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To: Ryan Styer, Tuscarawas County Prosecutor
Cc: Chuck Moran, Special Agent Supervisor, Ohio BCI
From: Joseph Goudy, Special Agent, Ohio BCI
Date: September 20, 2024
Involves: Kendell Woodard
Case Title: Officer Involved Critical Incident
BCI Case Numbers: Special Investigations (SIU): 2024-1376
Crime Scene (CSU): 2024-1376
Cyber Crime (CCU): 2024-1376
BCI Laboratory: 24-33459

Investigative Request

On Friday, May 03, 2024, the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting incident. The incident reportedly occurred on May 3, 2024 in the area of Interstate Route 77 southbound at exit 85 and resulted in the death of Kendell Woodard (Woodard).

Preface:

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the May 3, 2024, officer-involved shooting in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Every fact and detail is not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which this document is derived be read in order to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for the majority of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.

This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.



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Investigative Team

BCI Special Agent Joseph Goudy (Goudy) was assigned as the lead SIU case agent. SA Goudy received assistance in the investigation from SA Charlie Snyder (Snyder), SA Andy Harasimchuk (Harasimchuk), and SA Cory Momchilov (Momchilov). BCI Special Agents Larry Hootman (Hootman) and Chad Dorn (Dorn) of the Crime Scene Unit processed the scene of the incident, documenting, preserving, and collecting possible evidence. BCI Computer Forensic Specialist (CFS) Clarice Cowgill of the Cyber Crimes Unit conducted an extraction and analysis of the cell phone recovered from inside the truck originally occupied by Woodard. The investigation was supervised by Special Agent Supervisor Chuck Moran. Additionally, various personnel from the BCI crime laboratory performed scientific analyses on submitted items of potential physical evidence.

Summary of Process

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during the course of this investigation, by the investigative team, in an effort to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Recorded interview(s) of the 4 officers who discharged their weapons
- Recorded interviews of 1 officer who was involved in the incident, at the scene, or otherwise deemed to potentially have relevant information
- Recorded interview(s) of the involved subject and others subjects directly involved in the incident
- Interviews of 2 civilian witnesses to the incident
- Interviews of 2 first responders or medical personnel
- Interviews of family members or associates of the decedent
- Special agent attendance to postmortem examination (autopsy) of the deceased
- Obtained and reviewed postmortem examination (autopsy) and toxicology reports
- Obtained and reviewed police reports of prior law enforcement contacts with the subject
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on the involved subjects, to include criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.
- FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) checks on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine if reported stolen)
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) trace on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine ownership history)



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- Review of all available dash cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available body cameras involved in the incident
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting)
- 3D scans / model of incident area
- Processing of involved vehicle(s) for potential evidence
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident
- Review of 911/phone communications related to the incident
- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident
- Review of Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) communications relative to the incident
- Issued preservation letters for phone records of the numbers believed to have some relevance to the incident
- Reviewed phone/text records obtained via search warrant from wireless service provider
- Review of the department's reports, photographs, and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement
- Obtained search warrants for the subject's phone and performed an analysis of the data present
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
 1. Firearm identification testing of involved firearms, casings, and bullets
 2. Firearm operability testing
- Obtained search warrant to analyze electronic evidence, to include:
 1. Cellular phones
- Reviewed data obtained from aforementioned items of electronic evidence
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officers involved in the shooting, to include training and disciplinary records (if any)
- Reviewed firearm qualification and training records for involved officers
- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the officer(s) who discharged their weapons
- Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding use of force for prosecutorial review
- Enhancement of audio/video recordings through the assistance of the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission
- Reviewed EMS records pertaining to their response and the treatment administered
- Performed records checks, including LEADS and NCIC off-line search, for the vehicle(s) involved in the incident



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- Reviewed tips, social media posts, and pertinent statements made in the media regarding the incident

Incident Summary/Overview

On Friday, May 3, 2024, at approximately 0630 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) for assistance to conduct an independent investigation surrounding an officer-involved shooting which occurred on Interstate 77 Southbound at Exit ramp 85 in the City of New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

Earlier, at approximately 0130 hours, OSHP Trooper Spencer Day (Day) observed a pickup truck stopped partially in the roadway on exit ramp 85 from Interstate route 77 southbound. Upon Trooper Day's approach, he observed the driver, later identified as Woodard, sitting in the driver's seat in a reclined position. As Trooper Day attempted to get Woodard's attention, he appeared startled as he acknowledged him. When Trooper Day asked Woodard to roll down the window, he rolled it down halfway. As Trooper Day attempted to get information from Woodard, he did not answer many of the questions, nor did he provide any identification information. According to the interviews conducted with the responding OSHP troopers and Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) deputy, Woodard was not very compliant and spoke very little. The responding officers believed that he was suffering from some sort of mental health issue.

During this time, after Trooper Day was not able to communicate with Woodard, [REDACTED], followed by [REDACTED] arrived on scene to assist. After several unsuccessful attempts were made by the OSHP troopers for Woodard to exit his vehicle and to provide his identification, they requested a TCSO deputy to respond who was certified in crisis intervention training (CIT). Shortly thereafter, TCSO [REDACTED] arrived on scene to assist. After he was briefed on the matter, [REDACTED] approached the vehicle to speak with Woodard. At this point, only [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were near the truck speaking with Woodard. The other responding troopers and deputies were told to stay back and out of sight to prevent Woodard from getting more upset.

At one point during the negotiations with Woodard, [REDACTED] had another trooper purchase a coffee and donut for Woodard in an attempt to lure him out of the truck to speak with them. When the items arrived, Woodard did not take them. [REDACTED] went as far as getting a relative, identified as Bettina Twitty (Twitty), on the phone for Woodard to speak with her. Twitty was heard pleading with Woodard to exit the vehicle and for him to get the help he needed. Woodard did not reply to Twitty. Woodard appeared to become more emotional while she was speaking to him.



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After approximately 3 hours and 40 minutes of unsuccessful negotiations with Woodard, responding officers decided to move forward with their plan to extract Woodard from the vehicle as traffic was beginning to pick up. At this point, Woodard did open his driver's side door. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] continued to give Woodard commands to keep his hands where they could see them. Woodard refused to provide his right hand. During this time, Woodard's right hand was concealed between his back and the seat. After [REDACTED] walked up along the passenger side of the truck, he observed Woodard holding a handgun behind his back. Shortly after [REDACTED] alerted the responding officers about the gun, as stated by [REDACTED] Woodard produced his handgun and pointed it towards him and [REDACTED]. This action resulted in [REDACTED] s [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to fire their duty weapons at Woodard, which resulted in his death.

After the gunfire ended and the responding officers felt it was safe to approach, Woodard was observed lying motionless in the driver's seat of the truck while still holding a revolver handgun in his right hand. The handgun was eventually removed from Woodard's right hand and secured. Woodard was also secured, followed by emergency medical treatment being administered to him until EMS arrived. The handgun possessed by Woodard was identified as an INA 38 caliber revolver which contained five rounds in the cylinder. One of the rounds in the cylinder was an empty 38 caliber cartridge casing.

Decedent



Name: Kendell Woodard
 DOB: July 26, 1989
 SOC: [REDACTED]
 OL#: [REDACTED]
 Height: 6'00"
 Weight: 188
 Hair / Eyes: Black / Brown
 Address: 2415 Germantown Street
 Dayton, OH (OHLEG)



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Life-saving emergency measures from the gunshot wounds was provided to Woodard immediately after he was removed from the vehicle and secured. It was determined while on scene that Woodard had succumbed to his injuries.

Background:

Kendell Woodard

(Ohio)

- 35-year-old male
- Driver's license status: Suspended
- Computerized Criminal History (CCH): None
- Suspensions: 1 active
- Accidents: 1 reported accident (2014)
- Convictions: 20 reported conviction (2008 thru 2022)

Autopsy Report

As of this date, September 20, 2024, the autopsy report for the decedent (Kendell Woodard) has not been obtained from the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office, via the Tuscarawas County Coroner's Office. This document will be submitted to the Tuscarawas County Prosecutor's Office upon receipt.



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Physical Evidence

The BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to respond to the scene of the shooting in order to document and preserve any items of potential evidence. Multiple agents responded and processed the scene, to include photographing and mapping the area, as well as the search for, documentation, and collection of items of possible evidence. Detailed crime scene reports were completed with the below information only summarizing some of the more significant findings.

Upon the arrival of the Crime Scene Unit (CSU), SA Larry Hootman (Hootman) began taking overall photos of the scene. The photograph below depicts the secured scene.





