



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



2022-1139
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 947 SR-28 Business, Milford,
Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Camille Artice Weems (S)
Date of Activity: 05/24/2022
Activity Location: Harky's Motorsports – 944 OH-28, Milford, OH 45150, Clermont
County
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On May 24, 2022, at 1047 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) interviewed William Jake Harkleroad (Mr. Harkleroad) regarding information he had as a witness to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident that occurred on May 20, 2022, involving the Miami Township Police Department (MTPD). On May 20, 2022, MTPD Sergeant Josh Bail informed SA Seitzman that Mr. Harkleroad witnessed a portion of the Officer-Involved Critical Incident and provided a written statement to MTPD. SA Seitzman was further informed that Mr. Harkleroad is an employee of Harky's Motorsports, which is located on the north side of SR-28 Business across the street from the Berry Lane Apartments. The parking lot of the Berry Lane Apartments was the location of the Officer-Involved Critical Incident.

The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device. The details below summarize the pertinent portions of the recorded interview and are not a verbatim account. 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. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify the content of the interview.

Mr. Harkleroad advised SA Seitzman of the following information:

Mr. Harkleroad was in the garage when he heard three or four sounds, which he initially thought were firecrackers or the backfiring of a car. Approximately five to ten minutes later, police cruisers arrived at the apartment complex across the street. He heard one or two more shots after the officers arrived. He described those shots as "faint and distant." He remembered hearing the officers yelling, but he was not able to hear what they were saying. He looked up and observed the officers taking cover behind their doors. He then went inside the store to take cover. While inside the store, he heard more gunfire. He said the last volley of gunfire he heard

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was louder, which he assumed was from law enforcement. He estimated he heard five of the louder "pops."

Mr. Harkleroad advised that he saw glass shattered on the floor inside the business when he first went inside to take cover. After the gunfire stopped, he looked around the shop and saw a hole in one of the front windows.

The interview was concluded at 1056 hours. The audio recording is attached below. Also attached is the written statement Mr. Harkleroad provided to MTPD.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-05-24 / Interview with William Jake Harkleroad

Attachment # 02: William Harkleroad Written Statement MTPD

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.

Exhibit 2

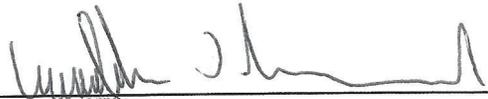


Miami Township Police Department WITNESS STATEMENT

Date 5/20/22 Time 6:00 pm Case # _____
 Name William J. Harteroad DOB 7/27/89 Social Security # [REDACTED]
PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME
 Address 525 Brandon ave. Milford Phone Number 513-313-0415
NUMBER STREET CITY

THIS STATEMENT IS IN REFERENCE TO:

I was in the garage at harry's Motorsports
 when I heard 3 or 4 gun shots 5 to ten minutes
 before COP cars started pulling up to the apartment
 building across the street and the gun shots
 were louder and closer together so I ran
 into the showroom to take cover when the
 glass got shot out in the front of the building
 so we all hid around the corner until the
 gun shots stopped and ~~we~~ I called 911 to
 report the glass



 Signature of Witness

 Signature of Officer