



2024-2614

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1309 Yellowstone Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44121

Investigative Activity: Review of Dispatch Related Information

Involves: Cleveland Heights Police Department (O)

Activity Date: 09/10/2024

Activity Location: BCI - Richfield

Authoring Agent: SA Allison Fletcher #187

Narrative:

On Tuesday, September 3, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente (Valente) received the following items related to the August 29, 2024, officer-involved shooting in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

- Audio recorded 911 call(s)
- Audio recorded police radio traffic
- Audio recorded fire radio traffic

The recordings were provided by Cleveland Heights Police Department (CHPD) Detective Will Robinson (Robinson). The recorded radio traffic and 911 call(s) have been stored in the BCI SIU case file as Reference Item I.

On September 10, 2024, CHPD Detective Williams provided SA Valente with the CHPD Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) report. The Cad report has been stored in the BCI case file as Reference Item J.

On September 17, 2024, CHPD Detective Robinson provided the CHPD MDT chat logs. They have been stored in the BCI case file as Reference Item J.

SA Allison Fletcher (Fletcher) reviewed the provided files and recordings and noted the following:

Audio recorded 911 Call

There were fifteen individual 911 recordings. The title of the file and a summary of each call has been provided below:

initial call from family to dispatch

The recording was 3 minutes and 54 seconds. A female dispatcher answered and said, "911 what's the location of your emergency?" A female responded and provided the address of 1309 Yellowstone Road and requested police response to the single-family This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law - a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.





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residence for a verbal altercation between her father and brother (Christian). The female also said a firearm was involved and that someone was crying. Yelling between multiple subjects could be heard in the background.

At 00:38, the female stated her brother had the gun in his hand and his finger on the trigger. She was unable to provide what type of gun her brother was holding. Yelling from multiple subjects could be heard in the background.

At 01:00, the name "Christian" could be heard in the background and someone asked, "what's wrong?", and "what is going on?". Most of the yelling and background conversation was unintelligible.

At 01:05, a second female could be heard in the background yelling the name "Christian." They were also yelling at him to either "calm down" or "come down" (background noise prevented a clear distinction). The second female continued to yell louder and became more panicked. The yelling continued as mostly unintelligible.

At 01:20, the female caller yelled, "Christian put the gun down." Someone else in the background could be heard saying "no." More yelling and unintelligible loud conversation continued. Someone in the background asked, "are you crazy?" and the yelling continued.

At 01:25, a male could be heard yelling in the background and the female caller said "dad, I'm already on the phone with them."

At 01:35, the female caller said, "stop chasing him around when he got a gun."

At 01:40, the female caller pleaded with her dad to "get away from him."

The dispatcher then began speaking again and requested the female caller to get herself to a "safe place." Yelling and crying could be heard in the background.

At 02:25, the female caller said there were four people at the residence; she listed the people present as her father, brother, sister, and herself. As she was speaking, the caller was exiting the residence with the second female (her sister).

At 02:27, the female caller confirmed her brother's name was Christian Tyson-Thomas, an 18-year-old male, born on June 11.

At 03:08, the dispatcher asked the caller why her brother had a gun in his hand. The female caller responded by saying "I have no idea ma'am." The female caller continued by stating she was about to go to sleep when she heard yelling, so she got up to find out what the issue was. She then observed her sister "in tears" and she heard "a gun pop." The female caller was unsure where the bullet went when the gun was fired. This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law - a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.





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The police arrived on scene and the call ended.

CVD3_Vesta08_2024_08_29_22_22_00

The recording was 4 minutes and 24 seconds. A female, who was later identified as the sister (believed to be the same female mentioned in the previous 911 call), was requesting an ambulance at 1309 Yellowstone Road for her brother who was shot. A female dispatcher responded and indicated the ambulance was on the way. The female continued to beg for the ambulance to respond.

The sister then said, "who the fuck shot him?" A male (possibly the father - Ferrel Thomas) responded by stating, "he fucking came out here, fucking fired the fucking thing" [00:20].

The sister continued to plead on the phone for the ambulance and for someone to help her brother who was lying on the ground "bleeding out."

Multiple people can be heard yelling in the background, most of the statements were unintelligible.

