



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



2020-3388

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus,  
Ohio

**Investigative Activity:** Body Camera Review, Interview with Officer

**Involves:** Columbus Police Department (O), Officer Arthur Whitworth (W),  
Jaclyn Renee Tipton, Esq. (O)

**Date of Activity:** 01/13/2021

**Activity Location:** 5th Precinct Sub-Station – 1371 Cleveland Ave, Columbus, Ohio,  
OH, Franklin County

**Author:** SA James H Gore, #168

**Narrative:**

On the morning of January 13, 2021, at approximately 1245 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents James Gore and Jon Dozer interviewed Columbus Police Officer Arthur Whitworth at the 5 Precinct Substation, 1371 Cleveland Ave., Columbus, OH 43211. Also present with Officer Whitworth was Attorney Jaci Tipton of the Fraternal Order of Police. The purpose of the interview with Officer Whitworth was to ascertain his involvement and response to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident which took place on the morning of December 22, 2020, at 1062 Oberlin Drive in Northwest Columbus. Atty. Tipton informed agents that any questions regarding departmental policies on body-worn cameras and the rendering of first aid would not be permitted.

Officer Whitworth stated that he has been employed with the Columbus Division of Police since June 20, 2018, and he has had no prior law enforcement experience with any other agency. Ofc. Whitworth advised that his badge number is 3084, and his log-in or radio call sign for the date in question was 24, as he was assigned to patrol vehicle 24 along with his partner for that shift, Ofc. Michael Alexander (driver). Ofc. Whitworth stated that his normal work schedule is from [REDACTED] and his days off are [REDACTED]. Ofc. Whitworth said he is assigned to 2 Precinct, which is located 2077 Parkwood Avenue, and his supervisor is Sergeant Albers.

Prior to the interview, Ofc. Whitworth reviewed his body-worn camera footage with Atty. Tipton. When asked, Ofc. Whitworth agreed that the footage was a fair representation of what he personally observed. Ofc. Whitworth advised that car 24 also had dash camera footage, but he has not had an opportunity to review that yet.

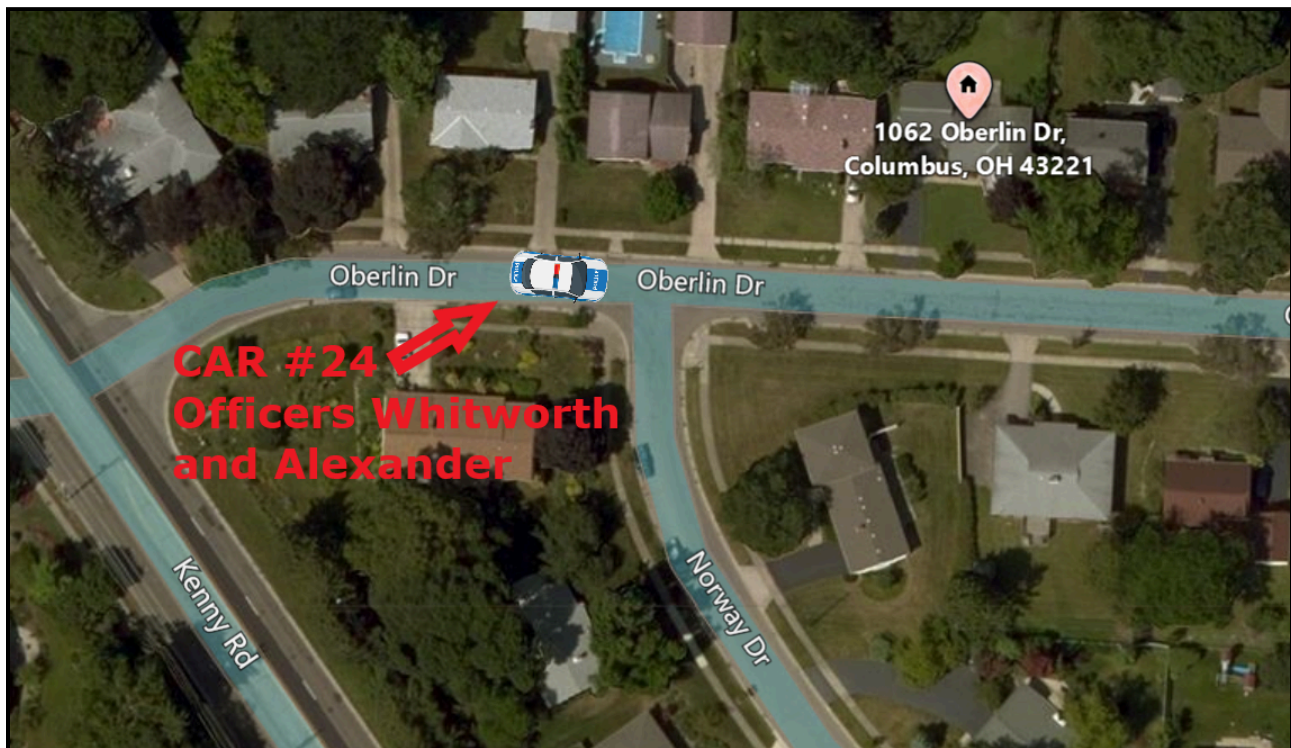
Ofc. Whitworth was asked to describe the dispatch call and/or radio traffic that he heard which

