



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



2024-1015  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 100 Block 8th Street, N.E. New  
Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 Tuscarawas, County

**Investigative Activity:** Information Provided/Obtained, Interview with Witness  
**Date of Activity:** 04/01/2024  
**Activity Location:** Travelodge – 1256 West High Avenue (rear), New Philadelphia, OH  
44663  
**Author:** SA Charles H. Snyder, #90

**Narrative:**

**Background:**

On Sunday, March 31, 2024, at 2221 hours, Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was dispatched through the Who's Responding notification system to a Officer-Involved Critical Incident involving reported gunshot injuries at 834 East High Street and Tell Avenue SE, in New Philadelphia, (Tuscarawas County) Ohio. Personnel from the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) were indicated as involved. Initial reporting indicated at least one citizen and one law enforcement officer were injured and en route to hospital(s) for treatment. BCI Special Agent Charlie Snyder (Snyder) was dispatched to assist the on-call team at 2224 hours.

**Action Taken:**

On Monday, April 1, 2024, at 0422 hours, Snyder met with and conducted an audio-recorded interview with possible witness, Loretta M. Ankrom (Ankrom), [REDACTED]. Ankrom is the spouse of Adam Ankrom (residence – 715 Fair Avenue, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663), who had been contacted earlier and provided information indicating his wife was also a possible witness and her employment contact information.

Ankrom confirmed her identification and contact information to Snyder.

Ankrom reported she had been at her residence when this incident occurred and offered the following details.

Ankrom and her husband were seated on their living room couch watching television, when they heard a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, followed by the sound of a loud crash. Ankrom's husband looked outside and said that a vehicle had run into a house on the corner.

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Ankrom's husband advised that he was going to walk to the accident site, and they both then began walking in the direction of the crash site.

As Ankrom and her husband neared the crash site, they heard people at the accident site advising that the driver was not in the vehicle and had jumped out.

Ankrom then heard the TCSO cruiser as it approached the scene on Fair Avenue. The people on scene advised the Deputy the subject was now in the alley.

Ankrom then learned the Deputy was "wrestling" with the subject, who then got away from the Deputy. Ankrom indicated she did not see this activity.

Ankrom said that she then heard three rapid gunshots and heard other people saying that the Deputy had been shot. Ankrom indicated that she did not hear any voices or commands during this time. Ankrom indicated she was standing on the south-west corner of Fair Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> street SE, when she heard the shots being fired.

Snyder asked Ankrom if she had observed who had fired the gunshots and observed any vehicles leaving the area. Ankrom advised that she did not see any of those things. Ankrom indicated the incident scene was very dark.

Ankrom and her husband then returned to their residence in preparation for Ankrom to go to work.

Ankrom was asked if she had any information relative to this matter that had not been covered. She indicated there was no additional information known to her at this time.

Snyder had provided Ankrom with his business card, advising should she recall anything or speak to other people who had not spoken with law enforcement, to contact him.

The Ankrom interview concluded at approximately 0429 hours.

Note: This report summarizes information deemed by the author of the most relevance to the investigation and does not contain all questions and answers from the interview. This report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

#### **References:**

None

#### **Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2024-04-01 – Loretta M. Ankrom – Interview – 240401\_0325

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