The call ended with emergency services arriving on scene and someone disconnecting the call.

CVD2_Vesta06_2024_08_16_04_10_27

The recording was 39 seconds. A female dispatcher answered the call stating "911 what is the address of your emergency?" The contents of the call were not related or relevant to the officer-involved incident.

CVD3_Vesta01_2024_08_29_22_21_48

The recording was 46 seconds in length. A female dispatcher answered the call stating "911 what is the address to your emergency?" A female responded and said she heard a "volley of gunshots" from her residence at 1521 Rydalmount Road. The female indicated the gunfire came from the direction of Yellowstone Road and north of Mayfield Road. The dispatcher advised that the female that officers were on scene already. The call ended.

CVD3_Vesta01_2024_08_29_22_22_38

The recording was 29 seconds long. A female dispatcher answered the phone by stating "police and fire dispatch." A subject responded by stating they were at 3521 Saint Albans Road, and they heard a series of gunfire. The dispatcher advised that officers were on Yellowstone Road investigating. The call ended.





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CVD3_Vesta01_2024_08_29_22_23_08

The recording was 20 seconds. A female dispatcher answered and stated "911 what is the address to your emergency?" A female responded and said she heard twelve or more gunshots in the area. The dispatcher advised that officers were on Yellowstone Road investigating. The call ended.

CVD3_Vesta01_2024_08_29_22_24_17

The recording was 57 seconds. A female dispatcher answered and stated "911 what is the address to your emergency?" A male responded and stated he believed he heard a shooting occur at the corner of Yellowstone and Oakridge. The dispatcher advised that officers were on scene investigating. The male then stated a younger couple was going around knocking on doors on Oakridge. No description was provided of the couple other than their approximate age. The call ended.

CVD3_Vesta02_2024_08_29_22_22_21

The recording was 30 seconds. A female dispatcher answered and stated, "911 what's the address of your emergency?" A male responded stating he was at 3547 Woodridge Road and heard gunshots in the area. He described the gunfire as an "exchange of gunfire" and estimated approximately six shots fired. The call ended.

CVD3_Vesta04_2024_08_29_22_21_31

The recording was 19 seconds. A female dispatcher answered and stated "911 what's the address of your emergency?" A female responded and provided her address. She stated she heard gunfire in the area. The dispatcher stated officers were on scene investigating. The call ended.

CVD3_Vesta04_2024_08_29_22_21_51

The recording was 10 seconds. A female dispatcher answered the phone and stated, "911 what's the address of your emergency?" A women responded and provided the address 1305 Yellowstone Road. The dispatcher stated officers were outside her address already. The call ended.

CVD3_Vesta04_2024_08_29_22_22_26

The recording was 43 seconds. A female dispatcher answered the phone and said, "police and fire dispatch." A male responded and provided the address of 1304 Yellowstone Road. The dispatcher interrupted and notified the caller that officers were already outside his home reference a "shots fired" call. The call ended.





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CVD3_Vesta05_2024_08_29_22_21_53

The recording was 16 seconds. A male dispatcher answered the phone and said, "911 what is the address of your emergency?" A male responded and said there were multiple vehicles in the area of Yellowstone Road and possibly Glenwood Road and that he heard gunshots being fired. The call ended.

CVD3_Vesta05_2024_08_29_22_22_31

The recording was 20 seconds. A male dispatcher answered the phone and said, "police and fire dispatch." A female responded and said she lived on Rutherford Road and heard gun shots. The female stated she initially heard three gunshots followed by five more. The dispatcher indicated that officers were already on scene. The call ended.

CVD3_Vesta05_2024_08_29_22_22_57

The recording was 22 seconds. A male dispatcher answered and said, "911 what is the address of your emergency?" a female responded and said she heard gunshots in the area of "Lutheran school" and requested a police response. The dispatcher said he would get police units to check the area.

CVD3_Vesta07_2024_08_29_22_22_43

The recording was 21 seconds. A female dispatcher answered and said "911 where is your emergency?" A male responded and said he heard gunshots from his address at 3540 Glen Allen Drive. The dispatcher notified the male that officers were already on scene. The call ended.

