



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



2023-1835
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 114 North Ninth St, Byesville,
OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Julie R. Christman (W), Henry Michael Shaffer (W)
Date of Activity: 07/11/2023
Activity Location: Shaffer, Henry Michael – Home – 120 N. 9th Street, Byesville, OH 43723, Guernsey County
Author: SA Ryan D. Scheiderer, #89

Narrative:

On July 11, 2023 at approximately 2300 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Ryan Scheiderer and Brady Curry (SA Scheiderer and SA Curry) conducted a neighborhood canvass in the area of 114 N. 9th Street, Byesville, Ohio (Guernsey County), in reference to a shooting incident between Jerimiah Wise (Wise) and law enforcement. Wise was fatally shot by law enforcement during the incident. The following is a summation of the contact SA Scheiderer had with Julie Christman (Christman) and Henry 'Mike' Shaffer (Shaffer) at 120 N. 9th Street during that canvass. Additional details can be found in the attached audio recording.

At approximately 2315 hours, SA Scheiderer obtained a recorded statement from Christman and Shaffer at Shaffer's residence. Both were advised the nature of the contact and agreed to make voluntary statements. Neither were familiar with Wiseman other than being neighbors. At approximately 1615 hours, Christman was outside her residence (116 N. 9th Street) and observed Byesville Police Department (BPD) [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) arrive in the area and knock on the front door of Wise's residence. A few minutes later, Christman observed another BPD officer in her backyard. Christman heard [REDACTED] use a loud-speaker and ask Wise to exit his residence. Christman stated [REDACTED] repeatedly asked Wise to exit the residence for approximately three (3) hours. At some point, deputies from the Guernsey County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) arrived on scene to assist. After that, Wise exited the front door of his residence, seemed agitated, and yelled something like "Come fucking get me" at the police. Wise reentered his residence and a few minutes later, Christman heard gunshots. Christman and Shaffer were sitting on the side-porch on the west side of her residence when the shots were fired. Both stated they were able to see the officers, but not Wise when they heard the shots. Both stated none of the officers they could see had firearms in their hands when they heard the gunshots begin.

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Shaffer stated he was at home when he saw [REDACTED] arrive in the area in his cruiser. Shaffer walked over to Christman's and remained there throughout the incident. Shaffer stated when Wise exited the residence the first time, Shaffer observed a phone in his hand and heard Wise yell "If you come into my house, I'll fucking shoot ya" to the police. After the gunfire, Christman and Shaffer went to their neighbor's residence and did observe Wise being loaded into and ambulance.

Christman believed Wise lived alone and did have his children stay a few days per week. Christman took three (3) photographs with her cellular telephone of the officers in the street during the standoff. Christman did forward those photographs to SA Scheiderer to establish her view during the incident. Christman and Shaffer didn't have any additional details.

Attachments:

- Attachment # 01: Julie Christman and Michael Shaffer Audio Interview 7.11.2023
- Attachment # 02: IMG_4854
- Attachment # 03: IMG_7082
- Attachment # 04: ELFS5948







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