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The weapon found on the Ohio State Highway Patrol vehicle, allegedly used by the subject, was a .38 INA Model 3 revolver, Serial #053704. There were 4 Federal cartridges, and 1 spent Federal cartridge casing found in the plastic bags.



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For further information, please refer to the report titled, “Officer Involved Critical Incident – I-77 Southbound Exit 85, Dover OH. 44622 (IRW-6),” authored by SA Larry Hootman.

The BCI Firearms Section performed an analysis of the officers’ firearms, as well as the firearm-related evidence collected from the scene, vehicles, and autopsies (casings and bullets). By comparing evidentiary cartridge casings/projectiles to known standards from each weapon, identifications were able to be made as to which casings/projectiles were fired from each firearm. Of the casings/projectiles recovered, the following identifications were made:

Woodard’s pistol (.38 Cal Revolver - Lab Item 20) was found to be operable. The projectile (Lab Item 47) removed from the right parasagittal skull and brain of Woodard was inconclusive when compared to the revolver. The projectile did not match the pistol’s used by the Deputy or Troopers involved. Woodard was observed with a pistol in his right hand while in the truck. A .38 Cal Revolver (Lab Item 20) was recovered from Woodard’s right hand after the incident, and it had one fired casing and four unfired casings in the cylinder.

OSHP ██████████’s pistol (Lab Item 40) was found to be operable. ██████████’s pistol was conclusively linked to seven cartridge casings (9mm Luger - Lab Items 3, 4, 18, 24, and 26-28) found at the scene, one fired bullet jacket (Lab Item 43) found at the scene, and three projectiles (Lab Items 48, 50, and 51) from Woodard’s body. Specifically, lab item 43 was found in the front passenger seat of Woodard’s vehicle, ██████████

OSHP ██████████’s pistol (Lab Item 41) was found to be operable. ██████████’s pistol was conclusively linked to five cartridge casings (9mm Luger - Lab Items 33-38) found at the scene and two projectiles (Lab Items 22 and 49) from the roadway and Woodard’s body. Specifically, lab item 22 was found in the roadway and ██████████

OSHP ██████████’s pistol (Lab Item 42) was found to be operable. ██████████’s pistol was conclusively linked to seven cartridge casings (9mm Luger - Lab Items 11, 12, 14-17, and 23) found at the scene and one projectile (Lab Item 46) from the driver’s side seat back of Woodard’s truck.

For further details, please refer to the report titled "2024-06-27 Review of BCI Lab Report (IRW-23)" authored by SA Jesse Bynum.



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Witnesses

George David Wright - Wright said that he left his employment and was headed to his residence. He said that as he pulled up, he observed a pick-up truck on the berm of the road, with several Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) and Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) Deputies and a City of Dover Fire Department ambulance that was parked next to the pick-up truck. Wright indicated that he believed the law enforcement personnel were trying to get a subject out of the pick-up truck, who was not complying.

Wright said that he saw the door on the pick-up truck start to open slowly, then shut. Wright said that he then saw the door was opened more, and an officer reached over and pulled the door open, then stepped away from the pick-up. Wright said he could not hear the subject in the pick-up truck saying anything to the law enforcement officers, because his windows were rolled up and there was traffic noise.

Wright then observed that an OSP Trooper placed something, believed to be possible stop sticks, under the pick-up truck on the passenger side. Wright indicated that within a very short time, less than a minute later, Wright heard repeated yelling by the law enforcement personnel for the subject in the truck to show them his hands. Wright then observed law enforcement officers firing gunshots. Wright indicated seeing a law enforcement officer on the berm of the road firing his weapon and saw the rear window of the pick-up truck break, and then he heard more shots.

Wright indicated he panicked and ducked down in his vehicle, unsure if he should drive off. Wright had no idea of the time the shots were fired. Wright estimated being within fifty feet of the actual shooting incident. He believed there may have been six or seven shots fired by law enforcement.

For further information, please refer to the report titled, "2024-05-03: George David Wright – Interview" authored by SA Charlie Snyder.

Jeffrey Allen Hagen - Hagen said that he had stopped on south bound Interstate 77 at exit 85 at approximately 2330 to 0000 hours, to get some sleep in his truck. He observed a vehicle also parked on the south-bound ramp, near the end of that time. Hagen then indicated he did not see or hear anything relative to this incident. He indicated being a light sleeper and if there had been gunshots, he was certain he would have awakened. He believed whatever occurred had to have happened before 2330 to 0000 hours.



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For further information, please refer to the report titled, "2024-05-03: Jeffrey Allen Hagen – Witness Interview" Authored by SA Snyder.

Relatives of Kendell Woodard – Interviews

Joel Twitty (Cousin to Woodard) – Joel was asked to explain the last time he talked to Woodard, and he said it was Tuesday, April 30th, and he "could see it in his eyes, he wasn't home". Joel said that Woodard had a darkness in his eyes and the way he looked standoffish or distant. Joel said that he and his brother Rodney Twitty talked to Woodard for a long time to try and help; eventually, Joel gave him the number to a mental health hotline. Joel was also working with members of the family to try and find a treatment center to help Woodard. Joel was asked if Woodard ever told him specifically what was bothering him, but Joel answered "no". Joel said that Woodard went to Saint Elizabeth Hospital around April 23rd, but Woodard was only in the hospital for two days. Woodard told Joel that he started hearing voices that day and it was the first time Woodard admitted that he needed help.

Anytime Joel would talk to Woodard about his mental health, Woodard would always say "I'm good I'm good I'm good". Joel went to see Woodard on Wednesday, but Woodard already took Rodney Twitty's truck and was not home. Joel was asked if he knew where Woodard was working. Joel said he knew Woodard had a job but was not sure where it was at because Woodard was "secretive".

Joel said that Woodard advised them that he wanted to "go to the water", because it helps him to relax. Joel did not know if Woodard went fishing or what he did by the water but he knew that it helped him relax and work through his thoughts. Woodard told Joel that he wanted to leave the area, so Joel recommended Woodard go to Las Vegas, Nevada to visit their sister. Joel explained that he went to Woodard's house on Wednesday and Thursday, but the truck was gone and Woodard was not home. Joel was asked what the phrase "going by the water" meant or if there was a specific body of water in Cleveland Woodard would visit, but Joel said Woodard would visit any pond, lake, or river close to the Dayton area.

Joel was asked how well he knew "Nah Nah," Woodard's roommate, and Joel said that he did not know him very well and had issues within the last two years, when Joel had been to the Germantown residence. SA Eveslage said he would like to talk to "Nah Nah" because he wanted to know how Woodard had a firearm. Joel explained that SA Eveslage could figure that out through his brother Rodney Twitty and said that his brother kept a gun in the garage. Rodney moved the gun to a different location when Woodard started having mental health issues, so he could not find it. On Tuesday, April 30th, Joel said



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that all the cars were open, and Woodard appeared to be looking for something in or around the garage, but Joel did not give it much thought. Joel was asked if he knew what type of gun Rodney had, but he said he did not know.

Joel was asked if he knew of any social media accounts Woodard had and Joel said he thought Woodard had a Facebook account under his name Kendell Woodard but did not know of any other accounts. Joel was asked if Woodard ever mentioned committing suicide to him, but he said that if Woodard ever mentioned suicide to anyone, it would be to Rodney Twitty, because that is whom Woodard talked to the most. Joel was asked if there was anything else that he thought would be important for investigators to know, and Joel said that Woodard changed when he started, "messing with the Africans". He said that Woodard grew out his hair and beard, started dressing in different styles of clothing, and changed his diet once he became friends with the Africans. Joel was asked if these changes had anything to do with Woodard's religion, but Joel said he was not sure, and that Woodard would not talk to him about it. Joel was asked if he knew if Woodard used any drugs, and he said Woodard would drink alcohol and might have used marijuana, but that was all he knew.

Joel explained that he had seen this type of behavior before in his cousin, after she had something "spiked" in her drink. She had the same look in her eyes that Woodard had, but she was receiving medical attention and taking medicine for her condition. Joel said that this cousin was now dead because she "stepped out in front of a car" or was run over by a car. SA Eveslage clarified if this cousin had the same look in her eyes that Woodard had, which Joel described as "no one being home," and he verified yes.

For further information, please refer to the report titled, "2024-05-06: Joel Twitty Interview" authored by SA Doug Eveslage.

