



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



2022-2918

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 500 West Hopocan, Barberton, OH
44203

Investigative Activity: Interview of Witness
Involves: Morgan Morrissey (W)
Activity Date: 12/26/2022
Activity Location: 1159 Midland Avenue, Barberton, Ohio 44203
Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente

Narrative:

On Monday, December 26, 2022, at 1403 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente and SA Charlie Snyder interviewed Morgan Morrissey (Morrissey). Morrissey was identified as a possible witness to the officer- involved shooting in Barberton, Ohio, on December 26, 2022. The interview with Morrissey was audio recorded and attached to this report.

During the interview, Morrissey reported the following:

On the morning of December 26, 2022, Morrissey went to the Barberton YMCA to exercise. Morrissey parked outside the YMCA on the road (2nd Street Northwest). As she arrived, Morrissey noticed a female yelling to her, "Excuse me, excuse me!"; which caught her attention. Morrissey then observed this female, identified as Margaret Patterson (Patterson), walking in her direction with "a man behind her." Patterson said to Morrissey, "Can you call 911 for me?" Morrissey was initially confused by the request and began watching Patterson and the man following her, identified as Zachary Zoran (Zoran).

As Patterson and Zoran got closer to Morrissey, Morrissey asked, "Do you want me to call or can you call?" Patterson herself then called 911. Morrissey then continued to walk towards the entrance to the YMCA with Patterson now at her side.

Zoran did not enter the YMCA. Rather, "He was outside yelling for a while at someone in the parking lot." Morrissey volunteered to wait in the atrium of the YMCA with Patterson for a Barberton police officer to arrive. When Morrissey observed Barberton police officer arrive, she left the atrium and entered the YMCA.

From her vantage point inside the YMCA, Morrissey saw where Zoran was in relation to the police. Morrissey reported she "could see where he [Zoran] was in that parking lot or wherever he was with the police. Um, I could see kinda that interaction. I was on the treadmill in front of the window."

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When asked if she personally observed the shooting from inside the YMCA, Morrissey stated, "Um, most of it, yeah. Where it looked like they tased him, he went down, and he [Zoran] looked like he was reaching for his bag and trying to run. That's pretty much all I saw. I saw they took him away in an ambulance."

Attachments:

1. 2022-12-26: Morgan Morrissey Interview