



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



2024-1658

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 2212 Tryon Rd.,  
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Deputy Shane Hopp  
**Involves:** Deputy Shane Hopp (W)  
**Activity Date:** 06/20/2024  
**Activity Location:** Lake County Sheriff's Office-104 East Erie Street,  
Painesville, Ohio  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Cory Momchilov #64

### Narrative:

On June 20, 2024, at 1124 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) and SA Jesse Bynum (Bynum) interviewed Lake County Sheriff's Deputy Shane Hopp (Deputy Hopp). The interview took place at the Lake County Sheriff's Office located at 104 E. Erie Street, Painesville, Ohio. The Interview was audio recorded.

Deputy Hopp was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the June 1, 2024 officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 2212 Tryon Road, Ashtabula, Ohio. Reportedly, Deputy Hopp 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.

Deputy Hopp stated his radio call sign on June 1, 2024, was "48" or "Hopp". He has been employed by the Lake County Sheriff's Office for approximately 10 years and is a K-9 handler. Prior to that, Deputy Hopp worked at Mentor-on-the-Lake Police Department for approximately 4 to 5 years. Deputy Hopp has been a member of the Lake County Regional SWAT Team for approximately 8 years. Deputy Hopp was wearing green BDUs (Battle Dress Uniform), green shirt and an external vest. 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. He does not wear corrective lenses.

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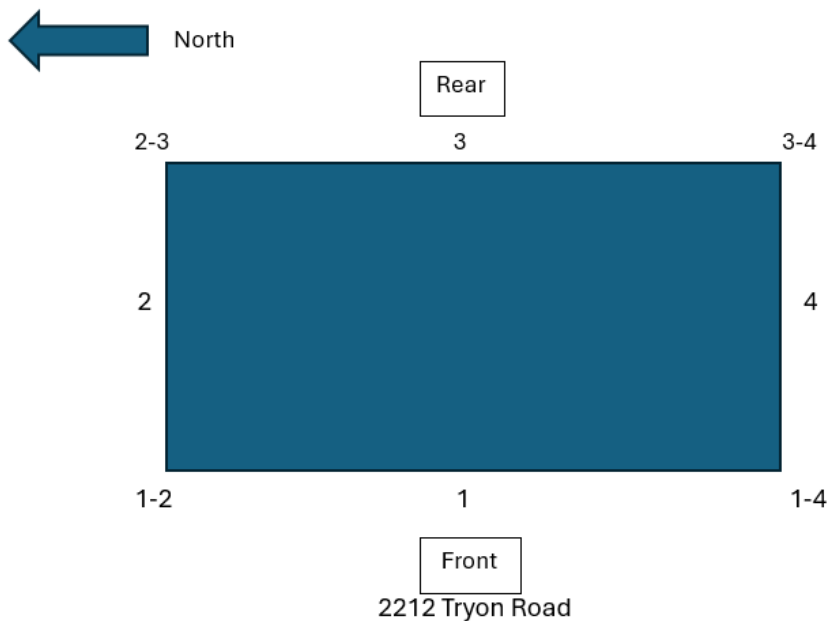
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**Precursor Information**

During tactical situations, a tactical numbering system is often utilized to quickly identify positions around a residence. The main entrance of the residence is usually referred to as the "1 side", counting clockwise around the house, the sides are then sequentially numbered. The corners are then designated by indicating which sides meet at that corner, e.g. corner 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, and 1-4. This number system was utilized by the Lake County Reginal SWAT Team during this incident (See diagram below).



The Lake County Reginal SWAT Team had two armored vehicles on scene. A smaller armored vehicle, which team members refer to as "David" and a larger armored vehicle which is referred to as "Goliath."

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SA Momchilov asked Deputy Hopp if he could explain how he became involved in the incident.

Deputy Hopp explained that he received a page regarding a barricade. Deputy Hopp responded to the staging area, which was at a school, approximately half a mile away from the scene.