Bettina Twitty (Cousin of Woodard) - It should be noted that Bettina considers Woodard her brother, and they were raised together as such. Bettina started off by wanting to personally thank the Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper who she spoke with on May 3rd, while trying to assist with deescalating the incident with Woodard. Bettina said that his "compassion over the phone was comforting" for her, and "he did everything he could to try and help him out of there safely." Bettina explains further that she does not hold anybody at fault and she "knows he (Woodard) wanted to die."

Bettina stated that she was on an open phone call with the Troopers trying to have her talk Woodard into exiting the vehicle. Bettina describes hearing Woodard say, "okay okay I'm out I'm out" over the phone, but right after that the phone "muffled and went dead." She said that she called back and talked to a dispatcher; however, they were not able to



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get her back in touch with the Troopers on scene with Woodard. Bettina explains that the Trooper told her that Woodard unlocked the door and that the Trooper said he was going to be putting the phone down due to the doors being unlocked on Woodard's vehicle but asked her to stay on the line so she could hear what was going on. She said that shortly thereafter, the phone "muffled" and just hung up.

Bettina said that she first started calling Woodard's cell phone for the Troopers, around ten times, but Woodard would not answer. Bettina said she asked the Trooper to put her on speakerphone so Woodard could hear her talking to him. Bettina said that she could hear the Trooper asking Woodard to open the door and step out of the vehicle multiple times, and Bettina believed that Woodard got out of the vehicle because she heard him say "okay, I'm out I'm out."

SA Eveslage asked Bettina why Woodard was in Northeastern Ohio, and Bettina explained that he has a four-year-old son that lives in the Cleveland, Ohio area, and she believes that he was trying to see him. Bettina said that she spoke to the four-year-old son's mother, Melissa Anise Henderson after she found out about the incident involving Woodard. Bettina said that Woodard also has a ten-year-old daughter that lives in the Dayton, Ohio area, and that child's mother is Adairia Kelly.

SA Eveslage asked Bettina for Woodard's cell phone number, and she provided 502-716-1118 and said that he has had that cell phone number for over one year but has changed his numbers. SA Eveslage asked if Bettina knew the passcode to unlock Woodard's phone or what his phone physically looked like, but she did not know either of those answers. SA Eveslage asked what Woodard's address is and Bettina could only say that his house was on Germantown Street but her brother, Rodney Twitty, would know that address because he works in the garage at the rear of the Germantown Street property.

SA Eveslage asked if Woodard was active on any social media platforms, and she said he had a TikTok handle of "King72689" and Woodard had a Facebook account, but she was not friends with him on Facebook.

SA Eveslage asked if Bettina knew when Woodard left to go to Cleveland, and she stated that she was not sure, but his family was looking for him on Tuesday. Bettina said that one of her brothers asked Woodard on Tuesday if he was okay, and Woodard answered "no." She explained that when Woodard was having problems, he would usually not admit it and say that he was okay, so when he told her brother that he was not okay, they knew something was really wrong with him. Bettina said that Woodard checked himself into the Saint Elizabeth Hospital on Edwin C. Moses Drive, in Dayton, Ohio, within the last two weeks for mental health issues; however, he only stayed there for two days. She said that Woodard was talking to a mental health hotline but got frustrated because they only seemed interested in his insurance information.



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Bettina said that Tuesday, May 30th, was the last time that anyone from her family saw him, and they kept trying to get a hold of him through phone calls, but he would not answer. Bettina thought that Woodard probably left to go to the Cleveland area on Wednesday, but that was just a guess. Bettina was asked if Woodard had mental health issues often or if there was anything that happened recently or around that time of the year. Bettina explained that Woodard would usually have issues or go to jail around May every year and that she thought it was because her mother died in the month of May approximately 12 years ago. Bettina said that over the last year to year and a half, Woodard had not looked good and had been behaving differently, and she could tell when she saw him that something was wrong.

SA Eveslage asked if Woodard lived by himself at the Germantown Street address, and Bettina advised that he lived there with "Nah Nah," a male she described as "African" and whom she has never met but is around Woodard's age.

SA Eveslage revisited a statement Bettina said early about Woodard saying he wanted to die, and Bettina explained that Woodard was acting like "he did not want to be here anymore." Woodard told one of Bettina's brothers that he did not want to live without Bettina's mother anymore. SA Eveslage asked if Woodard ever mentioned how he was going to end his life or if he talked about any plans, but she said he never talked about that with her. Bettina explained that Woodard would not come around her very often, and she thought it was because she looked very similar to her mother and thought Woodard had a hard time because of that. She said Woodard would stop by her residence and hang fruit on the front door handle as a gesture to let her know he was thinking of her.

SA Eveslage asked if she knew if Woodard possessed or carried a firearm, and she said no, Woodard is not a gun person. Bettina said that she was talking to Melissa Anise Henderson who asked if Bettina thought that Woodard really had a gun and if that was the way the officer involved critical incident really happened. Bettina said she told her yes and that you never know when someone is acting that way what they would do or be capable of. SA Eveslage asked if Woodard always drove Rodney Twitty's truck and Bettina confirmed that Woodard would drive his truck. SA Eveslage asked if Woodard ever used narcotics, and Bettina said that she knew he used marijuana, but thought he possibly was using other narcotics because of how quickly his behavior would change.

For further information, please refer to the report titled, "2024-05-06: Bettina Twitty Interview" authored by SA Eveslage.



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Adairia Kelly (Mother to Woodard's ten-year-old daughter) - SA Eveslage asked Adairia when the last time she talked to Woodard, and she explained that the last time they talked it was "not good", and she had him blocked from communicating with her cell phone. She said that their relationship has been on and off ever since she and her daughter moved out of Woodard's Germantown Street residence several years ago. Adairia believes that around February or March 2024 is the last time her and Woodard had any conversation, and it was only about their daughter. The last time Woodard did attempt to communicate, he sent a text message that said something like "I love you or how are you guys," but Adairia did not respond to the message.

SA Eveslage asked Adairia if she had known if Woodard had suffered from any mental health issues or if he was on any medication that she was aware of, but she explained that she never knew Woodard to take medicine, and she would always encourage him that he needed medicinal help. Adairia said that Woodard's first "manic episode" was around her and her daughter a long time ago and that he has had these for years. She described the episode as Woodard not sleeping, not bathing, and "spazzing out". Adairia said that the behavior of Woodard on May 3rd was not the Woodard she knew and that he had changed. She showed SA Eveslage photos from her phone of Woodard with her and her daughter. Woodard was clean cut in every photo and with either their daughter or Adairia. She further explained that Woodard and she have been in love with each other since they were eight years old, and that they grew up together, dating off and on again through high school, college, and afterward.

SA Eveslage asked if she knew if Woodard used alcohol or narcotics, but Adairia said that he would drink occasionally but never use narcotics. However, she could not say what he had done since 2020 because they have grown apart. SA Eveslage asked if there was something that happened in Woodard's life that made him change, because some family members mentioned a shift in his looks and behavior. She was not sure if SA Eveslage had heard of the "Hoetap guys", but she was not sure who Woodard was talking to, who was providing him with information which said that he was very sure of himself and "not conforming to anybody's way" and knew the bible very well.

Adairia said that Woodard did see a therapist after he had episodes, but she is not sure if he was ever diagnosed or received medication. She thought that any time their relationship was having trouble, Woodard's behavior became unstable, so she and her daughter moved out. SA Eveslage asked for Adairia to describe Woodard's behavior, and she said it was "manic" but he would not try to hurt you. However, in his first episode, he dropped their daughter on the floor, so she grabbed their daughter. Adairia said that when she looked into his eyes, "she saw somebody different", so she ran and hid in the bathroom with their daughter. Woodard broke open the door which caused her and her daughter to fall into the shower and that was when she decided to move out with her



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daughter. Adairia eventually tried to talk to Woodard about this episode, but Woodard said that he did not remember acting the way he did or doing anything of those things. SA Eveslage revisited the look in Woodard's eyes as being "detached," and Adairia agreed and said she could tell by looking at his eyes whether he was doing well or not.

Adairia explained another situation that occurred with Woodard as she was arriving home with her daughter and Woodard "snatched open" the door to her grandparent's residence. She tried to talk to Woodard and asked him to leave, but during this time he had long dreaded hair. Woodard tried to talk to Adairia the next day, but her grandmother told Woodard that he needed to go back to the clean-cut Woodard their family knew. Adairia said that Woodard again showed up to her residence the following day and every piece of hair on his head, face, and even eyebrows were shaved off, and she thought that this was the oddest behavior. SA Eveslage asked when this happened, and she said it was around three or four years ago, when she had just started living with her grandparents again.

