

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



2025-0854 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 645 Hazen Avenue, Ravenna, OH 44266, Portage County

Investigative Activity:	03/16/2025 Neighborhood Canvass
Involves:	Ravenna Police Department (O), Shawn A Ware (S)
Activity Date:	03/16/2025
Activity Location:	645 Hazen Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio
Authoring Agent:	SA John Jack Shea

Narrative:

On Sunday, March 16, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents (SA) Jack Shea (Shea) and Joe Goudy (Goudy) conducted a neighborhood canvass in the area of 645 Hazen Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio. The purpose for the canvass was to identify and interview potential witnesses to the officer-involved critical incident that occurred at 645 Hazen Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio on Sunday, March 16, 2025. The canvass interviews were video and audio recorded with SA Goudy's body-worn camera (BWC).

During the neighborhood canvass, SA Shea and SA Goudy made or attempted contact with the residents at the following addresses:

645 Hazen Avenue, Apt. 4, Ravenna, Ohio

On March 16, 2025, at approximately 05:57 hours SA Shea and SA Goudy knocked on the door of Apartment 4 that was answered by the resident, Gay Taylor. Also present in the apartment was Amanda Walker. Walker stated that she resides in Apartment 2 and was visiting her mother, Gay Taylor, in Apartment 4. Walker told agents that her mother is hard of hearing and didn't see or hear anything pertaining to the shooting in the hallway of the apartment building.

Walker went on to say that she arrived at her mother's apartment a little after 1AM to check on Taylor's wellbeing and to say good night. Walker stated she heard police officers in the hallway order someone to "drop the gun". At that time, Walker told agents that she looked out of the peep hole of Apartment 4 and saw a male exit Apartment 3 with a male hostage in front of him. Walker said she saw the male with the gun raise his arm with the gun towards the police officers. At this time, Walker stated she heard three or four shots.

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645 Hazen Avenue, Apt. 1, Ravenna, Ohio

On March 16, 2025, SA Shea and SA Goudy knocked on the door of Apartment 1 that was answered by the resident, Anthony Dengg. Dengg told agents that he was home watching television all night. Dengg stated that between 11:00 pm – 12:00 am, he heard someone knock softly on his door. Dengg told agents he did not answer the door. Dengg went on to say that approximately ten minutes to one hour later, he heard yelling and approximately five-to-ten gunshots.

For further information, please refer to the video recorded interviews. A copy of the BWC recording can be found under reference item B – Neighborhood Canvass in evidence.com.

References:

B - Neighborhood Canvass

Attachments:

None

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