some in awe, some in shock, varying between those involved and those not involved in the shooting. He did not get close to the subject car to see if anyone was in it. Rose repeated that he did not know any of the officers so he did not speak to any and cleared the scene. Rose did not take any photos of the scene.

Rose clarified his authority. While the District is divided into sectors and zones, and a supervisor is placed over a sector, in reality they are responsible for the cars working the road in the

District. His authority to engage or not was only over those officers in the 5th District. He was asked about Lt. Brown's radio traffic. Rose said that he understood it that the pursuit was in the 5th District and she was headed that way when it was around the Terrace St. area. Rose did not recognize the radio traffic as belonging to the lieutenant when she said she was going to monitor the situation. Rose did ask his dispatcher how many cars were involved and was told 2-3 that she knew of. Rose said his cars were to only get involved if it turned into a foot pursuit. They were not to engage in the vehicle chase.

Rose was on channel 5 the entire time.

Rose said that no one had tried to influence his statement.

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