SA Eveslage asked if Adairia knew anything about Woodard's living situation on Germantown Street. She said that the Germantown residence was his house, but Woodard was always secretive about where he was living, so she did not allow him to see their daughter because of that. Adairia said that Woodard randomly started showing up with "these guys that were African" and thought that he met these Africans when he was working at the airport, and all the Africans were related to the guy who Woodard worked with at the airport. SA Eveslage asked if the person Woodard worked with could be named "Nah Nah" and she thought it was possibly him because she had heard her daughter say that name previously.

Adairia said that Woodard had always had identity issues because of the situation with his parents, and having his aunt who he called his mother. SA Eveslage asked if Adairia could explain Woodard's family situation. She said Woodard's mother's last name was Woodard, but she had been deceased for over 12 years. Woodard's father's name is possibly Kenneth Shackelford, but she explained that Woodard went straight home from the hospital with his Aunt Eunice Twitty when he was born. He had contact with his father who lives in the Dayton, Ohio area, but Adairia did not have phone numbers to contact his father or siblings. Adairia said that Woodard had three siblings, Joy, Kenneth "Buggy", and Kendra but she was not sure about what their last names were.

SA Eveslage asked if Woodard had any social media accounts that she was aware of, but Adairia explained that she did not know any accounts, and she tried to remove herself completely from Woodard. SA Eveslage asked if Woodard ever mentioned committing suicide or if he made any threats towards the police, but she said he never had any aggression towards the police and never talked about hurting himself. SA Eveslage asked



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if Adairia knew if Woodard carried a firearm, but she never knew him to carry or possess a firearm, and she was surprised to hear that information.

For further information, please refer to the report titled, "2024-05-06: Adairia Kelly Interview" authored by SA Eveslage.

Officer Interviews

The following paragraphs are summaries of each officer's account of his or her actions pertaining to this incident and/or discharging their weapon. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of each interview.

OSHP Trooper Spencer Day - Trooper Day said that he was patrolling southbound on Interstate 77 when he observed a vehicle on the Exit 85 off ramp. As Trooper Day got closer to the vehicle, he noticed that the vehicle was partially blocking the right of way and straddling the "fog line." Trooper Day stated that he witnessed a person in the driver's front of the vehicle who initially appeared to have been asleep. As he knocked on the rear window, he explained that the occupant "woke quickly and appeared to be off."

The vehicle occupant had cracked the window slightly and advised Trooper Day that he had come from the Akron area. Trooper Day stated that the occupant stopped communicating with him and displayed what he called "odd behavior." This behavior was explained by Trooper Day as being more nervous (on edge) and emotional like others he had encountered, showing big or large eyes, looking around as if he was looking for a way out, constantly sighing and wearing only one boot on his feet.

As the occupant wouldn't communicate with him, he called out for assistance from other Troopers working that evening. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], the senior Trooper on shift at the time, arrived a short time later. According to Trooper Day, [REDACTED] began to engage the vehicle occupant but experienced similar behavior. As the interaction continued, [REDACTED] asked Trooper Day and others on scene to retreat to the Bell Store to the immediate east of the I-77 / Schneider's Crossing interchange.

Trooper Day stated that he stayed at the Bell Store with other law enforcement officers until he heard [REDACTED] broadcast "shots fired" over the radio. Once back on scene, Trooper Day stated that he observed the vehicle occupant motionless in the driver's seat with a firearm in his right hand. As others on scene began rendering first



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aid to the occupant, Trooper Day was instructed by a supervisor to start a log of those on scene.

For further information, please refer to the report titled, “2024-05-17: Trooper Spencer Day Interview” authored by SA Eric Lehnhart.

██████████ - ██████████ stated that at approximately 0145 hours, he was requested by OSHP Trooper Day to respond to his location to assist with the traffic stop. ██████████ stated that Trooper Day did not say what he initially had. Upon ██████████'s arrival, he stated, “The truck was parked such that it was partially extended into the right lane.” As ██████████ reached the driver’s door of the truck, he stated, “I immediately noticed the suspect was acting odd: He was very wide-eyed and was looking around nervously. He was not responding to any of Trooper Day’s questions.” At this point, ██████████ stated that he told Trooper Day to have the male exit the truck, to which the male did not respond when they asked him to do so.

██████████ stated he requested ██████████ to respond due to the male’s “bizarre behavior.” During this time, ██████████ stated that while he and Trooper Day kept their flashlights focused on the cab of the truck, they were able to see the male’s hands. At one point, the male was seen rubbing his left leg. ██████████ stated, “Twice I asked whether he had any weapons, but he would not answer me.” ██████████ further stated, “he was repeatedly looking right out of the passenger window as well as shaking his head. I thought he might be considering fleeing on foot or otherwise contemplating what to do next. I asked him what he was thinking about, but he would not give a substantive response.”

██████████ stated that he eventually retrieved the driver’s United States Passport and Ohio driver’s license. The driver was identified as Kendell Woodard (Woodard), and his license was suspended. ██████████ stated after he checked Woodard’s license status, he went back up to the truck to try and convince Woodard to exit and to hand over the keys. Woodard refused to comply with both requests. At this point, ██████████ arrived on scene and began to speak with Woodard. ██████████ stated that Woodard asked them to step back. At this point, ██████████ told ██████████ and Trooper Day to move towards the rear of the truck. While ██████████ was attempting to speak with Woodard, ██████████ stated, “the suspect also relayed that he had thoughts of harming himself.” At this time, ██████████ stated they requested emergency medical service (EMS) to arrive on-scene for assistance.

After EMS arrived at the scene, they parked ahead of where the truck was parked. Soon thereafter, EMS medics walked towards the truck to try and talk with Woodard. After



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the medics advised Woodard that they were there to help, Woodard still refused to exit his truck. [REDACTED] stated they requested a trooper with crisis intervention training (CIT) to respond. Upon learning there was not a CIT trooper nearby, they requested a CIT deputy from the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) to respond. After requesting a CIT deputy, TCSO [REDACTED] [REDACTED] arrived at the scene and began speaking with Woodard. [REDACTED] stated after some time had passed, [REDACTED] told him and Trooper Day to "leave the scene and stage at the marathon gas station. He said he would call us if/when he needed us. I believed he likely wanted us to go to calm the suspect's paranoia."

At approximately 0445 hours, [REDACTED] stated, "[REDACTED] called and asked me to buy some coffee and donuts and bring them to the scene for the suspect. I bought those items from the gas station and got to the scene a short time later." After buying the donuts and giving them to [REDACTED] he stayed back and hid to prevent Woodard from seeing him. While [REDACTED] was hidden back behind his cruiser, OSHP [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was also on scene staying hidden as well. At this time, [REDACTED] stated that he learned that a family member was on the phone, also trying to convince Woodard to exit the truck, with which he still refused to comply. [REDACTED] further stated that [REDACTED] told him that, "they were running out of options to avoid going hands-on. He also mentioned there was a spike strip by [REDACTED]'s cruiser we could deploy under the suspect's truck."

[REDACTED] stated, "A few minutes later, I peered around the back of [REDACTED]'s cruiser and saw the driver door of the suspect's truck open several inches. A moment later, [REDACTED] pulled the door all the way open and stood in the off-ramp. I could hear [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] telling the suspect to get out, but he would not do so." After [REDACTED] requested the additional units to the scene, per the order from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] moved up to the truck and deployed the spike strip behind the truck's back tires. At this point, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were yelling for the suspect to "show his hands." The suspect remained inside the truck.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had his taser out and aimed at the suspect while [REDACTED] was still within the door of the truck. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were yelling for the suspect to show his hands. It was at this time when [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to move up to see where Woodard's hands were from the passenger side. [REDACTED] stated, "I believed the suspect might have a weapon, so I unholstered my weapon. I shined my gun's light into the cabin and immediately saw the suspect's right hand was at his back waistband grasping a handgun. Specifically, I could see his hand was wrapped around the butt/grip of the



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gun. I could tell the butt was wooden and that the gun was a revolver. I immediately yelled “61” (OSP’s code for “gun”) followed by “gun, gun gun-He’s got a gun in his right hand.”

After [REDACTED] alerted the other troopers and deputy to the gun, he quickly stepped back to avoid any potential crossfire. As [REDACTED] got back to the rear of the truck, “multiple gunshots rang out in rapid succession. I believed the suspect had pulled his weapon and was attempting to shoot [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED]. I also believed there was a threat the suspect could shoot me and [REDACTED] and it was at that moment I fired my weapon. I stopped firing a moment later when the shots stopped, and I believed the suspect was no longer a deadly threat.”

