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On February 16, 2024 Det. Mysliwec and myself Det. Harvey spoke with, [REDACTED] who is employed with the Cleveland Division of Police in regard to an incident where deadly force was used. [REDACTED] was accompanied by his legal counsel Henry Hilow and union representation.

Detectives began by reading [REDACTED] his Miranda Rights which he acknowledged, fully understood and agreed to speak with Detectives. We began by asking [REDACTED] his service time with the Cleveland Division of Police which he replied by saying just over six years and was hired in 2017. Detectives asked [REDACTED] if he had a specific call sign and he replied by saying not with the SWAT Unit. Detectives then asked [REDACTED] how long he has been on the SWAT Unit and he replied by saying just under three years. Detectives asked [REDACTED] what his normal duty hours were and he advised 1600-0000, but on Tuesday's works day shift. [REDACTED] also stated his normal days off are Saturday and Sunday. Detectives asked [REDACTED] was he scheduled to work the day of the incident and he replied by saying yes second shift 1600-0000. During the course of the interview Mr. Hilow did confirm the day of the incident was on Wednesday January 17, 2024. Detectives asked [REDACTED] if he had worked any special details or part-time work prior to the incident and he replied by saying no. [REDACTED] continued by saying he just worked his regular duty hours and did execute a search warrant earlier in the shift. Detectives then asked about what time they executed that search warrant and he replied by saying I think around 1800 hours. Detectives asked [REDACTED] to describe his uniform for the day and he replied by saying black boots, black pants, duty belt, outer carrier vest, ballistic helmet, eye protection, gloves and the rest was standard everyday equipment.

Detectives asked [REDACTED] how he received the callout for this incident and he replied he was notified by his supervisor while they were securing equipment from the prior search warrant. [REDACTED] further stated his supervisor said the callout was for a male shooting from a home and they waited and eventually was called out for the incident. Detectives asked [REDACTED] what his mode of transportation was responding to the scene and he responded by saying I was driving an Expedition #9120 white in color. Detectives asked again about [REDACTED] uniform of the day being easily visible with Law Enforcement emblems and he replied by saying yes. Detectives asked [REDACTED] if he wore glasses and contacts and he stated he did not. [REDACTED] was asked by Detectives if he was involved with any other Officer involved Shootings and he stated no.



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Detectives asked [REDACTED] if he remembered what time he arrived on scene and he stated approximately 7:30PM-8:00PM. Detectives asked [REDACTED] what his actions had been prior to using deadly force and he stated they had been on scene for approximately 9 hours and gave the decedent countless options to surrender. [REDACTED] began to go over the entire incident by saying he was one house over and was able to observe the male on the second story who appeared to be eating. [REDACTED] stated they were there for a while just observing the male's actions and began formulating a game plan. [REDACTED] stated himself along with [REDACTED] Ian Onofrei (#2040), Sgt. Mark Blaine (#9222), Mike Gelske (#1943) and Medic Tom Saunders were in the Bearcat. [REDACTED] states they moved the Bearcat to the front of the house and was there for several hours. [REDACTED] further states due to lack of cover they called for assistance from Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department with their Bearcat and they positioned themselves where they could cover the opposite side of the structure. [REDACTED] states they were there for several hours attempting to speak with the male and using any form of de-escalation possible. [REDACTED] stated during the time they were observing him he was dancing and jumping around in his underwear. [REDACTED] added there were times he had the rifle when he was doing this and time he did not. [REDACTED] continued by stating the male was playing rave/techno music with a light display going on all around the house. [REDACTED] further stated there was a sign outside of the house that read "Today will be the end". During the time period as they were waiting, [REDACTED] stated they observed the male to still be running around doing pushups and pull ups. [REDACTED] reports the male was continuously coming to the front door and they were using lights, LRAD and used a bull horn on the Bearcat to try and overcome him playing the loud music so he could hear them. [REDACTED] stated there was no reaction from the male at all when they were using the lights/sirens and seemed to be almost manic.

[REDACTED] stated they repositioned the Bearcat and set up the ram to their vehicle. [REDACTED] states they moved to the front of the house and Detectives had been communicating with the male and did not get a response for a couple hours. [REDACTED] stated the decision was made to breach the front door. After breaching door, the male was standing right there. [REDACTED] believed the male was going to ambush them. [REDACTED] stated the male picked up the door placed it in the front yard and started to clean up the debris. [REDACTED] stated the male then began to speak on a loud speaker for approximately 2 hours. [REDACTED] states the male had the rifle in his hand the entire time this was taking place. [REDACTED] could make out the male saying something along the lines of "I'm here to kill bad people and save good people", "I'm here to die, I want to die". [REDACTED] said this went on for some time and they observed him going up to the windows and appeared to be loading magazines. [REDACTED] stated after this he heard about 8 to 12 shots while standing on the back bumper. [REDACTED] stated Galeske said he's about to shoot at us and then seen the windshield on the Bearcat shattering. [REDACTED] said he heard 4-5 shots then radio traffic was heard that the male shot the County Bearcat. [REDACTED] positioned himself in the torrent of the Bearcat and opened the port watching the second story. [REDACTED] observed the male holding the rifle up and aimed at the County Bearcat. [REDACTED] made the decision and took one shot at the male. [REDACTED] stated they were 30 yards away approximately and the shotgun he had was well equipped to do this with. [REDACTED] stated he took one shot at the window frame and [REDACTED] observed the male lower his rifle. [REDACTED] observed the male shoulder his weapon and appeared to be taking aim at zone cars so he fired 3 more rounds at the male. [REDACTED] believed he hit the male as he went down to one knee. [REDACTED] stated he did not hear hearing protection in and his ears were ringing and could not tell if anyone else was shooting. They confirmed the male was down so they had to breach the door once again. [REDACTED] stated they entered the home and secured the scene and rendered first aid to the male. Detectives asked [REDACTED] if he knew if anyone else shot and he did not know, but did state he thought he was the first to shoot. [REDACTED] was asked how many rounds he fired and he replied by saying 4 rounds. [REDACTED] stated he fired his gun due to the safety of himself and others on scene.