



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



2025-1227

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4411 Montgomery Road,
Norwood, Ohio (Hamilton County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Information Provided/Obtained
Involves: Akeem A. Holtz (S), Karita Thomas (W)
Date of Activity: 04/16/2025
Activity Location: Cato, Terence – Business – 4411 Montgomery Rd #200, Cincinnati, OH 45212
Author: SA Kenneth J. Smith, #53

Narrative:

On Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 1445 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Kenneth Smith interviewed Terence Cato (Cato), of the Ohio Media School, relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. The interview took place at the Ohio Media School 4411 #200 Montgomery Rd, Norwood Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual regarding their response to the incident scene.

SA Smith was sent a screengrab from a Norwood PD body camera and asked to attempt to locate and interview the subjects. SA Smith responded to the Ohio Media School and showed the screengrab to the receptionist who identified Jai Sevier and took SA Smith to her office. Sevier then identified Terence Cato as another employee of the Ohio Media School. SA Smith was taken to Cato's office.

SA Smith asked Cato if he was aware of what had happened in the building today regarding the police activity. Cato stated that he could see that there was a disturbance outside and he could see the van (Holtz's) parked where it shouldn't be and all the police cars. He knew that Holtz and Thomas were involved with the police and stated that it was not like them to act that way. He stated that while he couldn't see most of what happened because it was below the level of the window, he could tell that there was some level of resistance and that Akeem could've been more compliant. He could see that the police were trying to deal with Holtz and Thomas as well as corral the dogs. He stated that Holtz had been in a bad accident, sandwiched between two semi trucks and walked with a cane.

Cato advised that he knew both Akeem Holtz and Karita Thomas because they were both students at the Ohio Media School.

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Cato explained that he had encountered Holtz and Thomas in the parking garage this morning at approximately 9 am. He had spoken to them about an employment opportunity. He stated that they were being silly with Akeem acting like Karita and Karita acting like Akeem.

He had last seen them the previous afternoon and recalled that Holtz seemed paranoid.

The interview concluded at approximately 1455 hours.

The interview was unable to be audio recorded.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

No attachments.