



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



2024-2371

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 197 West 8th Ave., Columbus,  
Ohio 43201 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** [REDACTED] (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 09/10/2024  
**Activity Location:** Harshman, Wannemacher, Tipton & Lipperman – 4683 Winterset  
Drive, Columbus, OH 43220  
**Author:** SA James H Gore, #168

**Narrative:**

On the afternoon of September 10, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents (SA) Kyle Douglass and James Gore interviewed Columbus Division of Police (CPD) [REDACTED] at the law office of Harshman, Wannemacher, Tipton & Lipperman [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was accompanied by his legal counsel, Lathan Lipperman. [REDACTED] was a witness to an Officer-Involved Critical Incident which occurred on August 11, 2024, in which an armed subject, Asante Miller, was fatally wounded. The incident took place at 197 W. 8th Avenue in Columbus, and it was preceded by an area search and foot chase by officers from CPD and the Ohio State University Police Department (OSUPD). The purpose of the interview was to document [REDACTED]'s recollection of the events.

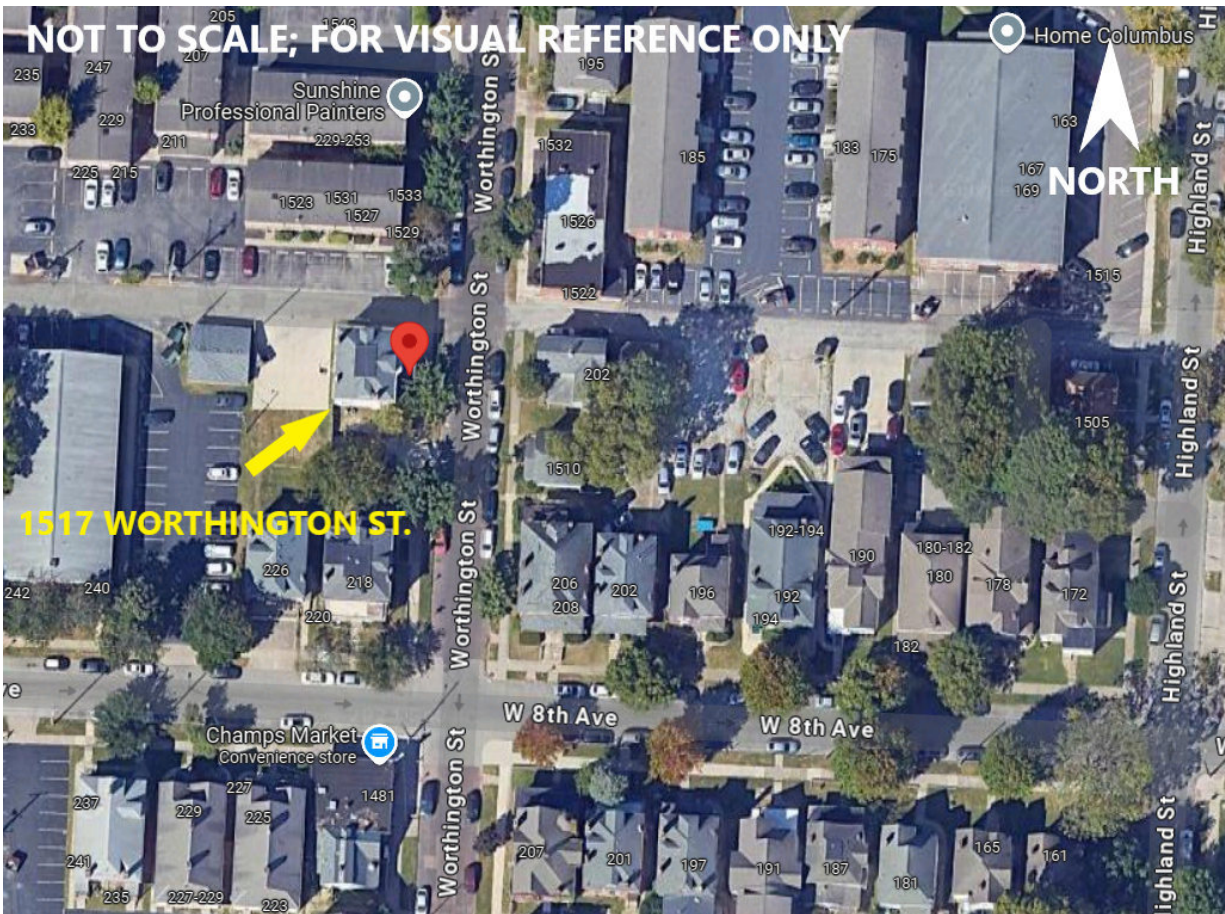
[REDACTED] stated that he began his employment with CPD on [REDACTED], and his badge number is [REDACTED]. His normal shift is [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] reported that on August 11, 2024, he was working his normal shift, and he was [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said he was equipped with his duty handgun, a Taser, chemical spray, and a body-worn camera.

