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Officer-Involved Critical Incident - 1659 S. Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44301



Investigative Activity: Neighborhood Canvass

Activity Date: June 27, 2022

Activity Location: E. Wilbeth Road, Akron, Ohio 44301 Authoring Agent: SA Andrew J. Harasimchuk #170

Narrative:

On Monday, June 27, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Harasimchuk (Harasimchuk) and SA Joseph Goudy (Goudy) conducted a neighborhood canvass in the area of E. Wilbeth Road and Clairmont Avenue in Akron, Ohio. The purpose of this canvass was to identify and interview potential witnesses to the officer-involved shooting that occurred at 1659 S. Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44301. During the neighborhood canvass, SA Harasimchuk and SA Goudy made or attempted to contact the residents at the following addresses:

• 56 E. Wilbeth Road

SA Harasimchuk and SA Goudy spoke with John Nelson III (Nelson) at this location. Nelson stated that he heard several shots fired but did not see what happened. There were no exterior cameras at this location.

• 60 E. Wilbeth Road

There was no response at the door and no visible exterior cameras. SA Goudy left his business card in the door. On June 27, 2022, SA Goudy received a call from Ed Roger (Roger). Roger stated that he did not see or hear anything related to this incident.

64 E. Wilbeth Road

There was no response at the door and no visible exterior cameras. SA Goudy left his business card in the door. On June 28, 2022, SA Goudy received a call from John Hevener (Hevener). Hevener stated that he heard everything but nothing was clear enough to say who said what. Hevener did not see anything when he heard the shots being fired. Hevener rolled out of bed and onto the floor for cover.

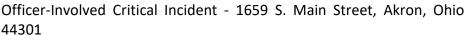
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70 E. Wilbeth Road

There was no response at the door and no visible exterior cameras. SA Goudy left his business card in the door.

• 76 E. Wilbeth Road

There was no response at the door. A camera was visible in the front window of the residence. SA Harasimchuk left his business card in the door.

82 E. Wilbeth Road

There was no response at the door and no visible exterior cameras.

86 E. Wilbeth Road

SA Harasimchuk and SA Goudy spoke with Tara Deryck (Deryck). Deryck stated that her roommate, Nadia Timofeev (Timofeev), was letting out the dog around 0045 hours when Timofeev heard the police cars go by. Timofeev went inside and alerted everyone in the house; they looked out of the window and saw officers holding guns. Everyone in the house then went into the basement. Deryck did not see any portion of the actual incident taking place. Deryck provided SA Harasimchuk with Timofeev's phone number.

On June 27, 2022, at approximately 1700 hours, SA Harasimchuk attempted to call Timofeev at (330) 814-7510. There was no response. SA Harasimchuk left a voice message for Timofeev.

The attempted phone interview of Timofeev was audio recorded and added as Attachment #1 to this report. Refer to Attachment #1 for further details.

• 90 E. Wilbeth Road

SA Harasimchuk and SA Goudy spoke with Eva Birch (Birch). Birch stated that she did not see the actual incident taking place. Birch had a Ring doorbell camera but it faced Dallas Avenue and not E. Wilbeth Road.

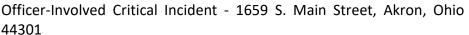
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• 102 E. Wilbeth Road

There was no response at the door. There residence did have a doorbell camera but it did not appear to be operational.

106 E. Wilbeth Road

There was no response at the door and no visible exterior cameras.

115 E. Wilbeth Road

SA Harasimchuk and SA Goudy spoke with Nicole Clark (Nicole). Nicole stated that she did not see the incident but that her husband, Robert Clark (Robert), did. SA Harasimchuk briefly spoke with Robert over the phone. Robert agreed to speak with SA Harasimchuk at a later time about this incident.

On June 27, 2022, at approximately 1702 hours, SA Harasimchuk called Robert at (330) 714-6975. During this phone conversation, Robert stated that he was sitting on his couch when he heard patrol officers going up and down his street. Robert stated that he saw a vehicle travelling slowly and there were approximately 8-10 police cars behind this vehicle. Robert said that he went in his house and heard eight gunshots. Robert said that everything got quiet and he went to get his wife. Robert and Nicole then came outside and saw EMS and the fire department and the "body" was on the ground. SA Harasimchuk asked Robert about getting a copy of his video surveillance footage. Robert stated that he would check and see if he could find it and, if so, he would provide SA Harasimchuk with a copy of it. Robert said that he did not hear any of the officers giving verbal commands to the person. Robert stated that he got a good look at the person in the car because the vehicle drove by his house slowly. Robert said that he thought the person was pulling over but he never did. Robert did not see the person exit the vehicle.

