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Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 5611 East Third Street, Mineral City, OH, Tuscarawas County, Ohio 44656



Investigative Activity: Neighborhood Canvass Report

Activity Date: 9/30/2022

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Joseph Goudy #83

Narrative:

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) and Special Agent Supervisor Dave Posten (Posten) conducted a neighborhood canvass in the area of Fairview Road and East Third Street. This report will contain a brief summary of each resident that agents spoke with; in addition, each audio-recorded interview will be attached to this report for further detail.

8586 Fairview Road, Mineral City, Ohio

Bart McNutt (DOB: 8-6-59) / Brenda McNutt (DOB: 10-9-64) / Justin McNutt (DOB: 3-7-85) / Residence landline

At 1303 hours, SA Goudy and SAS Posten spoke with the McNutt family. The family stated they heard gunshots but assumed it was the neighbor shooting groundhogs. They heard three shots fired around 0830 hours. When asked if they heard any more gunfire, Bart stated, around 0930 hours, they heard additional shots, followed by seeing law enforcement in the area. They didn't see anything that had occurred.

When asked if they knew Everett Martin (Everett), Bart stated, "He's a good guy, a little different." Bart further stated that Everett was a drinker but was a hard worker and honest. Bart and Brenda stated Everett was always willing to help out, especially when Bart was, "ill." The last time Bart saw Everett was two days ago, near the garbage cans. When asked if there was anything out of the ordinary about Everett, they said they did not notice anything.

Interview concluded at 1314 hours.





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Roger Wilson (DOB: 10-16-47) / Norma Wilson (DOB: 10-20-50) / Residence landline:

At 1315 hours, SA Goudy and SAS Posten spoke with Norma and Roger Wilson. Norma stated she heard three gunshots around 0830 hours, followed by three more at 0845 hours. Norma and Roger then heard more gunshots fired later, at approximately 0930 to 1000 hours, when they saw the deputy's vehicles in the area. Norma and Roger both stated they didn't see the actual incident. Roger stated that when he looked out the window, he saw the sheriff vehicle's arriving in the area, followed by the deputies running toward the house (crime scene).

When asked if the Wilsons knew Everett, Norma stated Everett would do anything for anyone and was very helpful. Norma further stated, Everett and another neighbor went over to remove a downed tree, blocking their driveway. Norma further stated, Everett volunteered to go over and trim some of the other trees on their property. Norma and Roger further stated, they bought some steaks for him for removing the downed tree and he was very appreciative. When asked if they ever noticed anything out of the ordinary with Everett, Norma stated nothing, except for this current incident.

Interview concluded at 1327 hours.





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Ron Holcomb (DOB: 8-01-52)

At 1328 hours, SA Goudy and SAS Posten spoke with the resident, Ron Holcomb (Holcomb). Holcomb stated, when he let his dogs outside, he noticed two brown St. Bernard dogs coming around the corner. When he saw the dogs, Holcomb stated that he began to yell at them to scare them away from his dogs. Holcomb stated he recognized the dogs to be Everett's. Holcomb further stated, he then walked over to Everett's property and opened the gate to get them back into their yard. Holcomb stated, not even an hour later, he saw three St. Bernard dogs return to his property. At this point, Holcomb stated, while yelling at them to get away, he grabbed his pistol for safety purposes, due to the size of the dogs.

Holcomb stated he began to walk the dogs back to Everett's property once more. As Holcomb got the dogs back to their property, one of the dogs began to get aggressive with him. Holcomb further stated, he then fired one round in Everett's yard to scare the dog back. Two of the dogs ran back into the gate, but one of them was still aggressive. At this point, Holcomb stated he fired three or four more rounds in the ground to scare them back into Everett's fenced in yard. Holcomb stated it was approximately 0830 hours when this occurred. Once Holcomb got the dogs back into the yard, he knocked on Everett's door but there was no answer. Holcomb further stated, once the dogs were back in the yard and there was no answer at Everett's, he left.

At this point, Holcomb began to talk about Everett. Holcomb stated Everett had a drinking problem, and he would only work when he wanted too. Holcomb stated, at approximately 0900 hours, he overheard people talking at Everett's property, followed by rapid gunfire.

Interview concluded at 1348 hours.





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Gage Patterson (DOB: 11-9-99) / Phone:

At 1350 hours, SA Goudy and SAS Posten spoke with the resident, Gage Patterson (Patterson). Patterson stated, at approximately 0945 hours, while standing outside in his driveway, he heard shouting, "Put your hands up, put your hands up, he's got a gun." Patterson further stated, he heard a half a dozen gunshots. When asked if he knew Everett, Patterson stated the only interaction he had with him was when Everett bought some work clothes from him that Patterson advertised on-line.

Interview concluded at 1353 hours.



5599 4th Street, Mineral City, Ohio

Cynthia Harper (DOB: 2-12-67) / Phone:

At 1404 hours, SA Goudy and SAS Posten spoke with the resident, Cynthia Harper (Harper). Harper stated she really didn't know Everett and has only lived at this address since January of 2022. Harper stated she didn't see anything. Harper further stated, she heard what sounded like an ATV running and backfiring the night before. Harper stated that what woke her up at 0930 hours, was a loud bang. Harper stated she was not sure where that came from. Harper further



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stated, she heard three gunshots probably around 0930 hours, in which she thought maybe it was a neighbor killing snakes nearby. Harper stated she heard what sounded like a lawn mover backfiring around 0630 or 0700 hours. Harper stated she didn't see anything, and the only thing she knows about Everett is that he works in the oil fields.

Interview concluded at 1413 hours.



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Tracy Isner (DOB: 4-7-68) Phone:

At 1414 hours, SA Goudy and SAS Posten spoke with the resident, Tracy Isner (Isner). Isner stated, around 0930 hours, she texted Courtney Digenova (Courtney) about her three dogs being loose from their yard. Courtney replied back that she's on her way home from Giant Eagle to take care of it. Isner further stated, a short time later, she saw the deputies going over the fence into Everett and Digenova's yard. Initially, Isner thought the deputies were going after the dogs to shoot them. Isner stated she saw the deputies run over to where the grill was in the yard. Isner



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further stated, she started to hear shouting to get down and or get out. Isner further stated, she then heard gunshots being fired.

When asked if she knew anything about Everett. Isner stated her fiancé, Eric Norris (Norris), was closer to Everett in a neighborly way. Isner stated she just found out that Everett and Digenova broke up a week prior. Isner stated, on occasion, her and Norris would go over to have a fire and/or cookout with Everett and Digenova at their house. Isner stated Everett and Digenova have been known to argue on occasion because he [Everett] drank alcohol.

Interview concluded at 1422 hours.

