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Investigative Report



2021-1772

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 300 Wood Street Apt. A8, Mansfield,  
OH

Investigative Activity: Interview of Jaron Ginn  
Activity Date: July 30, 2021  
Authoring Agent: SA Cory Momchilov #64

On July 30, 2021, Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov), along with Mansfield Police personnel Lieutenant (Lt.) Rob Skropits (Skropits) and Detective (Det.) Larry Schacherer (Schacherer), interviewed Jaron Ginn (Ginn) at OhioHealth Hospital, located at 335 Glessner Ave., Mansfield, Ohio.

Prior to the interview, it was decided that Lt. Skropits and Det. Schacherer would speak to Ginn related to the stabbing incident, and SA Momchilov would speak with Ginn related to the officer-involved shooting incident.

Ginn explained that on the day of the incident, he was with an individual named James Haynes (Haynes). Ginn advised that he met Haynes a few days prior through a friend. Ginn advised that he and Haynes were driving around in Ginn's mother's Nissan Rogue looking for open Wi-Fi networks to use.

Ginn then advised that a "friend" of his needed to go somewhere, so the friend paid Ginn to borrow the Nissan Rogue. Ginn stated the car was supposed to be returned at 1:00 PM on July 29, 2021. Ginn advised it was getting later in the day, well past when the car was to be returned, so he and Haynes decided "to walk to where dude's mom lives," so they could have the mom call the individual who had the vehicle. Ginn stated the mom was not home, so they decided to call "this white guy, a mutual friend" to have him call the individual who had the car and "persuade him that, um, he had some money to...to spend." The individual who had the car did not answer, so Ginn and Haynes decided to walk to Mulberry Street to "get a little bag of weed."

Ginn stated once on Mulberry Street, they "got the weed," and Ginn was able to connect to the Wi-Fi so he could make a phone call. Ginn stated he called the individual who had the car but did not get an answer. After the phone call, Ginn stated the individual who had his phone began texting him saying, "Yeah, I'll be there," but never showed up.

Ginn stated, at this point, he was breathing hard and sweating and advised Haynes that he needed a minute to catch his breath. Ginn then stated that Haynes told him, "I got us a cab." According to Ginn, he asked where they were going. Haynes responded, "Where Boone [John Black] lives."

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Ginn advised they entered the taxi, which he described as a small SUV, and traveled to 300 Wood Street. Ginn advised when they arrived at 300 Wood Street, the cab driver advised that the fare was \$5. According to Ginn, Haynes said to the cab driver, "Okay, baby, stay here and, uh, I'll go get the \$5 and bring it back out to ya." Ginn stated he immediately got out because he "knew somethin' wasn't right when he did that." Ginn continued, "I'm just gonna go ahead and go down there and talk to her, let her know what happened, we ain't go it. And, uh, that's what I did. So, I said, look, we thought it was paid for, yada, yada, what can we do to move past this."

Ginn stated he knew that the cab driver or "somebody" was calling the police, so Ginn and Haynes decided to walk up to John Black's (Black) apartment and knocked on the door. According to Ginn, Black let them into the apartment and they asked Black for \$5. Black replied that he did not have \$5.

Ginn advised that Black then went downstairs to speak with the cab driver. At this point, Ginn stated he is sitting on the couch inside of the apartment and Haynes is standing in the doorway. Ginn stated that Haynes watched Black and the cab driver talk for approximately 60 seconds and then shut and locked the apartment door. Ginn then advised that Haynes came over to him and said, "I wanna talk to you." Haynes then said, "I have reason to believe you're the police." Ginn stated he replied, "Haha, yeah, yeah, whatever."

Ginn then stated, "But, honestly, something made him believe that I was, uh, like a C.I. (Confidential Information) or the police." Ginn continued, "I said, 'no, -inaudible- talking 'bout,' you know, we're doing some of the same illegal activities, allegedly, and uh, so he's standing over top of me, I'm thinking he just...because in some ways, we were, um, we were more than just regular friends, in some ways."

Ginn stated, "Before I knew it, he's like, somethin' about the police and he, he, he's got his arms held -inaudible- he's gonna hit me, he head butts me, I mean head-butts me really well. I let go of his arms and there we are, I'm on the couch, he's standing over top of me, exchanging blows, except he's got his knife, he starts cutting me, stabbing me, I couldn't believe it, couldn't believe it." Ginn described the knife as, "the one that clicks and it's turquoise, tie-dye, makes it purple and gold."

Ginn continues, "As I'm getting sliced and stabbed and cut and, and, some type of way, he stumbled and I took my opportunity then to get hold of his leg, grab him down to the floor." Ginn advised that he thought he was going to die.

