



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



2025-3030
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 15 Pearl Rd., Brunswick,
OH 44212, Medina County

Investigative Activity: Interview of Witness - BP Clerk
Involves: Manasa Vempati (W)
Activity Date: 09/18/2025
Activity Location: Burger King, 14 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH 44212
Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente

Narrative:

On Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 2212 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente (SA Valente) interviewed Manasa Vempati (Vempati), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place earlier that evening. Vempati was the clerk working at BP at the time of the incident.

The interview took place in the parking lot of Burger King, 14 Pearl Road, Brunswick, Ohio, directly across the street from the BP where the incident occurred. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by Vempati.

The interview was video-recorded. The recording was saved to AxonJustice.com as part of Reference Item C. The full recording should be reviewed for further content, context, and clarity. The following is a synopsis of what was shared with SA Valente by Vempati.

Vempati described the subject as a bald white male, approximately 5'7" or 5'8", who appeared to be in his fifties. Vempati was working alone at the time of the incident. She first became aware of the subject when she noticed he was drinking wine from a bottle while standing in the wine section of the store. The subject then walked to an employee-only bathroom with five or six bottles of wine that he had not paid for or brought to the counter as one may expect a normal customer to do. Vempati told the subject he needed to pay for the wine and could not use the employee restroom. The subject entered the employee-only restroom with the wine bottles. Vempati then heard the subject breaking the glass wine bottles inside the bathroom.

Vempati called Aline (last name unknown, phone number [REDACTED]), who is the store owner, and reported what was transpiring. Aline told Vempati she was calling the police. While inside the bathroom, for approximately two or three minutes, the subject shouted, pounded on the door, and continued to break the wine bottles.

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The subject exited the bathroom. Vempati observed him to be covered in blood. The subject did say something to Vempati, but she could not recall what he said specifically. The subject walked out of the store and entered the parking lot. Once in the parking lot, the subject pulled the nozzle handles of pump numbers six and eight. The subject was able to break one of the pump handles free from the pump station. Vempati yelled at the subject that he shouldn't do that, and that she was calling the police. The subject then began to walk back towards the store entrance carrying the detached gas nozzle/handle.

Vempati locked the door to the store. The subject used the gas nozzle/handle to strike the glass door and shattered the glass inside the door. After shattering the glass inside the door, the subject reached through the opening and unlocked the deadbolt. He then re-entered the store. Vempati locked herself in the manager's office behind the check-out counter.

The subject walked around the cash register station and began pounding on the locked door to the manager's office while Vempati pulled the door held shut with her hands. When asked if she could feel the subject trying to open the door, Vempati replied (11:33), "I could feel him because I, I don't know how, how long I can hold the door, but I'm trying to hold. And 911 dispatch asked me that. 'Do I have any weapons?' I told, I don't have any weapons. I'm inside of the office room. And I'm, I'm holding the door till, and he started shouting, 'open the door, bitch, I'll fuck you nicely. I'll kill you'. And he started shouting. He started pounding the door and he's trying to open. And then he didn't, he tried, he didn't work out that when he went outside and pulled the register and took the register, and he, he was getting the door thrown on the door."

Vempati explained that after the subject unsuccessfully attempted to open the door to the manager's office, where she was hiding, the subject yanked the cash register off the check-out counter. The subject then used the register to attempt to smash the door open. While the subject smashed the cash register against the office door, the police arrived. Approximately five minutes after she locked herself in the office, an officer knocked on the door and told her it was safe to exit. Vempati then exited the store with a police escort. Vempati did not see the subject after exiting the store.

The interview concluded at approximately 2231 hours.



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References:

C - Video Recorded Interview with Vempati

Attachments:

None

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