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

2022-1782
Officer Involved Critical Incident -3295 Sullivant Avenue, Apt. H, Columbus OH 43204 (L)

Investigative Activity:	Interview with Witness
Involves:	Aaron Washington (W)
Date of Activity:	08/30/2022
Activity Location:	Scene - 3295 Sullivant Ave., Columbus, OH 43204, Franklin County
Author:	SA James Poole

Narrative:

On Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 0624 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) interviewed Aaron Washington (Washington) relative to the officer-involved shooting, which occurred on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, involving Donovan Latrell Lewis. The interview took place in front of 3295 Sullivant Ave., Columbus, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

Washington stated they were all sleeping when police were knocking on the door. Washington stated he answered the door and the police were asking for Donovan Lewis, who Washington refers to as "Blue." Washington stated he didn't know so they asked for everyone to come out. Washington said he was placed in handcuffs temporarily and told to sit down outside. Washington explained he heard the officers yelling several different commands to come out, including "Come out or we will send the dog in." Washington stated they sent the dog in and then officers entered the apartment. Shortly after, he heard one single gunshot. Washington explained how he did not see who fired, but shortly after saw the officers dragging Lewis out with a gunshot wound to the stomach area.

SA Poole asked Washington if the officers said anything. Washington said, yes, they were giving commands to come out.

SA Poole asked Washington if Lewis used drugs. Washington stated, he didn't believe so.

SA Poole asked Washington if they had been drinking at all. Washington said, "no."

SA Poole asked Washington if Lewis had any mental health problems. Washington explained with, probably due to being in and out of the Star facility.

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SA Poole asked Washington how long he has known Lewis . Washington said, not very long. They met at the homeless shelter.

SA Poole asked Washington how long he was staying with Lewis. Washington stated, only a couple days.

SA Poole asked if Washington saw the shooting take place. Washington said, no just heard the one gunshot.

When asked why he thought Lewis did not come out, Washington said, “He must of tweaked out,” and “he should of just come out, I don’t’ know.”

After the interview, Washington stated he was homeless and did not have a phone number to be contacted at.

The interview concluded at 0630 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Aaron Washington Interview 8.30.22

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