



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



2022-1251
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 2280 Stelzer Road, Columbus,
OH 43215 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Deangelo Lamarr Franks (W)
Date of Activity: 06/08/2022
Activity Location: Franklin County Sheriff's Office – 410 South High Street,
Columbus, OH 43215, Franklin County
Author: SA Todd Fortner, #93

Narrative:

On Tuesday June 7, 2022 the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to assist the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) during an investigation of an officer involved critical incident. The location of the incident was 2280 Stelzer Road, Columbus, OH, 43215. FCSO deputies made contact with Pozz Striblin (Striblin) and other occupants in his vehicle in the parking lot at this location. Striblin was wanted for failure to register as a sex offender and he was the suspect in a double murder the week prior. As deputies attempted to take Striblin into custody, he reportedly exits the vehicle with a pistol. Deputies fired, fatally wounding Striblin.

As part of the investigation, BCI Special Agents Todd Fortner (SA Fortner) and Dave Wieging (SA Wieging) along with FCSO Detective Bryan Meister (Det. Meister) and Sergeant Brian Toth (Sgt. Toth) interviewed witness Deangelo Franks (Franks) at FCSO, 410 South High St., Columbus. Following is a summary of the interview. Audio of the interview is attached and should be referred to for further details.

The interview was conducted in a FCSO interview room at 0017 hours. SA Fortner read Franks his Miranda rights. Franks stated he was the driver of the vehicle that evening, his sister, Desire Cotton (Cotton), and Jordan Franklin (Franklin) were in the back seat and his cousin, Striblin, was in the front passenger seat.

Franks advised they had all been at a birthday party at his house and decided to go to the gas station. He advised they arrived at the gas station and Striblin went in and bought some "shells", referring to cigar wrappers they used to smoke marijuana. When Striblin returned to the car, the officers pulled behind them, pointed guns at them and ordered them out of the car. Franks stated that Striblin said, "Watch out." Franks said the officers ordered them to put their hands up and get on the ground. He said he, Franklin and Cotton were complying with the

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orders. Franks said Striblin began running in front of the car toward Stelzer Road. Franks heard the officers say, "He's got a gun," then he heard gunshots.

Franks denied knowing Striblin had a gun or that there was a gun in the car. He said he did not know of any trouble Striblin was in or any problem he had with anyone and didn't know why he ran. SA Fortner asked about the black ski mask that Striblin was wearing and Franks said he had been wearing it all night. He also denied seeing Striblin with a gun at the party.

Under further questioning, Franks admitted he knew that Striblin had a black pistol but didn't what kind it was. He also said he saw it on Striblin's hip that night. Detectives questioned him about the murder weapon and maroon car from their homicide investigation. He said he didn't know where the gun or the car were.

The interview was concluded at 0038 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Deangelo Franks Miranda waiver

Attachment # 02: Deangelo Franks Interview



Miranda Waiver

Warning of Rights

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court, or other proceedings.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions to have him with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop the questioning at any time. You also have the right to stop the questioning at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

[Signature]
Witness

Signed

[Signature] 217

Date

7-8-22

Time

1218A

SA A. Todd [Signature] #93
Witness

Waiver of Rights

I have read this statement of my rights and it has been read to me, and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me. I hereby voluntarily and intentionally waive my rights and I am willing to make a statement and answer questions.

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Witness

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SA A. Todd [Signature] #93
Witness