

Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation Investigative Report



2024-1658 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 2212 Tryon Rd., Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

Investigative Activity: Agent Response

Involves: John Anthony Perry (O)

Activity Date: 06/01/2024

Activity Location: 2212 Tryon Road, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

Authoring Agent: SA Andrew J. Harasimchuk #170

Narrative:

On June 1, 2024, at approximately 0429 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Harasimchuk (Harasimchuk) was notified by BCI Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Charles Moran (Moran) that an officer involved critical incident had occurred in Ashtabula County. SAS Moran advised SA Harasimchuk that the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office had requested that BCI Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) respond to 2212 Tryon Road, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004, to investigate the officer involved critical incident. SAS Moran stated that the Lake County Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT team had been involved in a standoff at the abovementioned location and that at some point two SWAT team members had fired their weapons and possibly struck the male subject, later identified as John Anthony Perry (Perry). Perry was found deceased inside 2212 Tryon Road.

SAS Moran advised SA Harasimchuk that SIU SA Cory Momchilov (Momchilov), SIU SA Eric Lehnhart (Lehnhart), CSU SA Megan Roberts (Roberts), and CSU SA Sarah Taylor (Taylor) would also be responding to the scene.

On June 1, 2024, at approximately 0630 hours, SA Harasimchuk arrived at the above-mentioned location. Upon arrival, SA Harasimchuk was briefed by Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office Detective Evan Wolff (Wolff). Detective Wolff advised SA Harasimchuk that Ashtabula County Sherriff's Office Deputy John Helfer (Helfer) and Sergeant Brian Sterrick (Sterrick) had originally responded to the scene for a male that was threatening his neighbors with a gun. Detective Wolff said that a female, later identified as Shannon Turnquist (Turnquist), who resides at 2125 Tryon Road had called the police because her [Turnquist's] neighbor, Perry, who resides at 2212 Tryon Road, had pointed a firearm at her [Turnquist]. Detective Wolff said that while Deputy Helfer and Sergeant Sterrick were on scene, that Perry's nephew, Nathan Lukkarila (Lukkarila) had also arrived on scene. Detective Wolff stated that Lukkarila, Deputy Helfer, and Sergeant Sterrick were outside of Perry's residence and that Perry was inside the residence. Detective Wolff advised SA Harasimchuk that Lukkarila was attempting to

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talk to Perry through the front door. Detective Wolff said that at some point, Perry had come outside of his [Perry's] residence with a shotgun and pointed it at Lukkarila, Deputy Helfer, and Sergeant Sterrick. Detective Wolff said that the Lake County Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT Team was notified and responded to the scene. Detective Wolff said that a standoff began, and CS gas was fired into the residence. During the standoff, Perry fired three rounds from a shotgun at members of the SWAT team, with one of those rounds striking an armored vehicle. Detective Wolff said that at some point, Perry pointed the shotgun out of the front picture window and, at that time, two officers from the Lake County Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT team fired their weapons, striking Perry.

Detective Wolff identified the officers that fired their weapons as

Detective Wolff also advised SA Harasimchuk that one of the SWAT vehicles had been moved from the location in the street it was positioned in when officers fired. This SWAT vehicle was moved into the front yard area of 2212 Tryon Road. Additionally, Detective Wolff stated that Turnquist's husband, Dwayne Turnquist [Dwayne] had recorded several hours of the standoff on his [Dwayne's] cellphone.

Detective Wolff stated that in addition to Lukkarila, the following family members of Perry were also on scene; Liz Campbell (Perry's sister), Kathy Koski (Koski) (Perry's sister), and Patrick Perry (Perry's brother).

SA Roberts and SA Taylor processed the scene and collected evidence.

SA Harasimchuk and SA Momchilov interviewed Dwayne, Turnquist, and Koski.

SA Momchilov attempted to obtain the video footage that was captured by Dwayne.

SA Harasimchuk and SA Lehnhart conducted a neighborhood canvass.

References:	
None	
Attachments:	
None	

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