



Ohio Attorney General's Office  
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Investigative Report



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

**Date of Activity:** 12/21/2022  
**Author:** SA Joshua S. Rammel, #175

**Narrative:**

On December 21, 2022, Special Agent (SA) Josh Rammel (Rammel) assisted with multiple interviews conducted at 100 Dillmont Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43235, involving members of the Delaware County Special Response Team (SRT). The interviews were in regard to an officer-involved shooting (OIS) which occurred on December 20, 2022, in LaRue, Ohio, during the course of a search warrant. The Delaware County SRT was requested to assist the Marion County SRT during the search warrant, which directly led to the OIS.

It is important to note that no members of the Delaware County SRT were involved with the OIS, and the interviews were conducted due to the members of the Delaware County SRT being potential witnesses to the OIS.

The interview was recorded using a digital audio recorder. A copy of the recording was attached to this investigation.

SA Rammel conducted an interview with David Johnson (Johnson). SA Rammel began the interview by identifying himself and confirming that Johnson understood the reason for the interview. Johnson stated that he understood and agreed to speak with SA Rammel without an attorney or union representative present. Johnson provided his date of birth as December 1, 1975, and stated that he is employed with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and has been a police officer for 25 years.

Johnson indicated that on December 20, 2022, the Delaware County SRT assisted the Marion County SRT with a search warrant in LaRue, Ohio. During the course of the search warrant, Johnson advised that he was assigned to the reserve team. Johnson clarified that the reserve team was "held back" during the execution of the search warrant on Swain Avenue, and it was during this time that Johnson heard over the radio that the alleged suspect was on the railroad tracks. Johnson also stated he could see a drone over the tracks with a light on the alleged suspect's current position.

Johnson mentioned that he could hear unidentifiable shouting and see additional flashlights along the railroad tracks, as he held his position along Swain Avenue.

Johnson advised that he did not see any of the gunshots, but he was able to hear "a lot" of them, "more than one."

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Johnson indicated that he did not have any questions for SA Rammel, nor did he have any additional information to provide.

At that time, the interview was concluded.

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. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: Interview with David Johnson 2022-12-21

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