[REDACTED] stated that he fired six rounds in rapid succession in what he believed to be less than two seconds. [REDACTED] stated he fired in a “Southerly direction using a two-handed (right strong) grip. My backdrop was the off-ramp and intersection south of the suspect’s truck. I did not see any person or vehicle in my backdrop at the times I fired. I do not recall whether I used my gun’s sites. My target was what I believed to be the suspect’s upper torso. I shot through the back window of the pickup. I would estimate that I was about fifteen feet from the suspect when I fired. I was standing, and I do not believe I was moving. It was dark out when this incident occurred; but there was some light from [REDACTED]’s headlights, and I believe my gun’s light may have been on.” [REDACTED] continued, “[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were also standing in the open immediately before this incident, within feet of the suspect, and I do not believe either of them had any cover or concealment.”

After [REDACTED] fired his last shot, he, along with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] took cover behind [REDACTED]’s cruiser. At this point, [REDACTED] did not know whether or not Woodard posed a deadly threat, so he retrieved his rifle from his OSHP cruiser. As [REDACTED] along with other troopers and deputies approached the truck, he observed Woodard, “Slumped into his seat not moving. The gun was in the suspect’s right hand, resting on his lap, with the barrel of the gun pointed out of the open driver’s door.” While [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were providing lethal cover, another deputy moved in to retrieve the handgun from Woodard’s hand to secure it. At this point, [REDACTED] stated that TCSO deputies removed Woodard from the truck and secured him while he was on the ground. During that time, [REDACTED] also mentioned that the deputies were assessing Woodard for his injuries. Moments later, [REDACTED] stated the medics, who were already on-scene, moved up to check on Woodard.

For further information please refer to the report titled, “2024-05-20: Interview of OSHP [REDACTED]” authored by SA Goudy.



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██████████ - According to ██████████ ██████████ said that the occupant of the pickup truck appeared to be impaired or under the influence of drugs and was not acting normal. During this time, or shortly after, ██████████ discovered that the occupant's name was Kendell Woodard (Woodard). As ██████████ approached the vehicle, Woodard was verbally nonresponsive, rocked back and forth and "looked nervously wide eyed." ██████████ made multiple attempts to build rapport with Woodard, but he would only rock and vape. ██████████ eventually asked Trooper Day and ██████████ to move back towards their patrol vehicles as a safety precaution.

Woodard was asked by ██████████ whether he had any weapons. Woodard's eyes "immediately darted right" towards the passenger side of the vehicle but would offer no verbal response. ██████████ summonsed local paramedics who arrived and also tried to engage a response from Woodard. The only verbal response that was offered by Woodard was "everybody's safe."

Over the next several hours, ██████████ began to believe that Woodard was suffering from a "mental disturbance." With that, he offered Woodard reassurance that all they wished to do was to get him help. Cigarettes, cigars, coffee, and donuts were also offered as a rapport builder, but Woodard would not respond to those offers.

██████████ called for a crisis intervention team (CIT) certified deputy. Also, with the assistance from the OSP Intelligence Center, Woodard's guardian Bettina was located and contacted by telephone. After Woodard would not answer her calls, ██████████ had her call patched to his cellular telephone and placed the phone near the open window of the vehicle. Woodard became emotional as Bettina spoke, but only continued to rock and shake his head back and forth indicating the "no" gesture. Bettina was advised that Troopers would have to call her back as the situation was getting to the point where Lieutenant Harris believed that ██████████ had exhausted all options and that those on scene would probably have to go hands-on with Woodard.

██████████ pled with Woodard several more minutes standing at the "A" pillar of Woodard's vehicle before ██████████ grabbed Woodard's arm to escort him out of the vehicle. Woodard immediately tensed up and pulled back, placing his right arm behind his back. As they ordered Woodard to show his hands, ██████████ moved up along the passenger side of the vehicle and observed a gun. After ██████████ called out "gun, gun, gun, it's in his right hand" Woodard pulled a silver handgun from behind his back and raised it towards the open driver's side door in the direction of both ██████████ and ██████████. ██████████ fired multiple shots towards



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Woodard's chest and stopped firing when he noticed Woodard slumping in the seat and the weapon, he had in his hand, had lowered back down.

Troopers and Officers on scene used cover to allow another deputy to secure the weapon from Woodard's hand. Once the weapon was secured, Woodard was removed from the vehicle and emergency aid was rendered to him. As paramedics assumed treatment of Woodard, [REDACTED] secured the weapon and placed it, five (5) cartridges and one (1) fired cartridge casing in an evidence bag.

For further information, please refer to the summarized report titled, "2024-05-17: [REDACTED] Interview" authored by SA Lehnhart.

OSHP [REDACTED] – Prior to [REDACTED] arriving on scene, [REDACTED] advised that the male driver from the initial traffic stop made suicidal comments. [REDACTED] further stated that it sounded like the driver was going through a mental crisis or was impaired. Upon [REDACTED]'s arrival on scene, he observed medics on scene in which he discovered [REDACTED] was due to the mental status of the driver along with suicidal comments that were made. [REDACTED] stated that a Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) deputy was also on scene to provide crisis intervention assistance by attempting to speak with the driver. [REDACTED] stated he received a status on the situation from OSHP [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was advised by [REDACTED] that the driver was paranoid and admitted to having thoughts of harming himself. Furthermore, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that it was only he and the TCSO deputy speaking with the driver because everyone else on scene made the driver feel uneasy. [REDACTED] also advised [REDACTED] that when they asked the driver if he had any weapons, the driver replied, "we're safe" or "we're all safe." At this point, [REDACTED] ordered spike strips in place in case the driver decided to drive off.

At one point during the incident, [REDACTED] stated they had the OSHP intelligence unit gather information related to a family member who may be able to assist with this matter. [REDACTED] stated that when they did get in touch with a family member, [REDACTED] held the cell phone up to where the driver could hear their voice, however, it was unsuccessful in getting the driver out of the vehicle. After several unsuccessful attempts to get the driver to comply, which included getting coffee and donuts for him, [REDACTED] stated that he told the additional OSHP troopers and TCSO deputies to move up closer but to remain out of sight. [REDACTED] stated that he wanted them close by due to them running out of options and having to possibly go hands-on with the driver.



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██████████ stated that when the ambulance arrived and pulled up to where the driver was stopped, the driver's door opened from the vehicle. ██████████ stated that he was not sure if the driver opened it or if the TCSO deputy opened it. ██████████ stated that as this was occurring, he remained back and out of sight most of the incident to avoid agitating the driver anymore. ██████████ stated that at one point, he saw TCSO ██████████ holding the driver's door open and positioned between the door and the driver. After ██████████ heard what he thought was arguing between ██████████ and ██████████ he and ██████████ moved up to the rear of the truck. At this point, ██████████ stated that the situation began to deteriorate, and the driver would not show his right hand.

██████████ stated that during this time, ██████████ and ██████████ were yelling for the driver to show them his hands. While ██████████ had his taser out pointed towards the driver, ██████████ walked up to the passenger side of the truck and yelled out, "61," the code for a gun. ██████████ further stated ██████████ then yelled out "gun, gun," followed by "he's got a gun in his hand." ██████████ stated after ██████████ alerted everyone to the gun, ██████████ returned to the rear of the truck with him. At this point, ██████████ stated he then drew his firearm. Also, at this time, he observed ██████████ transition from his taser to his firearm.

██████████ then stated, "I heard a gunshot while simultaneously seeing the suspect's right shoulder move. I immediately raised my firearm, and it was at that moment that I fired my weapon at the suspect. In addition to my rounds, I heard multiple other gunshots." ██████████ stated that he stopped firing the moment that he did not see any further movement from the driver, in which he believed that the other troopers and deputy stopped at the same time. ██████████ stated that while he was shooting his firearm, he was moving back towards the OSHP vehicle. After ██████████ made his way behind the OSHP vehicle, along with ██████████ he asked ██████████ what he saw. ██████████ stated, "I believe he replied that he saw a gun. I clarified and asked what do you see now. ██████████ responded that he was not moving."

At this point, ██████████ stated, "██████████ got rifle from his cruiser. ██████████ moved to the east to get a visual on the suspect. I believe ██████████ and another deputy also approached with ██████████ and one of them announced that the gun was in his hand." ██████████ further stated, "A deputy removed the gun from the suspects hand while ██████████ and the other deputy provided lethal cover from the south and east, and I provided it from the north. Once the gun was secure, they removed the suspect from the truck and placed him on the ground." At



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this point, ██████████ stated that the driver was quickly secured and assessed for injuries.

