



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



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

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Stacy McCurry (W)
Date of Activity: 12/20/2022
Activity Location: Marion County Sheriff's Office – Business – 100 Executive Drive, Marion, OH 43302, Marion County
Author: SA Tiffany Vollmer, #49

Narrative:

On 12/20/2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Tiffany Vollmer (Vollmer) interviewed Marion County Sheriff Deputy Stacy McCurry (McCurry) at the Marion County Sheriff's Office, 100 Executive Drive, Marion, Ohio. The interview was digitally recorded, and a copy of the audio recording is attached to this Investigative Report. A copy of the audio recording has also been placed in this case file. The following is a summary of the interview.

McCurry was identified as being a deputy who had some level of involvement in the 12/20/2022, officer-involved shooting, which occurred in the area of the railroad tracks near the intersection of School Street and Section Street in LaRue, Ohio. Reportedly, McCurry 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 deputy.

McCurry advised she has been employed by the sheriff's office for approximately 13 years and is assigned to the drug task force, Marmet. On the day the critical incident took place involving Travis Hellinger (Hellinger), McCurry was assigned as part of the execution team for the search warrant being executed at Hellinger's residence, 256 Swain Street, LaRue, Marion County, Ohio. McCurry and Lieutenant (Lt.) Ralston went to that address before that, at approximately 0300 hours, to make sure Hellinger's vehicle was still there. According to McCurry, "Nothing looked out of sorts," so she and Lt. Ralston went back to the meeting location to brief with the rest of the team.

Once at the search warrant location, McCurry and Lt. Ralston were assigned to the

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outside perimeter of Marsh Street. The drones were in the sky and the sniper team radioed there was a male outside the garage of the target location. McCurry could not see a clear vision of the man, since she was assigned on the next street over. She did, however, see a flashlight up in the air. Radio traffic indicated the subject saw the drones and was running towards the railroad tracks. McCurry could hear on the radio traffic that the team was giving the subject commands. The team asked for additional back up as they headed west, following the subject down the railroad tracks.

Lt. Wheeler got on the radio and ordered all plain clothes detectives to go to the railroad tracks at Section Street, which is what McCurry and Lt. Ralston did. McCurry saw Hellinger and the team moving closer to her location from the railroad tracks. She heard the team continuing to give Hellinger orders to stop and show his hands. She heard Hellinger yelling back for them to leave him alone and how would they feel if he came to their property. It appeared to McCurry that Hellinger was using his flashlight to blind the law enforcement officers because he was aiming the beam at their faces.

McCurry then heard mention of using the K9 unit and she heard more commands given to Hellinger the whole time until he was shot. The K9 officer announced who he was and that he was going to release his canine. McCurry heard Hellinger threaten to shoot the K9 if the dog was released. McCurry saw Hellinger had his hand in his pocket. McCurry heard someone say Hellinger was going for his gun. The K9 was launched in the direction of Hellinger, who pulled out a gun and shot at the dog. McCurry said the team returned fire and Hellinger went down. As the team and other members rendered aid to Hellinger, she secured the K9.

McCurry said the closest she thought she was to Hellinger during the ordeal was 50 feet. She said she, nor any of the other perimeter members, advanced on Hellinger until after he went down, and aid was being rendered. McCurry identified Marion Police Officer [REDACTED] and Marion Sheriff Deputy [REDACTED] as two of the shooters and walked with them to secure their gear in a police unit. McCurry then drove them to the police department and dropped them off, and then she went back and continued with executing the search warrant.

McCurry was not directly involved in the officer-involved shooting. At the time of the interview, she had no further information but provided her phone number should questions arise.

Upon audio review by SA Vollmer, it was realized the date given for the interview should have been 12/20/2022, and not 12/22/22.

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 audio recording. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview

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and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions or responses. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the audio recording.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Stacy McCurry

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