The phone interview with Robert was audio recorded and added as Attachment #2 to this report. Refer to Attachment #2 for further details.

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• 119 E. Wilbeth Road

There was no response at the door. A camera was visible on the exterior of the residence. SA Harasimchuk left his business card in the door.

• 123 E. Wilbeth Road

SA Harasimchuk spoke with a female through her doorbell camera. The female stated that she did not see any portion of the incident. The female agreed to review her doorbell camera footage and stated she would notify SA Harasimchuk if her doorbell camera captured any portion of the incident.

120 E. Wilbeth Road

There was no response at the door. A camera was visible on the exterior of the residence. SA Harasimchuk left his business card in the door.

• 118 E. Wilbeth Road

SA Harasimchuk and SA Goudy spoke with Rickie Brooks (Brooks). Brooks was not home at the time of the incident. There were no visible exterior cameras.

• 32 E. Wilbeth Road

SA Harasimchuk and SA Goudy spoke with Sid Carter (Carter). Carter stated that he did not see the incident take place. There were no visible exterior cameras.

The neighborhood canvass that was conducted on June 27, 2022, was audio recorded in three parts. These audio recordings were added as Attachments #3-5 to this report. Refer to Attachments #3-5 for further details.

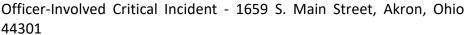
On Thursday, June 30, 2022, SA Harasimchuk and BCI SA Matthew Armstrong (Armstrong) conducted a follow-up neighborhood canvass in the area of E. Wilbeth Road and Clairmont Avenue in Akron, Ohio. The purpose for this canvass was to attempt to contact the residents at the homes that had previously been identified as possibly having video surveillance cameras or having previously been identified as having residents that possibly witnessed the incident during the initial neighborhood canvass that was conducted on June 27, 2022. During this neighborhood This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law - a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.

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canvass, SA Harasimchuk and SA Armstrong made or attempted contact with the residents at the following addresses:

76 E. Wilbeth Road

There was no response at the door. SA Harasimchuk left his business card in the door.

86 E. Wilbeth Road

There was no response at the door. SA Harasimchuk left his business card in the door.

• 120 E. Wilbeth Road

There was no response at the door. SA Harasimchuk left his business card in the door.

• 119 E. Wilbeth Road

SA Harasimchuk and SA Armstrong spoke with Diane Lynn (Lynn). Lynn advised agents that the exterior video cameras on her home were not working because they kept "burning our surge." Lynn stated that she did not see or hear anything related to the incident.

• 115 E. Wilbeth Road

Initially there was no response at the door as agents walked away from the residence; SA Harasimchuk and SA Armstrong observed Robert standing in the backyard.

SA Harasimchuk and SA Armstrong approached Robert and advised him that agents wanted to obtain a copy of his doorbell camera footage related to this incident. While agents were waiting for the doorbell camera footage, Robert and his wife, Nicole, talked about the incident. Robert provided the same basic details that he had provided to SA Harasimchuk in his original phone interview that took place on June 27, 2022.

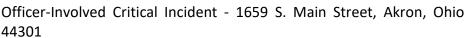
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Nicole was able to provide SA Harasimchuk with two links to the video footage that their doorbell camera captured of the incident. SA Harasimchuk forwarded these links to BCI Cyber Crimes Unit Computer Forensic Specialist (CFS) Natasha Branam (Branam). CFS Branma was able to provide SA Harasimchuk with a downloaded copy of these two videos.

SA Harasimchuk reviewed the video clips. Neither video clip captured the incident. The first video clip was 21 seconds in duration and had a starting timestamp of 06/27/2022 00:38:57 (Figure #1). Robert could be heard talking to someone in this video clip about the incident. Robert mentions a gray car and that "they let some rounds out." The second video clip was 14 seconds in duration and had a starting timestamp of 06/27/2022 00:40:58 (Figure #2). During this video clip, sirens could be heard in the background.