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TCSO ██████████ - ██████████ believed it was approximately 0230 or 0300 hours when he received the call to respond. When he arrived on scene, he spoke with an OSHP trooper who advised him of the situation. ██████████ stated that the OSHP trooper advised that, “he’s acting concerning, he’s made statements of, um, self-harm to himself and he doesn’t want to get out of the car. Um, basically, they weren’t really getting anywhere with talking to him. So, I believe that’s why they wanted basically another set, another voice to see if they could, if they could, if someone could get through to him”

██████████ did not recall how long OSHP troopers were talking to the driver prior to his arrival. ██████████ continued by saying that he knew it was for an extended period of time, in which he thought that was, “odd.” When SA Goudy asked ██████████ what he meant by it being “odd,” he stated, “because when I get there, um, they’re, UNINTELLIGIBLE, the way I took it was they were trying to get him out of the car, um, so it’s kind of odd for him to be, somethings going on for him not to want to get out of the car for that extended period of time, um, and it just was kind of a concern to me”

When ██████████ was asked about what he observed when he got closer to the driver of the vehicle, he stated, “He was very cautious, um, we couldn’t get very close to the truck or nothing like that. There were a lot of times he was rocking back and forth, um, he’s almost like really, really paranoid. With the usage of the emergency lights from the various emergency vehicles on scene, it created shadows from everyone walking around, which ██████████ stated made the driver continuously look around. Furthermore, ██████████ stated the driver appeared to be “very anxious” and “continuously rocking back and forth.” During this time, ██████████ continued to try and talk with the driver. ██████████ stated that the male was not conversing with him. As ██████████ would get closer to the vehicle, the male would say, “step back.” ██████████ stated that most of the time, they were approximately two to three feet away from the truck.

As ██████████ made several attempts to speak with the male, he stated, “you could tell there’s something going on.” ██████████ further stated, “He’s being nervous like he thinks something’s going or someone’s, someone’s just watching him, um,



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because he keeps looking around.” In an attempt to alleviate the situation and to gain a rapport with the male, the additional OSHP Troopers were told to leave the scene, in an attempt to ease the male’s fears. After several attempts to gain compliance, OSHP troopers were able to contact the male’s relative for him to speak with. The male became more emotional while speaking with his relative. ██████████ stated that the family member was trying to have the male step out of the truck and to comply.

After several more attempts and no compliance from the male, ██████████ stated that due to how much time had passed, they must act. ██████████ stated he became sterner with the male to exit the vehicle. At this point, the male opened the door, but did not exit. When ██████████ moved closer to grab his arm in an attempt to ease him out, he stated, “when I did grab ahold of him, his right arm went directly behind him, which, I would say, that scared the crap out of me, um, so I had let go because that clearly did not help us.” After ██████████ observed the male’s hand go behind him, he stepped back and tried to look through the rear window with his flashlight to see what his right arm was doing. ██████████ was not able to see what his hands were doing.

After an OSHP trooper went onto the passenger side of the truck, ██████████ stated he was able to see the male’s arm fidgeting. ██████████ demonstrated this by showing his right arm reaching towards the right rear of his buttocks. ██████████ was not able to see his hands but observed the male’s arm fidgeting as if he was attempting to reach for something. At this point, ██████████ stated that he did not have his firearm out yet and that he was still trying to communicate with the male driver. At this point, ██████████ stated when the OSHP trooper on the passenger side of the truck observed the gun in the male’s hand, he then stepped back and drew his duty weapon. At this point, ██████████ stated he was still close to the truck. ██████████ stated, “I still could not see his hand, um, when I started to step back that’s when I seen his arm, his right arm coming up and with him confirming that he had the firearm in his hand and the trooper standing at the driver side, I was in fear that he was going to end up shooting one of them and then that’s when I did fire my service weapon at him as I was trying to retreat back with not knowing where everyone was at.”

██████████ stated after everyone went back towards cover, they reassessed the situation and began to move up towards the truck. As they approached the truck, ██████████ stated, “he did still have the handgun in his right hand.” After they approached the male inside the truck, ██████████ stated they yelled for the male to, “not to move the gun, not to move the gun.” Shortly thereafter, ██████████ re-holstered and assisted another deputy by pulling the male out of the truck. After the



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male was removed from the truck, [REDACTED] stated he removed the male's shirt to assess his wounds until EMS walked up to assist.

For further information, please refer to the report titled, "2024-05-09: Interview of [REDACTED] authored by SA Goudy.

Dispatch-Related Information

Ohio State Highway Patrol Audio Recorded Police Radio Traffic:

Timing mark on video file	Radio Traffic
0:00	"37. Show me partially 32."
0:03	"Go ahead"
0:07	"It will be right off 77 southbound 85, Henry, zebra, George. 2, 4, 4, 2. Henry Zebra, George. 2, 4, 4, 2"
0:23	"NIF On the 94 Chevy truck puts valid Dayton. RO valid."
0:32	[REDACTED]
0:38	"Go ahead"
0:42	"Stand by here. You start making your way over here."
0:52	"Are you on the off ramp"
0:55	"Right going southbound. 85."
1:01	"Okay."
1:06	[REDACTED] on 3"
1:14	"What? [REDACTED] What's your 39 Uh northbound. 65. Okay. I start working the way this way. Okay. Way you go."



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1:44	"Not sure yet."
2:06	"What's the description of the RA?"
2:12	"Two Mary. Five 11. Two 40. Bald from brown eyes."
2:21	"Sorry. Can you readvise"
2:24	"Two Mary 5' 11", 240 Bald and brown eyes it's going to be a red Chevy truck."
2:52	"██████████ Philly break for an OL."
2:55	"Okay"
2:59	"██████████ ██████████ Ohio. Okay, on 45 10"
3:13	"Negative"
3:23	"██████████ what's your 39."
3:27	"I'm passing you right now. I just got get the cross, the eight seven be there in minute."
3:38	"Okay."
3:43	"██████████ is out here"
3:46	"Okay"
4:01	"██████████"
4:03	"Go ahead"
4:06	"You could get a squad route please. Offramp southbound at 85"
4:27	"EMS will be en route and it's for that Tom Charles OL. Right?"
4:34	"Right."
4:41	"New Philly Post 79 units, checkup"
4:45	"Okay, EMS is about to roll up"
5:18	"Is 34 out this morning. I'm not sure if he comes out at 6a or not"
5:19	"Right. He does"
5:24	"Can you contact him?"
5:30	"I'll give him a 10. What details should I advise him?"
5:42	"Call ██████████ (Background "You hurt")"



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5:44	"Ok"
5:49	"██████ Philly"
5:53	"Go ahead."
5:57	"Can you see if there's a CIT certified unit or county"
6:31	"Looks like the closest ones would be two in Cleveland"
6:40	"Check with our county, they should have them"
6:43	"Okay."
6:58	"SO's got one en route."
8:43	"Just provided the number to crisis center."
9:05	"Thank you. ██████ break for a public service."
9:16	"We already have it. I'm just advising the update."
9:19	"Okay. Here for 11. Five signal. Seven, check for updated comments."
9:32	"Three"
9:34	"Signal. Seven. Check the NAND for updated comments."
11:07	"And so's gonna send me family contact employer in about two minutes."
11:44	"Can you gimme a 10, 12 through nine? She'll be giving a 10 to six now."
11:59	"Right? She's on the phone with him."
12:01	"She'll be giving him a 10 right now. ██████ Seven six. Three checkup. Okay."
12:22	"Hello? ██████. Billy, she saw her on the line. Try her to call again or call her back. Try her to call him again."
12:30	"Okay."



