



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



2022-2876

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 256 N. Swain, LaRue, Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Deputy Larry Yoder (W)
Date of Activity: 12/20/2022
Activity Location: Yoder, Deputy Larry – Business – 100 Executive Drive, Marion, OH 43302, Marion County
Author: SA Jason A. Snyder, #176

Narrative:

On 12/20/22, Special Agent (SA) Jason Snyder (Snyder) and Special Agent (SA) Tiffany Volmer (Volmer) with the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), conducted a taped interview of Deputy Larry Yoder (Yoder) with the Marion County Sheriff's Office (Marion SO). The interview was conducted at the Marion SO, located at 100 Executive Dr., Marion, OH 43302.

Both SA Snyder and Deputy Yoder agreed to meet at this date and location. Deputy Yoder voluntarily agreed to speak to BCI agents.

SA Snyder asked Deputy Yoder a little about his work history and education. Deputy Yoder has been with the Marion SO for 32 years. Most of his time with the Marion SO has been as an auxiliary deputy. A few years ago, Deputy Yoder became a full-time deputy. Deputy Yoder has a high school diploma.

SA Snyder asked Deputy Yoder about an incident that occurred that morning. Deputy Yoder advised that he was tasked with driving the utility truck (5155) for the Marion SO. The truck has several items which could be used during the search warrant operation, which was being conducted in LaRue, Ohio.

Deputy Yoder attended the search warrant briefing and then drove with the column of other law enforcement vehicles to the search warrant location located at 256 N. Swain, LaRue, OH 43332. Deputy Yoder stationed the truck he was driving about a block south from the search warrant location. He had with him in the truck, an intern; her name was Destany Yoder (Destany).

While they were on standby, Deputy Yoder could not see anything near the search warrant location or the area of the shooting. He did hear, after a few minutes after the entry teams approached the residents, gunfire in the distance. His guess in the amount of shots fired was

This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law – a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.

about 15 rounds. A few moments later, he heard on the radio, "Shots fired, need a medic."

A minute or so later, Deputy Ty Williams (Williams), who is the tactical medic, arrived at Deputy Yoder's truck and withdrew a medical bag. Deputy Williams asked to be driven to the location of where the shots were fired.

Deputy Yoder drove Deputy Williams to the location of the shooting. He positioned his truck to the north side of the tracks and pointed his headlights at the area where officers were medically treating a man on the ground at the railroad tracks.

Deputy Yoder stayed in his truck and did not get out. Destany did the same. Deputy Yoder could not hear what anyone was saying at the location, including anything from the man on the ground being treated.

After some time, Emergency Medical Support (EMS) arrived and took the man on the ground away. The man on the ground was Travis Hellinger.

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 may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions.

This report was written by SA Jason Snyder.