Ginn continues, "So, he gets tired, he gets up, goes to the door, opens the door, stands outside of the door, and I could see the screen doors open. I shot up right off my behind, went over there,

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and -inaudible- here Boone is still talkin' to the lady. I mean, in the longest, loudest, I mean, I wanted the, the -inaudible- to hear me, I said, help."

Ginn stated he made it to the door, screamed help and then shut and locked the door. Ginn advised, at this point, the police were there but did not know this (the stabbing) had happened.

At this point, Haynes is outside of the apartment. Ginn stated, "So, some type of way, he broke that -inaudible- glass and I said, oh my god, I'm really gonna die. I start running to the closet and, uh, tried to lock myself in, but so much stupid, stupid crap in there. I couldn't even do that, I just said, Jesus, before I knew it, all you heard was, pow, pop, pop, pop, pop. "

Ginn continued, "The glass breaks, I see it shatter, It's almost as if he's trying to get back in." Ginn stated he felt like the gunshots started before Haynes got back into the apartment.

Ginn advised that the closet he tried to lock himself in was in the kitchen area and described the area as a cul-de-sac. Ginn advised, "I went low and I couldn't see nothing, but I heard about four or five gunshots." SA Momchilov asked Ginn if he heard the officers say anything. Ginn stated, "I heard them say 'Mansfield Police, put your hands up.'"

SA Momchilov stated, "So, would it be fair to say, that once the officers came inside, you didn't see, you didn't see anything, you were, you said you were tucked down?" Ginn advised that was correct and he was focused more on what had happened to him.

Ginn reiterated that he only met Haynes a few days ago and they met through a friend. SA Momchilov asked if he had ever seen Haynes act like this before. Ginn stated, "No, but I wouldn't put it past him." Ginn stated a few days ago, he stole a girl's car and planned on selling the car at a chop shop for \$800 and that he wanted to leave town.

Ginn had previously told investigators that he lives in Westerville. SA Momchilov asked Ginn what he was doing in Mansfield. Ginn replied, "What brought me up to Mansfield was, um, um, I am an addict and, uh, it's good that I don't know where some of those things are in Columbus. That's a lot of the reasons why I moved, however, I got tempted, and I had some money, had some, full gas tank."

SA Momchilov asked Ginn if Haynes was under the influence when this incident occurred. Ginn responded, "Yes, weed."

The interview with Ginn was audio recorded. The audio recording is attached to this Investigative Report.

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Det. Schacherer obtained a voluntary buccal swab from Ginn. SA Momchilov later took possession of that swab from the Mansfield Police Department on August 5, 2021. That swab was later submitted to the Ohio BCI Laboratory for DNA analysis and comparison purposes. The Mansfield Police Department property receipt for Ginn's DNA swab is attached to this Investigative Report.

PROPERTY REPORT (Evidence Room Copy)

Case #: 21018348

Category <i>EVID</i>	Classification <b>PERS</b>	Property Report# <b>49976</b>	Bag / Item <i>2 / 1</i>	Building	Room	Bin <i>110</i>	Evid. Spec <i>LSCHACHERER</i>	System ID <i>83447</i>
Property Description <i>09 BUCCAL SWAB</i>				Make/Model		Letter	Weapon	Estimated Value
Year <i>0</i>	Color	Lic/Lis	Vin			Owner Applied #		
Owner Name <i>Ginn, Jaron Von</i>				Address <i>74 ELECTRIC AVE, D, WESTERVILLE, OH</i>				
Case # <b>21018348</b>		Offense <i>FELONIOUS ASSAULT</i>			Case Officer <i>SCHACHERER, L. S. (SOB, DET)</i>			
Location from which property was seized <i>335 GLESSNER AVE</i>				Date / Time <i>07/29/2021 17:28:00</i>		Seizing Officer <i>SCHACHERER, L. S. (SOB, DET)</i>		
Notes				Bio Hazard	Drug Test	Seized From <i>Ginn, Jaron Von</i>		
<i>Buccal Swab taken from Jaron V. Ginn [07/30/2021 18:12, LSCHACHERER, 126, MPD]</i>								
<b>Chain Of Custody</b>								
Rec. By	Name	Reason	Rel. By	Date/Time	Returned By	Ret. To	Date/Time	
<i>C</i>	<i>CORY Monchilu</i>	<i>DNA</i>	<i>DWJ</i>	<i>8/5/21</i>				
Current Status <i>MPD</i> <i>08/03/2021</i>								
<b>Disposition</b>								
Code	Date	Authority				Evid. Spec		
Released To					Release Notes			

COURT DISPOSITION OR STATUS OF EVIDENCE

Return To Owner       Destroy       Release to Local School

Released To \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Court Official)