

Witness Statement Form

Incident Date: 01/18/2024 Time: 0214

Address of Occurrence: 7702 Spafford Rd.

Incident # 2024-015839

Officer Name: Michael Readinger

District: 4

Zone: 1

Badge# 1328

Bureau/District SWAT

Platoon B

Citizen Name: Robert Perkins

Witness Statement

On Wednesday 01/17/2024 at approximately 1936 hrs, I was assigned to the Cleveland Division of Police Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) unit as outside cover, at the address of 7702 Spafford Rd. c/w an Armed Male who had barricaded himself inside the residence after firing multiple shots into neighbors houses and vehicles.

While on scene I was assigned to rear cover on the south side of 7712 Spafford Rd. observing the rear windows of 7702 Spafford Rd. While other members of the SWAT team were located inside of the Armored vehicle in front of the residence. At approximately 0214 hrs on Thursday 01/18/2024. we heard multiple shots fired coming from 7702 Spafford Rd. At this time I was instructed to grab my precision rifle in order to set up a highground position in the residence located across the street from 7702 Spafford Rd. While gathering my equipment I heard multiple more shots from the 7702 Spafford Rd. and was informed the suspect was firing towards the Cleveland Armored Vehicle striking it multiple times. As I was getting ready to move to the highground position I again heard multiple shots, and was informed that the suspect shot at the County Sherriffs armored vehicle and officers returned fire possibly striking the suspect. At which point I grabbed a ballistic shield and began getting ready to make entry to 7702 Spafford.

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Date: 01/18/2024

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