(*Figure #1*)

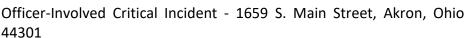
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(*Figure #2*)

The above-mentioned video footage was copied onto a CD that was placed into the item section of the physical case file and labeled as Matrix Item #D. Refer to Item #D for further details.

The follow-up neighborhood canvass that was conducted on June 30, 2022, was audio recorded in two parts. These audio recordings were added as Attachments #6-7 to this report. Refer to Attachments #6-7 for further details.

On Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 1433 hours, SA Harasimchuk attempted to call Timofeev at (330) 814-7510. There was no response. SA Harasimchuk left a voice message for Timofeev.

The attempted phone interview of Timofeev was audio recorded and added as Attachment #8 to this report. Refer to Attachment #8 for further details.

On July 7, 2022, at approximately 0806 hours, SA Harasimchuk received a voice message from Timofeev. SA Harasimchuk attempted to call Timofeev back a few minutes later but Timofeev did not answer.

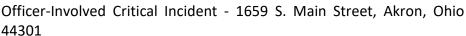
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On July 7, 2022, at approximately 0848 hours, SA Harasimchuk received a phone call from Timofeev. This phone call ended before SA Harasimchuk was able to answer the call. SA Harasimchuk called Timofeev back. Timofeev then stated that following:

Timofeev stated that she was outside in the backyard letting her dog out when this incident was taking place. Timofeev said that she lives across the street from Bridgestone. Timofeev said that she heard sirens and wondered what was going on. Timofeev said that she went into the house and went upstairs to grab her phone because she has a police scanner app on it. Timofeev said that as she was coming back downstairs, she saw the police cars in front of her house. Timofeev said that she then went to the front window and that is when she saw the silver car right in front of her residence. Timofeev said that she saw "the guy" jump out of the passenger door. Timofeev said that the car kept driving, so initially she thought that there was someone else inside of the vehicle. Timofeev said that she saw the officers get out and "started unloading what sounded like fireworks to me." Timofeev said that it was one of the "fastest things" that she had "probably ever watched."

SA Harasimchuk asked Timofeev if she saw when the shooting had started. Timofeev replied that she did.

SA Harasimchuk asked Timofeev if she had heard anything. Timofeev said, "No it was very like jump out, firing, I didn't hear any really yelling or anything of the sorts."

Timofeev said that while this was taking place, one of her roommates and a friend were upstairs and that everyone who was downstairs had ducked down. Timofeev said that she had ducked down for a second but then went upstairs to grab the other girl. Timofeev said that she missed the last little bit of what happened because when she came back downstairs they "were kind of messing around with the body."

Timofeev said that it happened "pretty quick" and it was "pretty quick to watch" and, at the time, she couldn't comprehend what she was seeing.

Timofeev said that she thought she was about 20 yards away from where the incident had taken place and that her windows have screens on them and it was dark out at the time.

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During the interview, SA Harasimchuk asked Timofeev if SA Harasimchuk could take photographs from Timofeev's vantage point of where she watched the incident. Timofeev agreed to allow SA Harasimchuk to take the above-mentioned photographs.

The phone interview of Timofeev was audio recorded and added as Attachment #9 to this report. Refer to Attachment #9 for further details.

On July 11, 2022, at approximately 1125 hours, SA Harasimchuk arrived at 86 E. Wilbeth Road to take the above-mentioned photographs. SA Harasimchuk took six photographs which were added as Attachments #10-15 to this report. Refer to Attachments #10-15 for further details. After SA Harasimchuk had taken the photographs, Timofeev explained that she was leaning down on top of the couch when she was watching this incident from her front window.

Attachments:

- 1. Attempted Interview of Nadia Timofeev #1
- 2. Interview of Robert Clark
- 3. Neighborhood Canvass of E. Wilbeth Road #1
- 4. Neighborhood Canvass of E. Wilbeth Road #2
- 5. Neighborhood Canvass of E. Wilbeth Road #3
- 6. Neighborhood Canvass of E. Wilbeth Road Follow Up #1
- 7. Neighborhood Canvass of E. Wilbeth Road Follow Up #2
- 8. Attempted Interview of Nadia Timofeev #2
- 9. Interview of Nadia Timofeev
- 10. IMG 1906
- 11. IMG 1907
- 12. IMG 1904
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- 14. IMG 1902
- 15. IMG 1903

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