Deputy Hopp advised that the team members who arrived at the staging area first were assigned to David and "rolled to the scene" and moved to the 1-4 corner of the residence, with minimal knowledge of the incident, "Just barricaded guy with a shotgun possibly."

While on scene, Deputy Hopp advised that members were told that a male allegedly came out and pointed a rifle, possibly a shotgun at a neighbors and a kid, then retreated back into the residence. Deputy Hopp advised that David started to give commands, approximately every 2 minutes for the individual to "come out, come to the front door."

SA Momchilov stated, "So, my understanding is at some point, David approaches the front and starts knocking out the front window, the bay window of the residence?"

Deputy Hopp advised that was correct and that he was inside of David during that time. Deputy Hopp stated, "Um, we decided to take out the front of the residence. Either get a throw phone in there or, and also to get a view inside. Um, as we, we pulled up, we went around, there's a mailbox, there's a pole. We pulled up right here. I was I the, the back of the, uh, David, inside the vehicle, medic was on the passenger side, and then obviously Raymond (Deputy Jeffrey Raymond) was driving. Um, we went, initially went right through the window, and reason for it was basically just to take out the front window so we could get drones inserted into the house 'cause drones are awesome. Um, we started raking out the blinds and everything, um, and at that point, the male came from, there's a, this is the kitchen. There's a hallway right here. He came from the hallway and just basically stood, oh, wait. This is the hallway. The male basically stood right here as the armored vehicle was right here.

SA Momchilov stated, "For the sake of the recording, he's kind of in the living room area? Is that fair to say? Or the hallway?"

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Deputy Hopps responded, "Yes. Yes. A couple steps out of the hallway to the kitchen is right here. Family room is right here. There's, like, the front door. I consider that the hallway. He just kinda stepped right over. Like, maybe one step in, right in front of the bay window, basically. As, As far, if you're looking at the house, as far right as you can be to the bay window."

Deputy Hopp continued, "As we started raking out the front, there was no visual of him. Then, as we, um, initially took out the front window, that's when he appeared right there. He initially lifted the shotgun up, what appeared to be a shotgun, and he lunged forward like that. Like, pulled the trigger and lunged forward, and there was no bang. Then, as he dropped down, um, couldn't tell if he was reloading or if he re-racked, what he was doing because at that time, the blinds were still moving. So, the blinds kind of blocked my view of him. Clearly see him messing with the shotgun. Then you can see him come back up. When he came back up, he clearly had just shot the front window of David. No emotions. No nothing. Just, you could see it in his eyes."

SA Momchilov stated, "In your experience, you, you made the motion of him lunging forward with the gun, uh, would that be a misfire or some kind of malfunction?"

Deputy Hopp replied, "Yeah. Yeah. He clearly, you could see his finger. He jerked and pulled. So, he was getting ready for the recoil of the shotgun. And as he lunged forward, you could tell 'cause it startled him, and then he kinda looked down, and that's when kind of the blinds came over. He moved a little bit to just where I couldn't see exactly how he was fixing the shotgun. If he was reloading it or he was re-racking. I couldn't tell."

Deputy Hopp advised that he had a clear, unobstructed view of this, and the shot struck the passenger side, upper corner of the window of David.

After the shot, Deputy Hopp advised that the individual dropped down and appeared as if he was yelling. David then started to pull back to the 1-4 corner of the residence.

After that, Deputy Hopp stated, "We inserted the gas into the basement. So, we sent a team. I'm not familiar with the team but went over here. Started putting gas in the two lower windows. Um, we let that sit for a while. Um, when we got no response from that, the power and gas was already shut off. Um, then what we did was, we were on the pass, the driver's side of David, and our LTL (less than lethal) guy was putting gas into this 1-4 room right here, where we believed was his bedroom. We didn't know if he was in there or not, but the goal was to basically flush him out into this area. We wanted him out here. We already put gas in the back. The other crew was putting gas

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in the back here and in the garage. So, the goal was to flush him out the front or make him come out the front.”

