

Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Investigative Report

2024-3775

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1055 East Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44307, Summit County



Investigative Activity: Neighborhood Canvass Conducted

Involves: N/A

Activity Date: 12/09/2024

Activity Location: 1055 East Avenue, Akron, OH 44307 and Surrounding

Area

Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente

Narrative:

On Monday, December 09, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Nick Valente, Jon Lieber, Allison Fletcher, Joe Goudy, Jesse Bynum, and Special Agent Supervisor Chuck Moran conducted a neighborhood canvass in the area of 1055 East Avenue, Akron, Ohio. The purpose of the canvass was to identify and interview potential witnesses to the officer-involved critical incident that occurred at 1055 East Avenue, Akron, Ohio on Thursday, November 28, 2024. During the neighborhood canvass, Special Agents made or attempted contact with the residents at the following addresses:

1109 East Avenue:

SA Valente spoke with homeowner Edward Laslo (Laslo) via telephone on December 9, 2024, after agents left a card at his home while conducting the neighborhood canvass earlier that day. Laslo stated he was not home on the night of the officer-involved shooting. Laslo stated that he lives alone. Laslo stated that he does have security cameras on the outside of his home. However, Laslo's security camera system is limited to a 10-day lookback period and any relevant video his security cameras may have recorded has now been written over. Laslo stated he was unaware of the officer-involved shooting until SA Valente notified him of the incident.

1074 East Avenue:

Resident Belagide Meade (Meade) stated she was home and asleep in a rear bedroom of the home at the time of the officer-involved shooting. Meade stated that she did not see the officer-involved shooting or hear anything of value to the investigation. Meade stated she was awoken to the sound of an ambulance driving down her street sometime after the shooting occurred. Meade showed agents a home security camera placed on the front of the home above her front door that covers her front entryway.

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Meade stated she did not have the ability to review the footage on her cell phone, but the camera would not have captured the shooting anyway as the incident occurred outside the camera's view. Meade stated her daughter, Bela Meade, who lives in California, had access to the camera's recording online and told her the camera did not capture anything relevant to this investigation. SA Goudy captured this interview on his body-worn camera (BWC). The BWC recording was saved as part of Reference Item D.

700 Stevenson:

No response at the door. A business card requesting the resident(s) call agents was left on the front door.

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710 Stevenson:

An unknown adult black female occupant told SA Valente through a second story window she would come to the door and speak with agents. The unknown female then refused to answer/open the door. Shortly thereafter, the unknown female's mother arrived on scene and told agents her daughter was scared and would not speak with agents or provide any information.

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References:

D - BCI Neighborhood Canvass

Attachments:

None

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