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12:36	██████████ Philly, is she gonna be passed with us calling from our number or would she be calling from her own phone?"
12:45	"Negative She'll be calling from her own phone. She's gonna try again. If that doesn't work, I'll have, I'll call her and you could just have six call in to us and I'll connect him that way."
12:55	"Alright. Because he's saying that it doesn't have a name on his phone. It's just a number and he doesn't wanna answer."
13:02	"Right. That'll be her E. It should end in"
13:20	"I have her on the line again. She's advising six has not picked up. Are you able to give him our public service? See if I can connect them."
13:36	"Go ahead."
13:44	"You already spoke to 8 0 5, right? ██████████. Did you disconnect with the caller?"
14:22	'Right. I just spoke at ██████████ um, 20 Tennessee."
14:28	"Okay."
14:32	"Shots fired. Shots fired."
14:39	"Seven nine checkup"
14:43	"We're okay."
14:54	"Weapons secured"
15:30	"Subjects secured"
16:17	"Seven nine Flash"
16:19	"Done."
16:22	"Rp John Union? No. 1747. John North 1747"



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16:32	"Utility. I have a witness OL from that vehicle."
16:36	"2019 Subaru station wagon. Go with that. OL."
16:42	"Okay. OL?"
16:45	"Yes."
16:47	[REDACTED]"
16:56	"RO negative 77. Valid."
17:07	"[REDACTED] Police 419 been notified? Yet."
17:10	"Right. I notified"
17:16	"Fully brake for 61."
17:18	"Yes."
17:24	"Got 38 special. Uh, serial's gonna be zero. 053704 053704"



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Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office Audio Recorded Police Radio Traffic:

Audio Start Time	Description	ANI	Radio	Radio Site
2:46:01 AM	"Central [REDACTED]"	7990211	7990211	1013
2:46:18 AM	"Central [REDACTED]"	7990211	7990211	1013
2:46:22 AM	"Go Ahead"	7990329	7990329	25
2:46:24 AM	"Are you CIT Certified"	7990211	7990211	1013
2:46:29 AM	"Yeah"	7990329	7990329	25
2:46:32 AM	"That's clear I thought so, Post is asking I have no information at this time I'll tell you when we get further"	7990211	7990211	1013
2:46:43 AM	"Do they need me to respond to where they are at?"	7990329	7990329	25
2:46:48 AM	"I do not know, that's why we are getting further"	7990211	7990211	1013
2:47:14 AM	"Post is requesting you to respond to I77 Southbound"	7990211	7990211	1013
2:47:27 AM	"Your clear I'm 33 enroute to them"	7990329	7990329	25
2:47:33 AM	"The only information we have is it's a 34-year-old male"	7990211	7990211	1013
2:47:51 AM	"You want to meet me over there for this?"	7990329	7990329	25
2:47:56 AM	"Yeah I'll head that way"	7990326	7990326	25
3:01:15 AM	"He's putting his foot on the brake"	7991077	7991077	25
3:08:42 AM	"I'm going to have everyone leave here. Just go down the road a bit, its pretty important to him."	7990804	7990804	25
3:08:53 AM	"I'm going to go to the marathon across from us alright"	7991077	7991077	25



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3:09:45 AM	"You said Marathon"	7990385	7990385	25
3:14:34 AM	"The number we have for CMH is 330-343-1811 343-1811"	7990211	7990211	1013
3:14:46 AM	"Thank you"	7990804	7990804	25
3:14:53 AM	"You're welcome 314"	7990211	7990211	1013
3:19:59 AM	"Can you contact the crisis center and I'm not sure if it's relevant but let them know that it's now possibly we will calling into speak to them. I'm trying to get him to get out of the car."	7990804	7990804	25
3:20:14 AM	"Copy do we have a name on the subject"	7990211	7990211	1013
3:20:18 AM	"First name is Kendall"	7990804	7990804	25
3:20:31 AM	"I got a DL for ya"	7990804	7990804	25
3:20:41 AM	"Kendall Woodard"	7990804	7990804	25
3:23:02 AM	"Crisis was advised on the male"	7990211	7990211	1013
3:42:58 AM	"I'm trying to figure out a way to get the crisis center to call him, but I can't get any information from him. He's not opening up to me for nothin."	7990804	7990804	25
5:15:37 AM	"25, They want you to block the onramp"	7990385	7990385	25
5:15:47 AM	"Clear"	7990326	7990326	25
5:23:24 AM	"[REDACTED] central Shots fired shots fired"	7990804	7990804	25
5:23:27 AM	"Copy shots fired"	7990211	7990211	1013
5:24:01 AM	"Mark us all on scene"	7990385	7990385	25
5:25:06 AM	"Trying to clear the truck"	7990804	7990804	25
5:26:03 AM	"[REDACTED] Central Code 40 secured"	7990804	7990804	25
5:27:05 AM	"As of right now I think we got three GSW wounds shoulder, chest and I believe the head"	7991483	7991483	25

For further information, please refer to the report titled, " 2024-07-16: Review of Dispatch Records" authored by SA Jesse Bynum.



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Video Recordings

The first trooper to encounter Woodard was Trooper Day. Below is a depiction of what Trooper Day initially observed.

At the 02:10 mark of the video, Trooper Day was observed standing at the driver's side door knocking on the window to get Woodard's attention. Initially, Woodard was observed reclining back in the driver's seat. Woodard was also observed acknowledging Trooper Day by knocking on the window as well.



At that point, Trooper Day asked Woodard questions such as if he was feeling okay. Woodard did not respond. When asked where he was coming from, Woodard replied, “up North.” While Trooper Day was trying to get answers, Woodard sat there and looked around in what appeared to be a paranoid manner. Due to Woodard's abnormal behavior, Trooper Day requested another unit to assist. [REDACTED] arrived a short time later.

After several unsuccessful attempts to gain compliance from Woodard, additional law enforcement officers arrived which included three OSHP troopers and one TCSO deputy. At one point, troopers were able to get Woodard's relative, Bettina Twitty, on the phone in an attempt for Woodard to comply with their orders to exit the vehicle.

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At the 3:02:54 mark of the video, Bettina's call was transferred to [REDACTED] s phone in which he placed it on speakerphone for Woodard to hear. Bettina was heard telling Woodard to exit the vehicle so he could go to the hospital. Woodard began to cry. Bettina stated, "You said you wanted to get some help this week." Bettina continued to tell Woodard to open the door and to, "not put up a fight." Bettina continued to plead with Woodard to open the door and to exit the vehicle so he could get the help he needs.



After several more unsuccessful attempts to get Woodard to comply with their orders to exit the vehicle, Woodard opened the driver's door of the vehicle. Woodard opened the door slightly which allowed [REDACTED] to open the door even more. [REDACTED] continued to talk with Woodard to have him exit the vehicle. Woodard continued to not comply with the orders given.



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At the 3:16:25 mark of the video, after several commands from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to place his hands onto the steering wheel, Woodard refused to comply by keeping his right hand behind his back. At this point, [REDACTED] removed his taser from its holster and was observed pointing it at Woodard.





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At the 32:43 mark of the video, [REDACTED] approached the truck on the passenger side to look inside the cab of the truck. Woodard was observed sitting in the driver's seat with his right hand back between his back and the seat. [REDACTED] said, "Gun, 61, 61, 61, 61, gun, gun, gun, it's in his right hand, it's in his right hand."



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After several commands were given for Woodard to show his hands and to comply with orders, Woodard refused to do so. Soon after [REDACTED] observed Woodard holding a gun behind his back, gunshots were heard being fired.

At the 3:17:37 mark of the video, after several commands of, “let me see your hands,” by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were observed firing their duty weapons at Woodard. Additional troopers from behind the truck were also observed firing their duty weapons.



Soon after law enforcement stopped firing their weapons, they moved up to secure Woodard. While doing so, Woodard was observed lying back in the driver's seat with a revolver in his right hand.



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At the 3:19:47 mark of the video, as [REDACTED] and other troopers and deputies moved back up to the truck, Woodard was observed sitting motionless in the driver's seat with a handgun in his right hand.



