



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



2023-0290  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1818 Jisco West Rd, Jackson,  
OH 45640 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Shawn Norman (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 01/31/2023  
**Activity Location:** – 1818 Jisco West Road, Jackson, OH 45640, Jackson County  
**Author:** SA Andrew Russell

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, January 31, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Shawn Norman (Norman), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. The interview took place near to 1818 Jisco West Road, Jackson, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual. The interview began at 17:08 hours.

Norman stated he resides at 1818 Jisco West Road, Jackson, Ohio, with his girlfriend, Mellisa Graham (Graham). Norman stated he was woken up by deputies advising there was a fugitive in the area and asked if they could check his buildings. Norman added he told deputies that he had a friend, William Beach (Beach), staying the night next door in the tool shed/cabin. Norman added there were several BB/airsoft guns and a crossbow, without arrows in the shed. Norman added he and Graham were asked to leave the residence because the fugitive was barricaded and refusing to leave. Graham stated officers kept asking them to move further away every thirty minutes or so and they ended up close to the neighbor. Norman stated a probation officer allowed the couple to get warm in his vehicle and he feel asleep. Upon awaking, Norman noted his Graham was gone. Norman stated he was getting a cigarette to give to Beach in an attempt to talk with him when the deputies moved towards the shed.

Norman stated he saw a deputy breach his shed door and instantly heard a loud bang and assumed it was the ram. Norman added he heard a deputy say "did he shoot himself" and then heard Deputy ██████ (████) say "no, I shot him," "he pulled a pistol on me." Norman stated he then asked if it was a real pistol and ██████ replied "I didn't know." Norman added he believed that ██████ shot in self-defense and to protect his

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people. Norman stated the additional deputies entered the shed in an attempt to render aid to Beach and an ambulance arrived and then took Beach.

The interview was audio recorded and ended at 17:21. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2023-01-31 Shawn Norman Interview