



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



2023-2232

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5991 S Sunbury Rd, Westerville
OH 43081

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Thomas Jablonski (W)
Date of Activity: 10/16/2023
Activity Location: Jablonski, Thomas – Home – 118 South 31st Street, Newark, OH 43055
Author: SA Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On October 16, 2023 at 1754 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb (Holcomb) and SA Matt Collins (Collins) interviewed Thomas Jablonski (Jablonski) relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on August 24, 2023. The interview took place at Jablonski's residence. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual. Names have been added to this report for clarity purposes. The names were not known to the witness at the time of the incident.

Jablonski stated that he was with his girlfriend, Heather Spaid, in the Kroger parking lot, near the Dollar General, during the incident. SA Holcomb asked Jablonski that his interview be what he remembers and not what Spaid might of told him. Jablonski said that they didn't even talk about the incident that much. Jablonski stated he might have seen a body worn camera (BWC) of the incident on television but his statement and interview would not be influenced by what he saw.

Jablonski stated that his girlfriend, Spaid, went to get gasoline in her vehicle when she was involved in a hit-and-run accident in the Kroger parking lot. Jablonski was notified of the accident and he went to the parking lot where Spaid was located at. When Jablonski arrived, Blendon Township Police Department Sergeant (Sgt.) Erick Moynihan was taking an accident report. After Sgt. Moynihan was finished with the accident report, he left from where they were located at.

Jablonski said that after Sgt. Moynihan left, he was standing outside of the vehicle by the front driver's side door. Spaid was sitting in the front driver's side seat. Their vehicle was parked near the Dollar General. As Jablonski was standing there, he heard gunshots but wasn't sure how many he heard. Jablonski never heard the female, Ta'Kiya Young (Young) ever say anything.

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Approved By SA James A. Mulford on
10/30/2023

Jablonski then heard shouting but couldn't see what was going on. He then saw a sedan going slow through the parking lot, heading towards the Kroger Pharmacy window. The officers were chasing the car yelling to put the car in park and to get out of the vehicle. The vehicle then stopped and Jablonski heard additional gunshots and then the car went through a pallet of water.

Jablonski saw them pulling the individual out of the car and performing chest compressions.

Jablonski stated he never took any videos of the incident.

The interview concluded at approximately 1805 hours. The interview was audio recorded. The recording has been attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-2232 Thomas Jablonski Interview