



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



2023-2307  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – I-75 Southbound at Mile  
Marker 110

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Trooper Ryan LaMarr (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 09/03/2023  
**Author:** SA Jason A. Snyder, #176

**Narrative:**

On September 03, 2023, Special Agent (SA) Jason Snyder (Snyder), with the Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), conducted a recorded interview of Trooper (Trp.) Ryan LaMarr (LaMarr). The interview was conducted at Lima Memorial Hospital, located at 1001 Bellefontaine, Lima, Oh. 45804.

Both SA Snyder and Trp. LaMarr agreed to meet this date and location. Trp. LaMarr was advised that he did not have to talk to SA Snyder and he could leave at any time. Trp. LaMarr voluntarily agreed to speak to SA Snyder. Before taping began, SA Snyder introduced himself and briefly explained who he was and why he was there.

SA Snyder asked Trp. LaMarr a little about himself. Trp. LaMarr is a college graduate. He has been with the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) since 2010. He has been assigned to the Wapakoneta Post since 2016. He currently works first shift which is from 0600 to 1400. His radio call sign is 1108.

SA Snyder asked Trp. LaMarr about an incident that occurred on interstate highway 75 (I-75) that day concerning Danny Berry (Berry). Trp. LaMarr advised that he was on patrol when he received a message that a pursuit was approaching his location. He saw that the suspect (Berry) was suspected of murder, by use of a firearm, in another state.

Trp. LaMarr posted himself at mile marker 110 on Interstate highway 75 (I-75) and waited for the pursuit to near him so he could join. He was notified that Berry's vehicle was disabled, but still moving. Trp. LaMarr joined the pursuit.

After joining, the radio came on and a supervisor authorized one of the Troopers to engage Berry's vehicle to prevent it from continuing. This was due to the speed of

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Berry's vehicle being low and the civilian population was low in that area. Just south of mile marker 110, a Trooper pitted Berry's vehicle and the pursuit ended. Berry's vehicle moved to the median and part of the vehicle rested on the safety wires. The vehicle was pointed in a northwest direction. When the vehicle came to rest, a fire started. The opposing lane of traffic was stopped.

Trp. LaMarr exited his cruiser and retrieved his issued shotgun. He moved up to the area and took cover behind a cruiser. He saw that Berry was in the vehicle and brandishing his "pistol". He changed the position of the pistol from one hand to another.

Berry exited his vehicle and started walking southbound with the pistol in his hand which he pointed at his head. Trp. LaMarr joined other Troopers who were around a moving OSHP SUV which was following Berry. While he was in line with other Troopers, he did not issue any commands to Berry due to several other Troopers issuing the commands. Those commands were "drop the gun" and "exit the vehicle".

While in line with the other Troopers on the driver side of the SUV, Trp. LaMarr heard a gunshot. Berry fell to the ground after the gunshot was heard. At that time, Trp. LaMarr did not know who made the gunshot noise. By seeing Berry fall to the ground, Trp. LaMarr and several other Troopers walked up to Berry. Trp. LaMarr secured Berry's pistol at the scene.

Trp. LaMarr took the pistol and secured it in one of the SUVs which was in the pursuit and had moved up to Berry's location. He opened the cylinder and took out the only round that was in the cylinder, which was an unfired round. He placed both in a zip lock bag. The pistol was secured in the SUV at that time.

Trp. LaMarr was told that Berry was being transported to the hospital. Trp. LaMarr assisted in directing Emergency Medical Service (EMS) and Fire to Berry and his vehicle. He was asked to follow the EMS truck to the hospital. He did as he was asked and followed the EMS truck to the hospital in Lima, Ohio.

Trp. LaMarr had his body worn camera active the entire time during the incident and included his time up to arriving at the hospital.

SA Snyder asked Trp. LaMarr to describe the pistol that Berry had. He described the pistol as a black in color revolver. It was missing the wood grips, which is typically used on the handle of guns like this one. The barrel of the gun was short "snub-nosed". He believed that the caliber of the pistol was a ".38 special".

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and

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may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2023-09-03, Interview of Trp. Ryan LaMarr

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