



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 114 North Ninth St, Byesville,
OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Lori West (W)
Date of Activity: 07/11/2023
Activity Location: Wise, Jeremiah – Home – 114 North Ninth St, Byesville, OH 43723,
Guernsey County
Author: SA Craig Call

Narrative:

On July 11, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Investigations and Crime Scene Units were requested by the Guernsey County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (shooting) involving members of the Byesville Police Department (BPD), GCSO, and Jeremiah Wise (Wise). It was reported to BCI the incident occurred at Wise's residence, 114 North 9th Street, Byesville, Ohio, and resulted in Wise being shot and transported to a nearby hospital where he ultimately succumbed to his injuries.

On the same date, BCI Special Agent Craig Call (SA Call) responded to the above-mentioned address to investigate the incident. While on scene, SA Call was approached by a nearby neighbor who identified herself as Lori West (West). West indicated she was in the immediate area during the time of the shooting and witnessed the events surrounding the shooting. SA Call asked West if she would give a voluntary statement in reference to what she observed and she agreed to do so.

The following is a summation of the statement West provided SA Call. SA Call attempted to record the statement, however there was a malfunction with the recording device and no audio is available.

West informed SA Call she lives at 108 North 10th Street, however during the time of the incident she was in the driveway area of 114 North 10th Street. West indicated she observed officers arrive on scene and attempt to get the occupant of 114 North 9th Street to come outside. West said she observed a male come outside of the above residence and begin screaming and cussing at the officers on scene before going back inside the residence. West further described the male coming back outside with a handgun in his hand, position his body to his left, raise his arm, and fire a shot. West said she reacted by falling to the ground and described hearing additional gunfire she assumed was from the officers on scene, but she did

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not visually observe anything further in reference to the shooting itself and left the immediate area after she got up.

West said she does not know the male residing at 114 North 9th Street and has never had previous contact with him. West believed the male rented the property and was not the owner.

West provided SA Call with her phone number of [REDACTED] in the event SA Call needed to get a hold of her in the future.