Audio Recorded Police Radio Traffic

Two files were provided by CHPD containing the police radio traffic. However, no information pertaining to the transmissions was provided. New radio traffic and CDR data was requested from Chagrin Valley Dispatch (CVD).

On September 12, 2024, CVD sent an email with the requested radio traffic and the CDR data in a pdf format with the file name *CHPD Radio ID*. The newly requested radio traffic included 242 individual files containing one transmission per file. The transmissions began at 2202 hours and ended at 2348 hours on 08/29/24. The CDR data has been attached to this report.

SA Fletcher reviewed each file. The table below contains the radio data and content of the radio traffic for the transmission believed to be most relevant to the actual shooting incident.





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The radio traffic provided included 243 recorded radio transmission. They were numbered 000 through 242 and each recording was titled with the date and time of the transmission. A text document titled, *CHPD Radio ID*, was provided with the recordings and contained identifying data for each of the recorded radio transmissions. SA Fletcher reviewed each of the recorded radio transmissions and the data. The table below contains the radio data and content of the radio traffic for the transmissions believed to be most relevant to the actual shooting incident.

Transmission				
#	Date & Time	Duration	Radio ID	Officer Name
1	Start: 2024-08-29 22:02:56	Dur: 00:03	HHCC-OP3 (11003)	Dispatch
		Radio		
4	Start: 2024-08-29 22:03:06	Dur: 00:12	HHCC-OP3 (11003)	Dispatch
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8	Start: 2024-08-29 22:03:49	Dur: 00:07	HHCC-OP3 (11003)	Dispatch
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33	CL	D 00.00	CLHTS-C265	
11	Start: 2024-08-29 22:05:27	Dur: 00:03	(1846240)	
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12	Start: 2024-08-29 22:05:32	Dur: 00:06	HHCC-OP3 (11003)	Dispatch
10-4,	reporting party and sister are	waiting outside	e. Son's name is Christian	Tyson Thomas.
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20	Start: 2024-08-29 22:07:11	Dur: 00:16	(1846204)	
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23	Start: 2024-08-29 22:07:36	Dur: 00:04	CLHTS-C268 (1846242)	Unknown CHPD Officer	
N T 100 40	10-4, lets uh, let's start get a perimeter on the house.				
29	Start: 2024-08-29 22:09:02	Dur: 00:10	CLHTS-8609 (1846189)		
Alright, so	I think the dad is inside trying to	talk to the son	, but there was a gunsh	ot earlier. I don't believe	
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31	Start: 2024-08-29 22:09:18	Dur: 00:03	CLHTS-8609 (1846189)		
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72928			CLHTS-8545		
32	Start: 2024-08-29 22:09:22	Dur: 00:03	(1846100)	Ondercin	
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33	Start: 2024-08-29 22:09:26	Dur: 00:03	(1846158)	Franklin	
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38	Start: 2024-08-29 22:10:54	Dur: 00:02	(1846106)	Unknown CHPD Officer	
	Someone is coming out the back door.				
			CLHTS-8570		
41	Start: 2024-08-29 22:11:15	Dur: 00:03	(1846106)	Unknown CHPD Officer	
	He went back inside when he saw officers.				
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Alright, he's coming towards the front door again.				CLHTS-8609		
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69 Start: 2024-08-29 10:17:56 Dur: 00:04 (1846189)	69	Start: 2024-08-29 10:17:56	Dur: 00:04	(1846189)		
Alright, ya, he's got the gun in his hand at the front door.		Alright, ya, he's got	t the gun in his	hand at the front door.		





