



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



2025-1227

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4411 Montgomery Road,
Norwood, Ohio (Hamilton County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Information Provided/Obtained
Involves: Akeem A. Holtz (S), Karita Thomas (W)
Date of Activity: 04/16/2025
Activity Location: Sevier, Jai – Business – 4411 Montgomery Rd #200, Cincinnati, OH 45212
Author: SA Kenneth J. Smith, #53

Narrative:

On Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 1435 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Kenneth Smith interviewed Jai Sevier (Sevier), of the Ohio Media School, relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. The interview took place at the Ohio Media School 4411 #200 Montgomery Rd, Norwood Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual regarding their response to the incident scene.

SA Smith was sent a screengrab from a Norwood PD body camera and asked to attempt to locate and interview the subjects. SA Smith responded to the Ohio Media School and showed the screengrab to the receptionist who identified Jai Sevier and took SA Smith to her office.

SA Smith asked Sevier if she was aware of what had happened in the building today regarding the police activity. Sevier stated that she could see that the police were trying to get a guy in the other tower of her building. She advised that she watched from the entry doors to the Ohio Media School while keeping the students inside and safe.

Sevier advised that she knew both Akeem Holtz and Karita Thomas because they were both students at the Ohio Media School. She stated that they rarely attend but that their tuition was paid. SA Smith asked what the tuition was at the school. The 8 month program costs \$18,000.

Sevier stated that both Holtz and Thomas would be expelled as of today for causing the incident with police at the school.

Sevier explained that she had encountered Holtz and Thomas in the parking garage this morning at approximately 0800 hours. She observed him in the parking garage with a large black dog. She told them that they could not have the dog here. She did note that it was odd that Holtz was barefoot. She advised that Holt and Thomas were typically together and that

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she hadn't seen them for awhile. She couldn't recall the last time she had seen them.

Sevier provided SA Smith with the addresses and phone numbers for Holtz and Thomas that were on file with the school.

Sevier advised SA Smith that the second person in the screengrab was Terence Cato another employee of the Ohio Media School. She then took SA Smith to Cato's office.

The interview concluded at approximately 1445 hours.

The interview was unable to be audio recorded.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

No attachments.