



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 135 Old National Rd, Lore City
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Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Date of Activity: 06/25/2022
Activity Location: – 135 Old National Rd, Lore City, OH 43755, Guernsey County
Author: SA Andrew Russell

Narrative:

On Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 03:36 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP) Trooper (Tpr.) Drew Untied (Untied), the interview took place at 133 Old National Road, Lore City, Ohio 43768. The interview was audio recorded.

Untied was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the June 25, 2022, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 135 Old National Road, Lore City, Ohio. Reportedly, Untied did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Untied stated his radio call sign on June 25, 2022, was 1547. During the incident, Untied wore his standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt. He drove an OSP cruiser, marked with OSP emblems and emergency lights. He considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident. He stated was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI.

Untied stated he was advised of a pursuit in his area, Guernsey County and another trooper was able to deploy stop-sticks; but the vehicle but did not immediately stop. Untied added he caught up to the vehicle at 285 and Old National Road, observed the vehicle come to a slow rolling stop. Untied stated he exited his marked cruiser with a shotgun and took up a position behind a Barnesville cruiser. Untied added that Barnesville Lieutenant Tippy began to talk with the female driver, requesting her to place her hands out of the window. Untied advised the driver was uncooperative and wanted to know why officers were attempting to stop her.

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Untied stated he then moved to a position behind a parked truck to see inside the operator's vehicle from the passenger side and only observed the female driver. Untied stated he could see the subject's empty right hand but not her left. Untied advised he returned to his original position, advised other officers of what he had seen and then returned to the passenger side parked truck with another Officer.

Untied advised he stayed at that position until SWAT began their approach to the subject, he then moved back to his original position, behind the cruisers. Untied added he saw a SWAT member strike the right front passenger window to break it, deploy a flash-bang and then heard a series of rounds being fired. He also observed a SWAT member fall to the ground, followed by a pause then more rounds were fired. Untied added the SWAT members were issuing verbal commands during the engagement. Untied added officers checked on the SWAT member who fell, but he appeared uninjured. Untied added that he went to retrieve his medic bag from his cruiser but was advised that medics were on scene.

Untied added during the pursuit the female subject was on the phone with his dispatch center, advising them that her case was closed and why did officers want her stopped. Untied added that Trooper Miller, her cousin attempted to talk with her to no avail.

The interview concluded at approximately 03:47 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 6-25-2022 Drew Untied OSP