SA Momchilov stated, “So, you guys were throwing in gas, or individuals. Members are shooting in gases to try to put him in the bay or try to move him towards the front area near the bay window. At any point during that time, does, does another round get fired?”

Deputy Hopp replied, “Yeah. So, as they're putting gas into here, I would say probably, don't quote me on this, but I'm just gonna, it was around, like, the third round of gas that went in here. As soon as that round, that round went through the window, there was a blast and a round that came out. You could just clearly see in the blind, a nice hole come through the blind and the blind pushed out, and it sounded almost as if somethin' went into the woods over near the vehicle but can't be for certain.” Deputy Hopp advised he was positioned behind the hood of David, near the driver's side door when that incident occurred.”

SA Momchilov stated, “And your opinion was, do you think it was a gunshot coming towards you guys?”

Deputy Hopp replied, “Oh, it was definitely a gunshot. But, like I said, the blinds were down. There was nothing visible from it, and it put a nice, you could tell just basically by the hole in the blind, it had to be a slug or something.”

SA Momchilov stated, “So, it's my understanding too at, at some point, the other armored vehicle runs out of, or there, there's a malfunction with their gas gun.

Deputy Hopp stated, “So, I don't know how they, they had a malfunction with the 40. We have extra ones on ours. They were positioned right here. Uh, we were positioned right here. So, um, they want, there were other guys that were with us. The initial, Like, us, the initial arresting officers. More showed up, but they were more in the back, so I'm not even familiar with who exactly showed up. They basically stayed back. So, we sent, the goal was to send David straight across here, have Malita (Agent Christopher Malita) basically get the armored as possible, and then basically rabbit a 40 over the next armor. Fully covered. Or nose to nose, basically.

Deputy Hopp continued, “So, I'm not sure how close they got to each other. The goal was to get as close as possible, Malita to run over and give them the gas, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would be his cover

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guys. So, I'm assuming that they were outside the vehicle right over, basically, the hood. I was in the turret. Um, the idea was, if you're lookin' at the house, there's a bedroom, the front door, then the family room. Um, that was all taken out. The front door and the family room basically taken out at the time. The idea was to get somebody up in the turret because we had the whole one side. Last known, um, information that I remember was the drone placed the male to the left of the residence. So, I think pretty much the assumption was from us, left of the residence, meaning that he went back into the kitchen area 'cause nobody saw him in the front. So, as he went to the left, we figured that was a good time to get the 40 over to him while he's doing whatever he's doing inside. Obviously, come to find out, he went left, but he was in the front room.

Deputy Hopp continued, "So, um, I was up in the turret. I had the turret set up, so I had the front door and the right window, the 1-4 window, um, and then all of a sudden there was some chatter. I couldn't really hear it just 'cause the diesel engine and everything, and then there was some shots, and that's it. I didn't see who shot. I saw what I thought to be muzzle, um, flashing from behind me, from the, the back of the armor. So, I'm kind of, like, looking at the door and the window like, 'What the fuck did I miss? Like, how the fuck did I miss any of this?' And then as I peep over, that's where you could see the blinds. You could see the hole through the blinds so clearly. That was where the shooting happened."

SA Momchilov asked, "You didn't see the individual present himself at that point?"

Deputy Hopp replied, "No, no, my assumption was, is that he was left of the residence inside the kitchen, and that's why we were trying to jump over there and do this quickly. So, but he wasn't there."

Sa Momchilov stated, "So, basically you're in the turret watching the door and the 1-4 corner..."

Deputy Hopp replied, "The door and the 1-4 bedroom window."

SA Momchilov stated, "And you just hear gunshots. You couldn't tell who was firing. You didn't see the individual inside the house."

Deputy Hopp replied, "Nope."

Deputy Hopp advised that he was not wearing a body-worn camera during the incident and has not seen any footage from the incident.

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Deputy Hopp also advised that he has not spoken with other team members about the incident, and no one has asked him to lie or otherwise try to influence his statement to investigators.

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

**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

1. Interview with Deputy Shane Hopp

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