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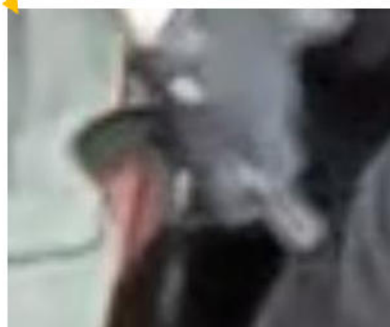
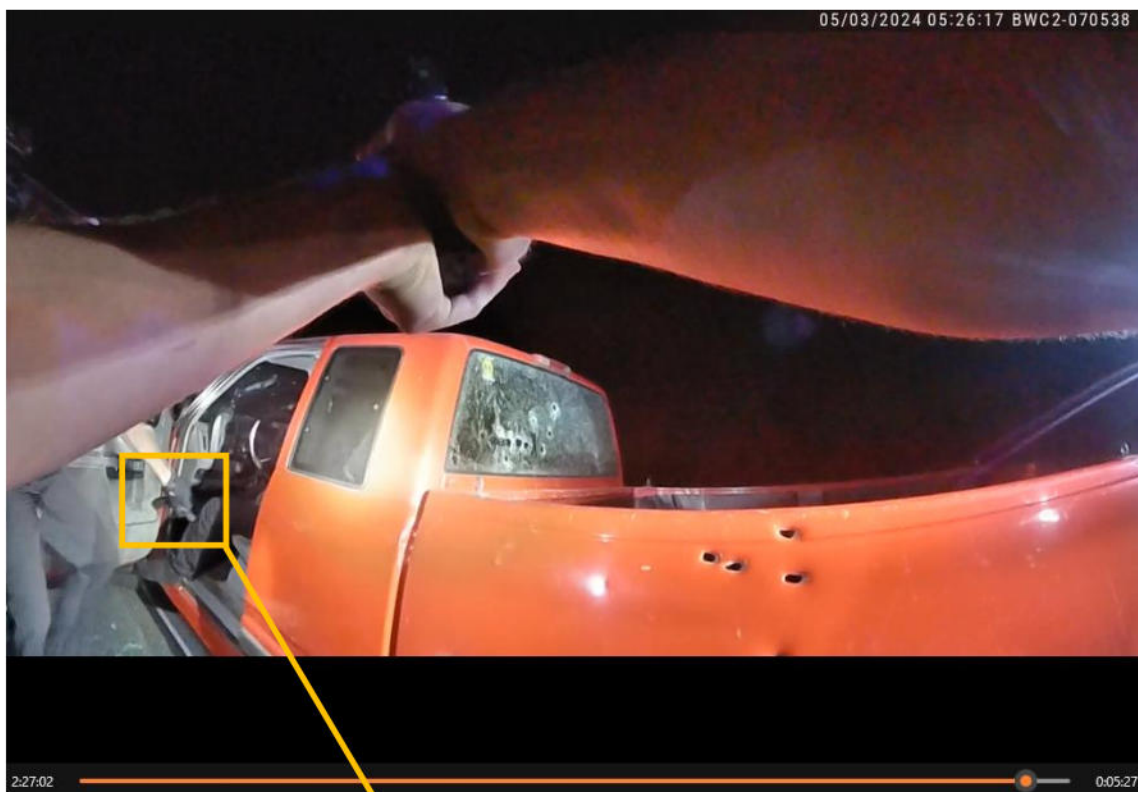
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After law enforcement moved closer to Woodard and observed the revolver in his hands, a TCSO deputy moved in and retrieved the gun from Woodard's grip to secure the weapon.

At the 02:27:02 mark of the video, while [REDACTED] was observed pointing his duty weapon in the direction of Woodard, another TCSO deputy was observed removing a handgun from Woodard's possession.



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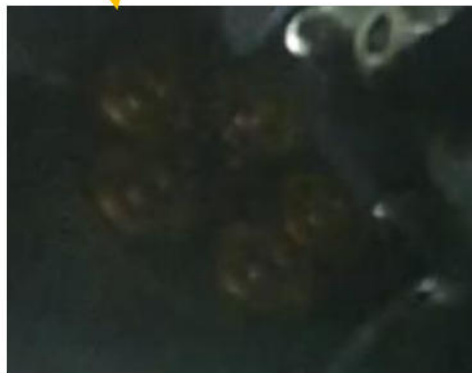
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Once the revolver was secured, Woodard was eventually pulled out from the vehicle and secured. Emergency medical aid was performed on him by the responding officers until EMS arrived. The handgun was eventually unloaded and secured as evidence.

At the 3:33:44 mark of the video, [REDACTED] was observed opening the cylinder of the handgun originally possessed by Woodard. Live ammunition was observed inside the cylinder.



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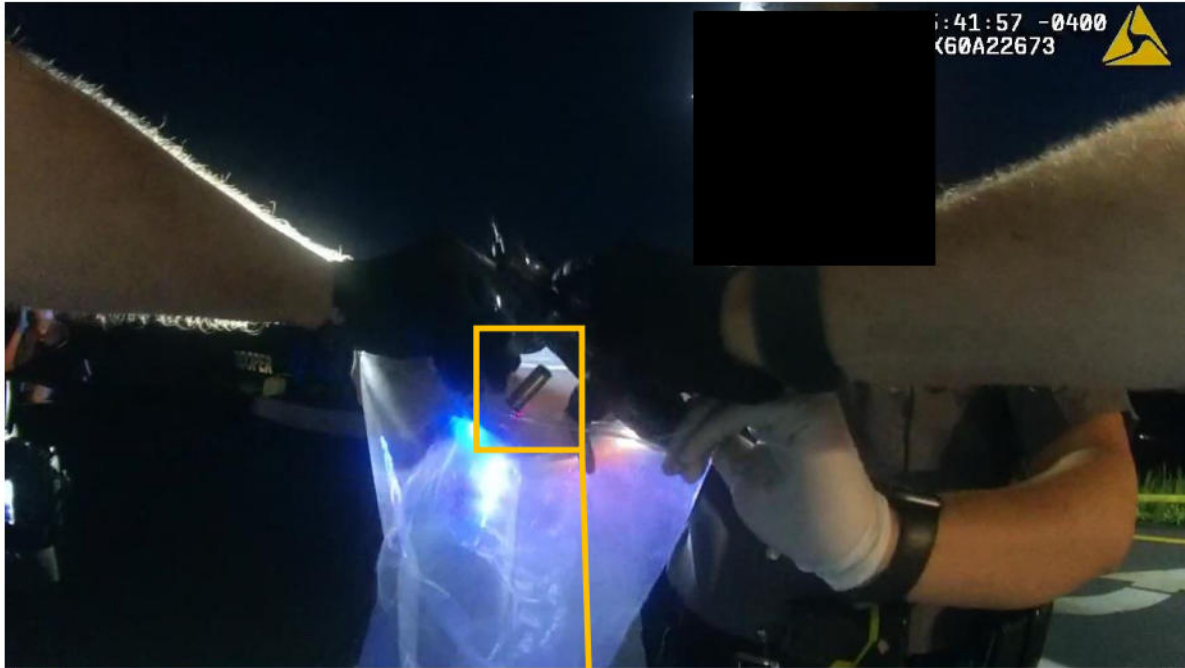


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At the 3:36:23 mark of the video, [REDACTED] was observed emptying ammunition from the handgun originally possessed by Woodard, into a plastic bag. One of the rounds appeared to be a spent cartridge casing.



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Conclusion

The investigation revealed that Woodard was stopped on the side of exit ramp 85 from Interstate 77 southbound, the vehicle was stopped partially in the roadway. This was the reason for OSHP Trooper Day to proceed with a traffic stop. When Trooper Day approached the vehicle, Woodard refused to comply, in which he believed that Woodard was either intoxicated or going through some sort of mental issue. At this point, Trooper Day requested the assistance of [REDACTED]

After [REDACTED] arrived, followed by [REDACTED] they attempted to negotiate with Woodard for him to exit the vehicle and to comply with their orders. [REDACTED] maintained communications with Woodard attempting to have him exit the vehicle and to comply with their orders. After several unsuccessful attempts by OSHP troopers, they requested a certified CIT deputy from TCSO to respond for further assistance.

Upon arrival of TCSO [REDACTED] he assisted [REDACTED] with negotiations. During that time, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were unsuccessful in their attempts to gain compliance from Woodard. Woodard's relative Bettina Twitty was eventually contacted by phone and spoke with Woodard via speakerphone, which also produced negative results. After more unsuccessful attempts, Woodard eventually opened the driver's door, but did not exit.

At this point, it was decided that something must be done to end this situation due to the traffic picking up as it reached daybreak. At this point, while the driver's door was opened, orders were given for Woodard to show both of his hands. Woodard refused to do so. He kept his right hand concealed behind his back. After additional orders to show both of his hands, [REDACTED] walked to the passenger side and observed Woodard's right hand concealed behind his back while holding a gun. At this point, [REDACTED] alerted everyone on scene that Woodard had a gun in his right hand.

Shortly thereafter, gunshots were fired from law enforcement. According to [REDACTED] he saw Woodard produce a handgun, which resulted in him firing his weapon. Additional officers fired their duty weapons as well. After the shooting occurred, a handgun was removed from Woodard's right hand as he laid in the driver's seat motionless. Once the handgun was secured, five rounds of .38 caliber ammunition was removed from the cylinder of the revolver. One of those rounds appeared to be a spent cartridge casing. Woodard was eventually secured and provided emergency medical aid by responding officers until EMS arrived.

Upon review of the BCI firearms lab report, it was determined that lab item #47, identified as, "core fragments from the right parasagittal skull and brain of Kendell



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Woodard,” was labeled as, “Source Exclusion,” from the firearms used by law enforcement. However, this item came back as, “Inconclusive,” pertaining to the revolver originally possessed by Woodard.

Contact Information

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