



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



2024-3954  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 3487 Belmont Avenue,  
Youngstown, Ohio 44505

**Investigative Activity:** Neighborhood Canvass  
**Involves:** Liberty Township Police Department  
**Activity Date:** 12/16/2024  
**Activity Location:** 3487 Belmont Ave Youngstown Ohio 44505  
**Authoring Agent:** SA William Conn

**Narrative:**

On Monday, December 16, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent William Conn (SA) conducted a neighborhood canvass in the area of 3487 Belmont Avenue Youngstown, Ohio. The purpose for the canvass was to identify and interview potential witnesses to the officer-involved critical incident that occurred at 3487 Belmont Avenue, Ohio on Monday, December 16, 2024. During the neighborhood canvass, Special Agent Conn contacted the listed employees at stated location.

The following is a synopsis of the interviews and questions answered and is not a word for word translation of the interview or answers. Please review the audio recordings attached to this report for further details.

None of the following individuals interviewed took any video recordings of the incident.

The first two individuals listed were interviewed at the scene of the incident at 3478 Belmont Ave Liberty, Ohio 44505(Harbor Freight).

**Andrew Chapman**

Mr. Chapman is the General Manager of the Harbor Freight Store where the incident took place.

Mr. Chapman stated that he was the On-Duty Manager at the time of the incident in question. Mr. Chapman stated that one of his employees, Princess Garcia, stated over the store radio that there was some type of police activity in the front parking lot. Mr. Chapman stated that he looked out the front store window which faces west into the parking lot and observed police officers approaching a vehicle in the parking lot with their weapons drawn. At that time, the vehicle then started moving and ramming into

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the police cars. Mr. Chapman then stated that he yelled at his employees to get back, and they began to run to the rear of the store. Mr. Chapman further stated he was running toward the rear of the store, he heard a loud crash, looked back and saw the vehicle crashing through the front of the store. Mr. Chapman stated that he did not hear any gunshots. Mr. Chapman stated that he stayed at the rear of the store until contacted by the police.

Mr. Chapman could add nothing further.

For further details, see the audio recorded interview with Andrew Chapman attached to this report.

### **Sarah McAllister**

Ms. McAllister is the Assistant General Manager of the Harbor Freight Store where the incident took place.

Ms. McAllister stated that she was the Assistant On-Duty Manager at the time of the incident in question. Ms. McAllister stated that she walked to the front store window upon hearing the radio message of police activity in the front parking lot. Upon approaching the front window, she heard Mr. Chapman yelling "run", and she started running to the rear of the store. At about the same time, she heard what sounded like three gunshots and then a loud crash. Ms. McAllister stated she looked back and saw the vehicle crashing through the front of the store.

Ms. McAllister stated that she stayed at the rear of the store until contacted by the police.

Ms. McAllister could add nothing further.

The following three individuals are employees of Harbor Freight who were working at the time of the incident but left prior to BCI's arrival on scene. These individuals were contacted by phone on December 17, 2024, by SA Conn.

### **Lindy Neri**

Ms. Neri is an Associate Employee at the Harbor Freight Store where the incident took place.

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Ms. Neri stated that she was seated in her car in the front parking lot, which was parked directly west of the subject vehicle. Ms. Neri stated that she was on the phone talking when she noticed a bunch of police cars pulling up and surrounding the car next to hers and police officers getting out of their cars with their guns drawn. Ms. Neri then stated that at that time she crouched down in her front seat to take cover. Ms. Neri stated that shortly afterward, crouching down, she heard five to six gunshots. Ms. Neri stated that she waited several minutes before she leaned up and looked out her passenger window and saw that the subject vehicle had crashed into the front of the store.

Ms. Neri could add nothing further.

**Princess Garcia**

Ms. Garcia is an Associate Employee at the Harbor Freight Store where the incident took place.

Ms. Garcia stated that she was looking out the front window of the store as described in Mr. Chapman's statement when she saw a white jeep pull into the parking lot and park. Ms. Garcia further stated that shortly after the jeep parked, a bunch of police cars pulled up with their lights on and surrounded the jeep. The police got out of their cars with their guns drawn. Ms. Garcia stated that she announced on the store radio what was going on. She then started backing away from the window and started to run to the back of the store when she heard gunshots. She then saw the white jeep crash through the front of the store. Ms. Garcia stated that she stayed at the rear of the store until contacted by the police.

Ms. Garcia could add nothing further.

**Robert Alexander**

Mr. Alexander is a Supervisor at the Harbor Freight Store where the incident took place.

Mr. Alexander stated that he heard the message over the store radio and looked out the front store window as described in Mr. Chapman's statement, Mr. Alexander stated that he saw the white jeep back into a police car and then saw the police car hit the front of the white jeep. Mr. Alexander stated at this time he started to run to the rear of the store when he heard five- or six-gun shots and then saw the white jeep crash

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through the front of the store. Mr. Alexander stated that he stayed at the rear of the store until contacted by the police.

Ms. Alexander could add nothing further.

**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

1. Andrew Chapman Interview
2. View front window

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