



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



2024-1755

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4500 Block of Sullivant Ave,
Columbus, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Demonte Gordon (W)

Date of Activity: 06/11/2024

Activity Location: Gordon, Demonte – Business – Turkey Hill, 950 Georgesville Road,
Columbus, OH 43228

Author: SA Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 0304 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb), SA Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) and Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Detective Lowell Titus (Det. Titus) interviewed Demonte Gordon (Goron), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. The interview took place at his place of employment, Turkey Hill, located at 950 Georgesville Road, Columbus, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

Gordon worked as a Turkey Hill store clerk. Gordon stated that he was at the checkout counter and a customer, a Black female wearing an orange jumpsuit, came in saying that he should call the police because there is a man, later identified as Noel Cortaza (Cortaza), peeing on semi-trucks and banging on cars. Gordon believes that there were about three customers in the gas pumping area at the time.

Gordon didn't see Cortaza at the time. He then noticed Cortaza's vehicle parked near the south entrance to Turkey Hill with his doors open and hazard lights on. Cortaza was then seen attempting to open people's vehicle doors and was banging on them. When he started to approach the store, Gordon locked the doors and called 911. Cortaza never went into the store.

SA Holcomb asked Gordon if he saw Cortaza with any kind of weapon in his hand. Gordon said he had a weapon and it looked like a, "little black dagger". SA Holcomb asked if he heard Cortaza yelling anything. Gordon stated that he was quiet, but his body was aggressive.

Cortaza exited the north entrance. Once CPD showed up, Gordon told the officers what Cortaza was driving, and they followed him. About 10-15 minutes later, Gordon believes he heard around 3-5 gunshots.

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The interview concluded at approximately 0309 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-06-11 – Demonte Gordon Interview (2024-1755)

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