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prompted him and his partner to respond to Oberlin Dr. Ofc. Whitworth explained that the initial call went out as a "16," which he explained was code for a disturbance. He recalled that there was one line on the dispatch run that mentioned something about a car turning on and off. He explained that some time had passed, and the next radio traffic he recalled hearing was "shots fired" and "10-3," which means "officer in trouble."

Ofc. Whitworth said upon hearing the radio traffic, he and his partner left the 2 Precinct Substation and traveled to 3 Precinct, which is where Oberlin Drive is located. Ofc. Whitworth recalled broadcasting on the radio at some time during the drive to Oberlin that cruiser 24 was enroute.

SA Gore presented an overhead map of Oberlin Drive to Ofc. Whitworth, and he asked him to indicate where it was that he and Ofc. Alexander parked their patrol vehicle upon arriving at the scene. (Note: The following image is an interpretation of what was relayed by Ofc. Whitworth, and is for illustrative reference only.)



Ofc. Whitworth said they turned onto Oberlin from Kenny Rd. and parked approximately 2-3 houses west of the scene. Ofc. Whitworth mentioned seeing an unoccupied silver SUV, which he understood to be basis of the initial call.

Ofc. Whitworth said he and Ofc. Alexander approached the scene and observed several officers standing near a garage. He recalled seeing a male lying on the ground, but said he did not see a significant amount of blood. Ofc. Whitworth mentioned that at that time, he had no further information as to what had transpired. Ofc. Whitworth also mentioned that he believed other officers on scene were in the process of handcuffing the man on the ground when he

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approached.

Ofc. Whitworth said he moved from the garage to the front of the house. He further mentioned that he came into contact with a female and a male that were inside of the house. Ofc. Whitworth clarified that the pair was encountered during a protective sweep of the residence for any additional victims, witnesses, and/or suspects.

Ofc. Whitworth explained that he sequestered the male, who he believed was the homeowner, into the rear of cruiser 30, while the scene continued to be secured. He recalled the male's name was Bill Wadley. Ofc. Whitworth said he informed Mr. Wadley that his home was now a crime scene and that detectives would later arrive to question him.

Ofc. Whitworth recalled that while he and other officers were still clearing the inside of the residence, he heard Mr. Wadley mention that he 'didn't know the dude.' Ofc. Whitworth said he was unsure at the time of whom Wadley was referring when he made the utterance.

Ofc. Whitworth stated that when he arrived at the scene, he saw Ofc. Adam Coy walking down the driveway the residence, away from the house. Whitworth said he did not have any direct contact with Ofc. Coy and he did not overhear any statements from him as to what transpired.

Ofc. Whitworth could not estimate how long he remained at the scene, but he mentioned that at some point, he had to do site security / guard duty at Kenny and Oberlin.

Ofc. Whitworth stated that he has not responded to calls on Oberlin Dr. before and he has not had any prior contact with the victim (Andre Hill) or any of the witnesses. Ofc. Whitworth said he did not have any prior contact with Ofc. Coy during that shift. He explained that Ofc. Coy worked the [REDACTED] shift for Zone 4, but on 3 Precinct, so potentially, they may have previously responded to calls together. Ofc. Whitworth did not appear to be a close associate of Ofc. Coy.

Ofc. Whitworth said he did not complete any reports regarding the incident. A copy of the audio recording of Officer Whitworth's interview was attached for reference.

#### **Attachments:**

Attachment # 01:2020-3388 CPD Ofc. Arthur Whitworth Interview 1-13-2021 - Gore, Dozer