



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



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

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Edward Vanderver (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 05/21/2025  
**Activity Location:** Norwood Police Department – Business – 4701 Montgomery Road,  
Cincinnati, OH 45212  
**Author:** SA Douglas Eveslage, #66

**Narrative:**

On May 21, 2025, Special Agent Doug Eveslage (SA Eveslage) with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) and Lieutenant Carl Fair (Lt. Fair) with the Norwood Police Department interviewed Edward Vanderver (Vanderver). Vanderver was identified as being a witness who interacted with Akeem Holtz (Holtz) on April 16, 2025, which occurred in the area of 4411 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about his interaction. The interview was audio and video recorded.

Vanderver was in the area of 2016 Mills Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45212 because he needed to replace a door lock in the building as part of his job. He recalled arriving to the building in his truck and noticing a red minivan backed into the 4411 Montgomery Road building. He explained that a male Black, now identified as Akeem Holtz, holding a "stick" was walking around the lot shouting and yelling while several dogs were wondering the lot with Holtz. Vanderver said that Holtz started walking towards him yelling, "This is my fucking block," but he was not concerned because he was approximately 20 feet away and they were separated by a chain link fence.

Vanderver said Holtz's behavior continued like this for several minutes as he was getting tools out of his truck and Holtz would keep yelling the same thing over and over. Vanderver knew that Holtz was experiencing some sort of mental health issues, but was used to abnormal behavior because he traveled to different areas of town and has witnessed these types of events before. Vanderver said that because Holtz was yelling in a threatening manner and had several dogs loose, he decided to call the police before anyone was hurt. Vanderver said that within three to four minutes the police arrived and located Holtz inside the 4411 Montgomery Road building.

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Lt. Fair asked if Vanderver witnessed any of the officers' interactions with Holtz, but he advised, "No." SA Eveslage asked approximately how long did Vanderver's interaction with Holtz take place, and he said around five minutes. Vanderver said there was no other information he could provide about what he witnessed the morning of April 16, 2025.

This is a summary of the recorded interview with Edward Vanderver highlighting the key points the author deemed most relevant. See audio/video recording for further details.

**References:**

Axon Justice: 2025-05-21\_18-32-03\_utc\_cis-room-1

**Attachments:**

No attachments.