

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



2023-2232 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 5991 S Sunbury Rd, Westerville OH 43081

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Heather Spaid (W)

Date of Activity: 10/16/2023

Activity Location: Spaid, Heather – Home – 118 South 31st Street, Newark, OH

43055

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Narrative:

On October 16, 2023 at 1325 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb (Holcomb) and SA Matt Collins (Collins) interviewed Heather Spaid (Spaid) relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on August 24, 2023. The interview took place at Spaid's residence. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual. Names have been added to this report for clarity purposes. The names were not known to the witness at the time of the incident.

Spaid stated that she was in the Kroger parking lot, near the Dollar Tree, during the incident with her boyfriend Thomas Jablonski. SA Holcomb asked Spaid that her interview be what she remembers and not what Jablonski might of told her. Spaid said that they didn't even talk about the incident that much.

Spaid used to live in the Westerville area but moved the Saturday after the incident to Newark. The S. Sunbury Kroger was the grocery store she visited frequently. Spaid has never seen Ta'kiya Young (Young) before.

Spaid was in the Kroger parking lot after getting gas and was involved in a hit-skip accident prior to the shooting. Blendon Township Police Sergeant Erick Moynihan (Sgt. Moynihan) responded and took a report. Spaid never saw Sqt. Moynihan go over to Young's vehicle.

Spaid was parked in the parking lot, near the Dollar Tree, with the front of her car facing towards Executive Parkway (away from Kroger). Spaid was sitting in the front driver's seat and Jablonski was standing next to the front driver's seat doorway when they started to hear yelling and noise. She could not understand what was being said. Spaid saw the black vehicle drive up on the sidewalk toward the Kroger Pharmacy. The officers were trying to stop the vehicle.

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Officers were hitting the window trying to get the car to stop.

Spaid heard a gunshot when the car was on the sidewalk. After the gunshot, they dragged the person out of the car. Spaid didn't see what the person driving looked like as they were too far away.

Spaid did not record any video on her cell phone. Spaid did see a Middle-Eastern/Hispanic female with multiple kids driving an SUV filming the incident near her.

The interview concluded at approximately 1338 hours.

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

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-2232 - Heather Spaid Interview

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