



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



2022-0001

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 2307 10th Street SW, Canton, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Witness Interview
Involved: Marquetta Williams (W)
Activity Date: January 1, 2022
Activity Location: Canton Police Department – 221 3rd Street SW, Canton, OH 44701
Authoring Agent: SA Matthew Armstrong #146

Narrative:

On January 1, 2022, at 0512 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Armstrong (Armstrong) and SA Chuck Moran (Moran) interviewed Marquetta Williams (Marquetta) at the Canton Police Department (CPD). Marquetta was identified as a subject who was present at 2307 10th Street SW, Canton, Ohio, during the January 1, 2022, officer-involved shooting incident.

The following is a summary of the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. The information was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Throughout the interview, Marquetta provided the following information:

Marquetta said she has lived at the residence with James Williams (James) and her three girls since September 2020. Her daughters were Jae Williams (12 years of age), Paige Williams (11 years of age) and Ja'Lia Williams (9 years of age). Jermal Monday and Janairul Williams were also present at the residence when the incident occurred.

Marquetta said they were all just hanging out on the couch watching television celebrating the new year. They were drinking a little bit and they had smoked a little weed but no one was sloppy drunk or incoherent. She said everyone could have still walked outside, drove off and been ok.

Marquetta said James usually goes outside and shoots guns to celebrate the new year. He was right handed and shot the guns with his right hand. She said she owned the six guns James was shooting. She identified them as a 9mm, .40 caliber, .45 caliber, two shotguns and an AR-15.

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She believed James was shooting all her guns because all the guns were out on the kitchen table. She said the guns were already loaded and that she keeps them loaded all the time. James was not shooting all the ammunition loaded in the guns. He was just firing a couple shots each time. Marquetta said she was not outside with James when he was shooting, but she could see him outside shooting. She explained from the kitchen sink area, you could see through the back glass door.

Marquetta said the first time James went outside to shoot was right at midnight. She was in the kitchen. He was standing outside of the side door but inside of the privacy fence, firing the .40 caliber and .45 caliber handguns into the air. She was not sure how many times he fired but said "I would say it was a lot though. A couple times. A lot." She said the area where James was firing the guns was a fenced-in area for their dog.

James went back outside to shoot again at 1210 or 1215. When he went back outside to shoot, she was upstairs in the bathroom. She could hear James shooting but did not know which gun he was shooting. She described the pace of the gun fire as more rapid like "back to back to back to back," like shooting from an AR. She believed her AR was fully automatic.

James then came back inside; said he got shot and collapsed on the floor. Marquetta explained she was coming down the stairs from the bathroom as James was coming through the kitchen and dining room saying he got shot. James said, "I got shot," then he collapsed. He did not say anything else. She called 911.

Marquetta said, as far as she knew, James was able to legally possess a firearm. She said James did not carry guns at all, but she did and she has a CCW permit. Marquetta believed James was not a violent person and said he was only firing the guns as a celebration for the new year.

Marquetta believed the entire block was shooting like James was. When James was shooting, the kids were upstairs and Jermal and Janairul were in the living room. She said no one else was outside firing the guns with James. When she saw James firing, all the shots were fired straight up into the air. She did not see him firing when she was in the bathroom, but she assumed he was firing into the air.

In the hours prior to the incident, James was not acting out of the ordinary. James cooked them all breakfast or brunch around 2:30 PM. He was not depressed, suicidal or angry.

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Marquetta said James had a cell phone. His cell phone number was 330-974-2504. She described it as an iPhone XR or iPhone 12 with a black case. She did not know where it was. She said James did not have a passcode on his cell phone. The only social media account James had was Facebook. From her cell phone, Marquetta showed SA Armstrong the profile picture and user name on James' Facebook profile. She let SA Armstrong take a photograph of it. The photograph has been attached to this report.

Marquetta said James did not live stream or post to social media very often. He did make FaceTime calls a lot. She did not think he was video recording himself shooting the guns. Marquetta did not know if James was on a FaceTime call while he was shooting but said he could have been.

Marquetta's brother installed the surveillance cameras on her home. She did not know anything about the surveillance camera system. James was able to see the camera footage from his cell phone but she was not able to see it on her phone. She believed the camera system was capable of recording audio but it was only set up to record video.

Attachments:

IMG_0273 - James Williams FB Profile

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