



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



2023-2232

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5991 S Sunbury Rd, Westerville  
OH 43081

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Bobbie Jean Nitz (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 09/22/2023  
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**Narrative:**

On September 22, 2023, at approximately 1101 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Jenny Comisford (SA Comisford) conducted a voluntary telephone interview of Bobbie Nitz (Nitz). The purpose of the interview was to obtain additional information regarding an officer involved critical incident that occurred on August 24, 2023 at 5991 South Sunbury Road, Westerville, OH (Kroger). The incident involved officers with the Blendon Township Police Department and a female identified as Ta'kiya Young (Young). Nitz was identified as a possible witness to the incident.

The conversation was audio recorded and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the attached audio for complete details. The following is a summation of Nitz's interview.

Nitz advised she is employed by Kroger as ClickList associate, and began her shift at approximately 1730 hours on the evening of August 24, 2023. Nitz stated she was inside the store at the time of the incident, standing near the sliding glass doors of the ClickList room. Nitz explained she initially heard a "commotion" and male voices outside the store, then heard one gunshot. Nitz could not hear what was being said, but stated she was approximately two feet from the doors at the time. Nitz opened the sliding doors, and observed two male Caucasian officers running with a vehicle that was traveling toward the building. Nitz then left the ClickList area and ran to the Kroger liquor store where she requested the front desk be contacted.

Nitz informed the liquor store employee ("Amy" LNU) that someone was shot in the parking lot. Amy reportedly responded she had just contacted the front desk about a theft in the liquor store. Nitz explained that a front desk employee contacted police to report the theft, then went to the parking lot to obtain license plate information. Nitz stated officers were already in the parking lot at that time on an unrelated matter.

When Nitz returned to the ClickList area, she observed an officer strike the driver's side window

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of Young's vehicle, pull Young from the vehicle, and begin CPR. Additional law enforcement officers began arriving at that time. Nitz explained that when Young's vehicle struck the building, merchandise trolleys outside the store were also struck and rolled in front of the sliding glass doors. Nitz described Young as laying half on the sidewalk and half in the parking lot after she was removed from the vehicle. Nitz advised officers took turns providing CPR for "so long," and estimated it was 15 minutes before EMS personnel arrived on scene. Nitz did not see Young move at any time, and opined Young was deceased.

Nitz advised all her observations occurred from inside the store, through glass doors that were covered in a film. Nitz did not witness the shooting. Nitz stated that her co-worker, Christina LNU, observed the incident in its entirety. Nitz took three photographs around 1841 hours with her cell phone, and later sent those photographs to SA Comisford via text message. See attached.

The interview concluded at approximately at 1125 hours.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment # 01: 2023-09-22 Bobbie Nitz Interview
- Attachment # 02: Bobbie Nitz \_ Witness Photograph 1
- Attachment # 03: Bobbie Nitz \_ Witness Photograph 2
- Attachment # 04: Bobbie Nitz \_ Witness Photograph 3





