

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of entry 07/17/2024

[redacted] Beaver County Sheriff's Department, Emergency Services Unit (ESU), telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the Beaver County Emergency Services facility at 501 Constitution Boulevard, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. The interview was conducted by the following:

Trooper [redacted] cell [redacted] Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Troop E
Trooper [redacted] cell [redacted] PSP Troop E
[redacted] Special Agent, FBI Pittsburgh

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The interview was audio recorded with the consent of [redacted] beginning at approximately 5:15pm on July 15, 2024. The interview was conducted primarily by Trooper [redacted]. The interview concluded at approximately 5:58pm.

[AGENT's NOTE: PSP policy was to record the interview. As such, PSP will maintain the original copy of the digital recording, and the FBI will retain a copy, which will be attached hereto. For reference during the interview, PSP troopers also showed hard copies of the Butler County Fairground with sectors of responsibility designated by the Butler Operations Order (attached as a 1A) as well as an overhead image of the AGR facility. In addition, per referenced serial, Beaver County ESU provided an after action report that summarized the actions of the team on July 13, 2024. This report contains the photos taken by [redacted] referenced in this interview.]

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The following does not represent a verbatim transcript of the interview but is intended to provide a summary of the interview. To review the original interview in its entirety, please refer to the recording of the interview.

All times are approximate and are for reference only (recording counter).

0:32 - 2:15

[redacted] is a part-time member of the Beaver County ESU and is employed by the Beaver County Detectives Bureau. [redacted] confirmed he was present at the Trump Rally on July 13, 2024. He was assigned as an operator for the Beaver County ESU during the event and was assigned near the spectators entrance near the parking lot. The Beaver ESU was responsible for Sectors 3, 5, and 7.

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[redacted] along with his team, attended an operations order briefing conducted by Bulter County ESU at 0900 that day. This operations briefing discussed Bulter County's operations order. A team leader from Bulter County ESU, Bravo Team lead the briefing. Other entities that attended the briefing were Bulter County, Washington County and PSP.

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[redacted] advised that Beaver ESU had between 7-9 personnel supporting the event. Two members left the event early due to work commitments [redacted] and [redacted].

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[redacted] reported that his team did not have communication with the United States Secret Service (USSS) and does not know if USSS was present at the 0900 operations order brief.

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Investigation on 07/15/2024 at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, United States (In Person)

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[REDACTED] was aware of his team's assignment, staging area and areas of responsibility.

6:45

[REDACTED] advised that his team did not have communications with PSP or USSS during the event. He advised that Beaver ESU used their own internal comms channel, and the team was monitoring two other frequencies from Butler County (OPS 4 and OPS 5). A medic from Butler ESU with the last name of [REDACTED] was also integrated with Beaver ESU and had a radio.

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8:00

[REDACTED] also utilized his cell phone during his course of duties, for communication and taking photos. The ESU team maintained a group text chat for situational awareness.

8:15 - 11:15

[REDACTED] described his teams movement in response to the shooting and transit to the AGR building. The team heard reports from a medic that there was a shootout or officers down in the vicinity of the AGR Building. The team, which included [REDACTED] moved on foot behind the stage to the AGR building. There was a small opening in the fence between the fairgrounds and the AGR facility. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] made it through the fence. [REDACTED] approached a uniformed officer and asked where the injured officers were located. The uniformed officer was not aware of a downed officer. [REDACTED] then asked the officer how to access the roof and followed the officer around the building. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] found a black expandable ladder to access the roof.

11:30

[REDACTED] advised that there was a Washington County ESU member, two Butler County ESU members and a uniformed Butler County patrol officer on the roof near the subject. [REDACTED] reported that radio traffic was crazy, but it was still not confirmed that the subject was deceased. At that point [REDACTED] took a photo of the subject and sent them to his commanders [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to provide confirmation that the subject was deceased.

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On the roof, [REDACTED] observed that the subject was handcuffed, face-down with an AR rifle to his left. There were approximately eight spent shell casings. He also saw blood running down the roof. [REDACTED] who is a coroner in Beaver County, also checked the body.

13:05

The Washington County ESU operator, named [REDACTED] decided to pat the subject down and discovered a suspicious object and a cell phone in the subject's right pant pocket. In the subject's left pocket was a range finder that he was seen with prior. No identification was on the body. The suspicious object was gray, electronic device the size of a TV remote with the digits 1-12 on it with an expandable antenna. [REDACTED] provided a report of this object, along with pictures, to his commanders. This led to a response from EOD.

14:30

The subjects weapon was described the AR rifle as a black, AR-style rifle with a Holosun optic. There was one magazine in the weapon. There was a bookbag that belonged to the subject at the base of the roof, near the crossover. There were four shell casings on one side of the peak and four shell casing on the other side.

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16:15 - 21:35

Between 16:15 and approximately 21 minutes into the interview, [REDACTED] reviewed and described in greater detail his team's movement from their staging area to the incident sight and subsequent movement to the AGR facility. [REDACTED] advised he heard shots fired while en route to the stage to provide tactical support.

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[REDACTED] relayed that he reported the suspicious device to his command. Once this was reported, a Sergeant of the Allegheny County Bomb Squad reported to the roof at approximately 6:50pm. [REDACTED] could not recall his name. The Allegheny Bomb Squad Sergeant asked [REDACTED] to send pictures of the suspicious device and the subject's face to phone number [REDACTED]. The Bomb Squad Sergeant advised that this phone number belonged to a federal agent and they were attempting to do facial recognition of the subject. [REDACTED] did not know what federal agency, but he assumed it was USSS or ATF. [REDACTED] was concerned because these photos were out in the public, but this was the only phone number that received those pictures. [REDACTED] provided his photos to Trooper [REDACTED] was not aware if anyone else on the roof took photos. **[writer's note: these photos and [REDACTED] timeline was integrated with the Beaver ESU after action report]**

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27:55 - 31:20

[REDACTED] advised that Beaver ESU sniper [REDACTED] was another individual with information on the subject. He was deployed to the AGR facility and pushed out text messages that contained photos of the subject at approximately 5:45pm and identified him as a suspicious individual. [REDACTED] also reported this via a radio transmission. [REDACTED] recalled that Beaver ESU command relayed this information to the command post. [REDACTED] lost visual on the subject as he walked back behind the building he was in. [REDACTED] advised that patrol put out over the net that they were sending personnel to the AGR facility to locate the subject.

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[REDACTED] advised that the AGR facility was not covered in detail during the 0900 operations order briefing. He was aware that Beaver ESU snipers and a Butler ESU sniper were staged at the AGR facility.

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[REDACTED] was told via a Butler ESU radio communication to evacuate the roof because a bomb dog had hit on something in the same building he was on. He could not recall the time. At that point, [REDACTED] met with the rest of the Beaver ESU team and provided perimeter security at the AGR facility.

Interview concluded at approximately 5:58pm.