



Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT



12/19/2012

INTERVIEW OF SARA GEORGE

Summary

On December 19, 2012, Special Agent Najmulski was asked to assist in an interview, along with Detective Sergeant Scott Gardner of the East Cleveland Police Department. Also present was Attorney Patrick D'Angelo; representing the dispatcher's union, Union representative Charles McGeever and dispatcher Sara George from the Cleveland Police Department. Ms. George was asked to give a statement regarding the radio traffic for an investigation involving a police pursuit which ended in an officer involved shooting on November 29, 2012. This interview was recorded and added to the file as Exhibit #60.

Details

Ms. George advised she has been a dispatcher with the Cleveland Police Department for 14 years. She said she was hired 10/05/1998. She was working the night of the officer involved shooting. She said she works nights which is 10:30 pm to 6:30 am. Ms. George said on this night she was assigned as a "relief" dispatcher. Her duties included covering dispatchers on lunch breaks. She said she and Diane, another relief dispatcher, were getting the lunch list together and updating the radio log by putting the officers badge numbers into the system Ms. George said she heard on channel 3 that there was a "chase". Ms. George assisted Linda Voll who was the primary for that channel.

Detective Sergeant Gardner asked which supervisors were working that night. Ms. George said "Sgt. Tucker and Sgt. Beitel. No, I take that back. Sgt. Petranek was working overtime." Detective Sergeant Gardner asked if she would run through the radio traffic during the pursuit.

Ms. George said she had never been through anything like this. She said the officers kept jumping districts. Linda was on the mic transmitting. Ms. George was typing everything coming on the airway. She said everyone was helping out. She specifically named dispatchers Dan, Diane, Robin, and Linda.

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Detective Sergeant Gardner asked if she recalled hearing anything about weapons. Ms. George said she remembered hearing something about the passenger re-loading. She said she thought it had been typed more than once. Ms. George said she thought to herself "How can you see the person re-loading? How close are you?"

Ms. George said officers were asking for stop sticks "It was a lot". She couldn't specifically recall what District 3 was doing. She didn't know what was going on. She heard police cars were hit. She was concerned if officers were hurt because they called for ambulances. She didn't know if it was for officers or suspects. Ms. George could not say for certain when in the pursuit that occurred.

Dispatchers notified East Cleveland and Cleveland ambulances to come but didn't know where to send them. First dispatchers were told they were at the water department but then ended up at the school.

Ms. George said she has only talked to co-workers and her pastor about what happened. She has not had any personal phone contact with officers or via text messages. She was not asked to lie before she gave her statement. Ms. George identified a radio log shown by Detective Sergeant Gardner saying, "It was a narrative window of what the case was about."

The interview ended with George saying the incident was upsetting and hard.

Subject Information

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