



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



2023-0557

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 2900 Towne Boulevard,  
Middletown, OH 45044 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Kelsey Barker (O)  
**Date of Activity:** 02/25/2023  
**Activity Location:** Walmart – 2900 Towne Blvd, Middletown, OH 45044, Butler County  
**Author:** SA Douglas Eveslage, #66

**Narrative:**

On February 25, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was called to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident involving the Middletown Police Department and Victor Lykins which occurred at Wal-Mart, 2900 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, Warren County, Ohio. Middletown police officers attempted to arrest Victor Lykins on several active warrants and a physical fight ensued over a handgun Lykins possessed. Lykins was shot twice by police during the altercation and Lykins was pronounced deceased on scene.

BCI Special Agents Doug Eveslage and Sean Zint asked Kelsey Barker (Kelsey), the owner of the vehicle involved in the critical incident, if she would be willing to talk with investigators and she agreed. This interview was conducted inside a BCI while parked in the lot of the Wal-Mart and was audio recorded. This report is a summary of relevant information discussed during the interview.

Kelsey stated that Robert Kelly Lykins (Robert) was allowed to use her vehicle and that they were supposed to go to the store together at some point that day. Kelsey also knew that Robert had to take his brother, Victor Lykins (Victor), back to his house. Kelsey stated that she did not know that Robert already left their house with Victor and she was not sure why they were at Wal-Mart.

SA Eveslage explained that her vehicle was traffic stopped by the Middletown Police Department, Victor brandished a firearm while interacting with officers, shots were fired, and Victor was deceased.

The interview was concluded at 2012 hours and Special Agents walked over with Kelsey to the crowd of family members asking questions. SA Eveslage explained to Leslie Lykins and several other family members within ear shot the nature of the Officer-Involved Critical Incident. See

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audio recording for further details.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2023-02-25 / Kelsey Barker Interview

# **Exhibit 1**

**Included as a separate file.**