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70	Start: 2024-08-29 10:18:05	Dur: 00:02	(1846189)	
	Alright, he	e walked back	into the house.	
			CLHTS-8545	
73	Start: 2024-08-29 10:18:21	Dur: 00:10	(1846100)	Ondercin
So right no	w, father's out of the house, son	was at the fror	nt door with the firearm ir	hand, closed the door
***	went back inside, so no	w as far as we	know it's just the son insi	de.
			CLHTS-8545	
78	Start: 2024-08-29 10:19:05	Dur: 00:04	(1846100)	Ondercin
	Possibly und	er the influenc	e of psychedelics.	
			CLHTS-8545	
79	Start: 2024-08-29 10:19:35	Dur: 00:07	(1846100)	Ondercin
	He's on the	e second floor,	front bedroom.	
		÷	CLHTS-8609	
80	Start: 2024-08-29 10:20:10	Dur: 00:02	(1846189)	
	And	he shut the fr	ont door.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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			CLHTS	
81	Start: 2024-08-29 10:20:43	Dur: 00:02	(1846149)	
		radio shots fire	ed shots.	
		and the second s		
			CLHTS-8545	
88	Start: 2024-08-29 10:21:05	Dur: 00:02	(1846100)	Ondercin
		Alright, males	down.	

Audio Recorded Fire Radio Traffic

One file was provided for the radio traffic related to the Cleveland Heights Fire Department (CHFD). The file name was *CHFD*, and the recording was 2 minutes and 57 seconds. The recording documents the dispatch of the CHFD units to 1309 Yellowstone Road after the shooting incident. The recording also included radio traffic for an unrelated incident.

Cleveland Heights Police Department CAD Report





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The CHPD CAD report documented times and personnel assigned to the call. The report contained the dispatch, enroute, and arrival times of the officers who responded to the incident. The call was initiated at 22:02:41. The call type was a disturbance, and the incident number was listed as

A brief narrative entered by the dispatcher was listed in the report. The narrative portion of the CAD report has been included below for reference. The CAD report has been attached to this report for additional details.

Narrative

RP STATES FATHER AND BROTHER ARGUING. BROTHER HAS A GUN BROTHER HAS GUN IN HAND FINGER IN TRIGGER RP NOT ANSWERING DISPATCH. PEOPLE HEARD SAYING CHRISTIAN CALM DOWN. CHRISTIAN PUT THE GUN DOWN FATHER CHASING HIM AROUND RP AND SISTER GOING TO WAIT OUTSIDE BROTHER CHRISTIAN TYSON-THOMAS 06/11/18 Y/O RP UNSURE WHY HE HAS THE GUN RP AWOKE TO YELLING / RP HEARD A SHOT FIRED RP UNSURE WHERE THE BULLET HIT. STATES HE WOKE UP TO THE SHOT BEING FIRED. NO INJURIES. STARTING A PERIMETER ON THE HOUSE 88 54 REAR PERIMETER ALSO 99 FATHER IS TALKING TO SON TO TRY CALM DOWN CHRISTAIN/ 8570// SON COMING OUTSIDE 8570// WENT BACK INSIDE THE GRAGE DOOR WHEN SON SAW OFFICERS

FATHERS NAME IS FERRAL Pers 4|THOMAS, FERREL: FATHER 45 OFFICERS HAVE FATHER ON PHONE POSSIBLE ON SPEAKER CAN HERE FATHER STATING TO TAKE FINGER OFF TRIGGER AND DROP THE GUN 8554 CONTACT WITH DAD AT FRONT DOOR NOT COMING OUTSIDE SQUAD TO STAGE LUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL REQ A HOSTAGE NEGOT SON HAS GUN IN HAND AT FRONT DOOR SEPD, RHPD NEGATIVE FOR HOSTAGE NEGOTIATORS UHPD NEGATIVE SHOTSFIRED 8545 MALE IS DOWN <Incid #:CHFD- Mod Circum: M1TRAUMA(M3RESP)> 1305 YELLOWSTONE 8545// ROLL SQUAD BEACHWOOD HAS NEGOTIATOR // 1331 YELLOWSTONE CALLED SHOTS FIRED 3547 WOODDRIDGE HEARD 6 SHOTS // RENDER AID TO MALE FAMILY REQ EMS REQ MUTUAL AID 1304

MDT Records

MDT records were provided from 08/29/2024 at 21:36:57 through 08/30/2024 at 08:07:05. It appeared multiple agencies were included in the chat log aside from CHPD. No messages were sent or received that were relevant to the officer involved shooting that occurred on August 29, 2024.

References:

Reference Item I - 911 and Radio Traffic

Reference Item J - MDT Chat Log and CAD





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Attachments:

None