



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



2024-1433
Officer Involved Critical Incident 4802 James Road North
Ridgeville Ohio 44039

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness, Neighborhood Canvass
Involves: North Ridgeville Police Department (O), Don Williams (W), Bunny Wagner (W), Barbra Roig (W), Sarah Williams (W), Tom Wagner (W)
Date of Activity: 05/09/2024
Activity Location: – 4802 James Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039
Author: SA William Conn, #51

On May 8, 2024, Special Agent (SA) William Conn (Conn) along with other BCI Special Agents responded to 4802 James Road North Ridgeville Ohio for an officer involved critical incident (OICI). Upon arrival, SA Conn was directed by SAS (Special Agent Supervisor) Chuck Moran (Moran) to assist in the neighborhood canvass for possible incident witnesses this was completed as directed. Below is a summary of said activity.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions.

Narrative:

Witness:

Bunny Wagner F/W

D.O.B. February 7, 1951

4816 James Road

North Ridgeville Ohio 44039

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Ms. Wagner's residence is directly west of the OIC scene.

Ms. Wagner stated she was seated in her living room around 6pm or so in front of her picture window along with her husband, Tom Wagner, when she noticed police cars driving down the street. Ms. Wagner further stated that shortly after seeing the police cars she heard shots, not sure how many. Ms. Wagner stated she then looked out her window and saw a man lying in her neighbor's driveway and police officers appeared to be administering medical care to the individual. Ms. Wagner could add nothing further relevance.

Witness:

Tom Wagner M/W

D.O.B. October 10, 1949

4816 James Road

North Ridgeville Ohio 44039

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Mr. Wagner's residence is directly west of the OIC scene.

Mr. Wagner stated he was seated in his living room along with his wife, Bunny Wagner, when he also noticed police cars driving down the street. Mr. Wagner stated at that time he went to his basement to conduct some activities and was unaware that anything had taken place until he heard his wife calling him. Mr. Wagner stated he then came upstairs and looked out the front room window and saw a man lying in his neighbor's driveway and police officers appeared to be administering medical care to the individual. Mr. Wagner could add nothing further relevance.

Witness:

Barbra Roig F/W

D.O.B. December 12, 1944

4784 James Road

North Ridgeville Ohio 44039

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Ms. Roig's residence is directly east of the OIC scene.

Ms. Roig stated she was seated in her living room around 6pm or so in front of her

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picture window when she noticed police cars driving down the street and one stopping in front of her residence. Ms. Roig stated she got up and looked out her front door and saw the officer exit his vehicle and get his rifle and go to the rear of his police car. Ms. Roig then stated she saw a male next to a silver car in her neighbor's driveway at approximately the same time she heard officers yelling "get down get down". Ms. Roig then stated she saw the male in her neighbor's driveway fire a handgun towards the rear of the residence approximately two times and several more pop, pop sounds, at which time she slammed the front door and ran to her side door to yell at her son to get in the house. Ms. Roig stated she stayed in the house until contacted by police officers, and she did notice the police officers administering medical care to the individual.

Ms. Roig could add nothing further relevance.

See attachment for the audio statement for exact details regarding the interview.

See attachment for picture for views from Ms. Roig's front door and window.

Summary of witness interviews by SA Conn complete

SA Armstrong summary of witness interview:

Don Williams, W/M, D.O.B. June 5, 1953

Sarah Williams, W/F, D.O.B. November 16, 1951

4797 James Road

North Ridgeville Ohio 44039

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The residence was located south of and directly across the street from 4802 James Road.

Don Williams (Don) and Sarah Williams (Sarah) were the residents of 4797 James Road. They were home during the shooting incident and witnessed it from their living room.

Don explained that at approximately 7:00 PM, he saw officers going up and down the street. He then saw the officers coming down the street with their guns out. Next, "Donny" and the other guy were going to the jeep like they were going to leave. Don did not know who the other guy was but said when the guy saw the officers, he pulled a pistol and shot one time. The guy then dropped, but Don did not know who shot the guy or where the shot came from. Don was standing in his living room looking out the

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front bay window when he saw the shooting. Don only heard one “pop” and could see it. He did not hear any of the officer’s gunshots. He did not hear any yelling or anyone saying anything.

Don described the involved subject as a white male who was taller than Donny. He was wearing a hat, but when he fell to the ground, Don could see he was kind of bald. When the subject pointed the gun at the officers, he pointed it in an easterly direction. Photographs were taken from Don’s point of view and have been attached to this report.

Sara said the house involved in the incident was entertainment and the police were often there dealing with “Donny”. She was in her bedroom when Don came and got her. After the shooting, she saw the officers giving CPR.

The interviews were recorded on SA Armstrong’s body worn camera. They have been saved in the BCI SIU case file as Reference Item A.

References:

A – DVD – BWC Recordings – Neighborhood Canvas and Witness Interviews

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: IMG_0113[1]

Attachment # 02: Interview OIC 2024-1433 Riog