[REDACTED] recalled that there were several calls holding on neighboring Precinct 4, so he and [REDACTED] were going to volunteer to take some of the runs. He said a burglary call was one of the pending runs, so they volunteered for that.

[REDACTED] could not remember the exact address of the call, but he confirmed that it was on Worthington St. (Note: From other available information, this was determined to be 1517 Worthington Street.)

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Overhead map depicting 1517 Worthington St.

██████████ said when he ██████████, he could see from the street that a door was open, but they could not tell if it had been forced. He recalled that as they approached the doorway and peered into the dwelling, they observed a male subject down a hallway who popped his head around a corner. ██████████ said the subject matched the description of the suspect on the call notes. He said they asked the subject to show his hands, but the subject dipped back behind a wall and was no longer visible. ██████████ later confirmed that both he and ██████████ were wearing the normal police patrol uniform, and they announced their presence as police when they addressed the suspect.

██████████ was asked to elaborate on what he recalled from the call notes. He said the information was somewhat confusing. He recalled something to the effect of there was an ex-roommate who had just broken in again. He said the notes mentioned a code to enter the building, as if there were multiple compartments within the dwelling (like a boarding house). ██████████ said the notes indicated that the subject owned a gun, but the caller did not report seeing one that day. The suspect was described as a Black male, dressed in black, with a backpack.

██████████ resumed, he and ██████████ drew their handguns and ordered the subject to reveal himself and show his hands, but he did not comply. ██████████ said he walked around the

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building toward the rear of the structure, which is when he saw the suspect running away.

██████████ said he pursued the suspect on foot, and at one point, he saw the suspect pause near a building, at an elevated position. ██████████ believed the suspect was waiting to ambush the officers, so ██████████ instead went around the other side of the building, where he took cover. ██████████ waived for ██████████ to stay back, and he yelled commands for the suspect to drop the gun. ██████████ reported that the suspect took off running again, and a gun was visible in his hand.

██████████ explained that officers cautiously searched the area for the suspect, and at one point, he was located near the corner of a multi-level apartment building, on its lower level. Given this description, ██████████ was shown an image from Google Street View, facing the northeast corner of 240/242 W. 8th Ave. ██████████ recognized the building, and he confirmed that it was the location where the suspect was spotted.



Image from Google Street View facing NE corner of 240/242 W. 8th Ave.

██████████ was also shown an overhead view from Google maps of the same building.





Overhead view of 240, 242 W. 8th Ave.

██████████ said he was uncertain which corner of the building it was. He did state that some officers shot at the suspect, then he disappeared again. ██████████ said he did not know which officers shot at the suspect, but the shots were preceded by numerous commands for the suspect to drop his weapon. ██████████ explained they searched around the building, and realized that the suspect was likely not struck, because there was no evidence of any blood loss.

██████████ mentioned that another officer yelled that the suspect was seen around 8th Ave., so they began another yard-to-yard search of the area. ██████████ recalled pausing around 165 W. 8th Ave., because he encountered an open door at the rear of that location. He stated that the entry door was open, but the storm door was closed. ██████████ held that position, concerned that the suspect possibly made entry to the house. ██████████ said he wanted to relay the information over the radio but he had to wait, because at that moment, other officers broadcast that they were making entry at another open door nearby (197 W. 8th Ave.).

██████████ recalled at one point, he observed a female resident at 165 W. 8th Ave. appear. He said as he approached her, he heard gunshots from a few doors down from his location. ██████████ said that he and others descended upon the location where the shots were fired in order to set up a perimeter.

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Overhead map of 100 block of W. 8th Ave.

██████████ mentioned that the officers backed up a bit when it was broadcast that the suspect was reloading. ██████████ stated that after the initial gunshots ceased and officers backed out of the house, a single gunshot was heard and a round came flying out one of the windows at the back of the structure.

██████████ stated that he did not have any additional involvement in the matter, and he did not return to the scene at 1517 Worthington St. to contact the initial complainants. ██████████ recalled from the initial dispatch notes that the caller(s) may have been sequestered in their rooms because they may have been afraid to confront the suspect.

An audio recording of ██████████'s interview is available for review as an attachment to this report.

#### References:

No references

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**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: Audio Interview – CPD [REDACTED] 09.10.2024

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