



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



2022-1734
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 27724 Zuck Road, Howard,
Ohio 43028

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Jesse Ramsier (W)
Date of Activity: 09/01/2022
Activity Location: Ramsier, Jesse – Business – 11540 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mount
Vernon, OH 43050, Knox County
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Narrative:

On Thursday, September 01, 2022, at approximately 1220 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Lehnhart and SA John Tingley interviewed Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) Deputy Sergeant Jesse Ramsier (Sgt. Ramsier), who was accompanied by his attorney, Doug Behringer, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at 11540 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050. The interview was audio recorded.

Sgt. Ramsier was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the August 22, 2022, officer-involved shooting, which occurred in the area of 27724 Zuck Road, Howard, Ohio 43028. Reportedly, Sgt. Ramsier 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.

Sgt. Ramsier stated his radio call sign on August 22, 2022, was 4270. He has been employed by the KCSO for five and one half (5.5) years, being promoted to the rank of sergeant in April of 2022. He has been a police officer for a total of five and one half (5.5) years. During the incident, Sgt. Ramsier wore his standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore a concealed ballistic vest and duty belt. 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.

On Monday, August 22, 2022, Sgt. Ramsier was on station at KCSO, when a dispatch call came over the radio for a disturbance on Zuck Road. Sgt. Ramsier responded immediately to the area. This call was quickly upgraded to a "12A" burglary in progress.

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On scene, Sgt. Ramsier and Deputy Scoles discovered a Cadillac in the driveway and noticed that a female, identified as Elizabeth Delano (Delano), had already made entry to the house. Sgt. Ramsier began giving Delano orders to come out of the home, however, Delano was defiant in her response to Sgt. Ramsier's commands.

The officers on scene paused for a few minutes to confirm that both juveniles were out of the home and safe. A female juvenile was determined to be safe but her brother's whereabouts were still in question. Once Deputy Collins arrived, the pair confirmed that both juveniles were safe and at the neighbor's residence.

As Sgt. Ramsier continued to give Delano commands to exit the residence, he heard her say, "I have you in my sights." Sgt. Ramsier was positioned near Delano's Cadillac, when he heard Delano break out a window and point a shotgun in his direction. While behind cover of the vehicle, Sgt. Ramsier relayed their situation to the dispatching center and had them contact Lieutenant Craig Feeney, who was KCSO Tactical Team Commander, to advise him of the situation. He also asked for Mount Vernon Police and Deputy Williams, who was close by, working a security detail to respond to the scene.

Sgt. Ramsier was able to retreat away from Delano's vehicle and retrieve his patrol rifle from his patrol vehicle. On his return to the property, Deputy Scoles stated that he could smell a faint odor of propane. Out of an abundance of caution, Sgt. Ramsier asked all officers to back away from the home and reassemble on Zuck Road.

Deputy Scoles then asked Sgt. Ramsier if it was okay to go around to the back of the residence, so he could gather additional information and for a better view. Sgt. Ramsier approved this tactic; however, Delano spotted Deputy Scoles and fired twice on his position in the weeds. Sgt. Ramsier stated that Deputy Scoles rushed out of the area advising him, "She's shooting at me."

A short time after Delano's confrontation with Deputy Scoles, Sgt. Ramsier stated that he could hear Deputy Collins yell towards Delano to "drop the gun." Sgt. Ramsier continued that he heard one (1) gunshot, turned on his tactical light and found Delano on the ground.

Sgt. Ramsier and Deputy Williams began to provide aid to Delano. As Sgt. Ramsier directed others to clear the Delano home, he and Deputy Williams began performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on Delano. Their care continued until EMS arrived and assumed advanced life support treatment.

The interview concluded at approximately 1235 hours.

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

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-09-01 Ramsier, Jesse Interview