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Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



2022- 1545

Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 4851 Westchester Dr. Apt. 101,
Youngstown, OH 44515, Mahoning County

Investigative Activity: Records Received, Document Review, Police Report Review

Activity Date: July 20, 2022

Activity Location: BCI Youngstown Office

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Al Banský #115

Narrative:

On July 20, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Al Banský (Banský) received documents from Austintown Police Department Lieutenant Jordon Yacovone. The records requested included any reports pertaining to the July 18, 2022, officer-involved shooting, except for any statements made by the involved officers. SA Banský reviewed the documents and noted the following:

AUSTINTOWN POLICE INCIDENT REPORTS:

- Incident Number: 22A011115
- Reporting Officer: Sergeant Jeff Churilla
- Report Time: July 18, 2022, 21:09:42
- Dispatcher: Erica Viers
- Incident Nature: Welfare Check

RESPONDING OFFICERS:

- Patrol Officer: De-Ondrea Hilson
- Patrol Officer: Chad Phillips
- Patrol Officer: Jason Murzda
- Patrol Officer: Matthew Bellish
- Patrol Officer: Chance Hanshaw
- Sergeant: Valorie Delmont
- Patrol Officer: Autumn Cox
- Sergeant: Chris Collins
- Sergeant: Greg Brinsko
- Patrol Officer: Anthony Morucci
- Patrol Officer: Alexander Kooyman
- Reserve Officer: Kath Dina
- Patrol Officer: Brad McFadden
- Deputy: Jose Sanchez



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- Deputy: William Bugzavich
- Deputy: Bryan Brooks
- Officer: Chad Debarr
- Sergeant: Jeffrey Saluga
- Detective Sergeant: Shawn Hevener
- Law Unit: TBA
- Lieutenant: Thomas Collins
- Patrol Officer: Chris Pasvanis
- Patrol Officer: Josh Watkins
- Detective Lieutenant: Jordan Yacovone
- Sergeant: Jeff Churilla
- Patrol Officer: Austin Householder
- Detective Sergeant: Greg McGlynn
- Detective: Curt Ingram

DISORDERLY CONDUCT:

- Inducing Panic: 2917.31 A3

FAMILY OFFENSES:

- Endangering Children: 2919.22A

SUSPECT:

- Imonie T. Hackett B/F
- 4851 Westchester Drive, Austintown, Ohio 44515
- DOB: March 28, 1991

VICTIM:

- David Stanford B/M (Son of Hackett)
- 4851 Westchester Drive, Austintown, Ohio 44515
- DOB: August 22, 2012

ORIGINAL NARRATIVE:

On July 18, 2022, at approximately 2109 hours, officers Murzda, Bellish and Phillips were dispatched to 4851 Westchester Drive, apartment #101, in regards to a welfare check on Imonie



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Hackett (Hackett). According to dispatch, the caller said, “that every time they open their door, Hackett will rack the slide on her gun.”

Note: The caller was Kattie Bowman, who resides in apartment #104.

As officers arrived, Hackett was observed sitting on the floor of the threshold of the entry door to her apartment. Hackett advised officers were “not the real police.” At this time, Officer Murzda observed “two loose rounds” on the floor next to Hackett and a holster attached to the right side of her hip with no weapon inserted. Officer Murzda observed something under Hackett’s right leg but couldn’t make out if it was a firearm.

According to this report, Hackett then closed the door on the officers; and, as officers were walking backwards out the building, Hackett “emerged from her apartment with a pistol in her right hand” and began screaming at the officers. Officer Murzda drew his duty weapon and began giving Hackett warnings to “drop the gun.” Hostage negotiators from CRT began to arrive on scene, as well as the rest of the CRT Team, who took control over the tactical response.

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE: PATROL OFFICER MATTHEW BELLISH

On July 18, 2022, officers Bellish, Phillips and Murzda were dispatched to 4851 Westchester Drive, apartment #101, in reference to a welfare check on Hackett. Dispatch also advised that the caller, who is a neighbor in the same building, advised, “every time someone opens the door, she can hear Imonie Hackett cocking a gun inside of here apartment.”

Upon officers arrival, Hackett was laying on the floor in the doorway of her apartment with the door open. Officer Murzda advised Hackett that the police were called to check on Hackett’s wellbeing.

At this time, as officers were leaving the apartment building, Hackett exited her apartment and was holding a “black handgun” in her right hand. Officers then drew their firearms and ordered Hackett to “drop the gun,” as she immediately went back into her apartment and advised that she was “not coming out.” Officers immediately started evacuating the building. The Mahoning County Crisis Response Team arrived and took over the scene.

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE: DETECTIVE SHAWN HEVENER

On July 19, 2022, Detective Hevener received a call, while being off duty, from Lieutenant Jordan Yaconvone regarding a barricaded subject at the Westchester Apartments. Hevener was also advised that several Austintown officers and members from the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team have been on scene for several hours and are requesting that arrest warrants be generated.



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Hevener contacted Sergeant Delmont and was advised of a female resident, by the name of Imonie Hackett, that was recently released from “psychiatric care” and her “handling of weapons” among the neighbors and refused to answer the door for law enforcement.

Based upon reports reviewed and observation at the scene and statements made by Sergeant Delmont, Hevener felt there was “sufficient probable cause to support the charge of Inducing Panic and Child Endangering against Hackett.

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE: LIEUTENANT THOMAS COLLINS

At 1616 hours, several gunshots could be heard coming from the apartment area. Seconds later, Ohio State Patrol Tactical Response Team made entry into Hackett’s apartment and retrieved David Stanford and was escorted away from the crime scene.

Collins later met with Hackett’s mother, Belinda Hackett, and Davis Stanford was turned over to her, while Children Services began the process to change the necessary guardianship.

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE: SERGEANT VALORIE DELMONT

Voluntary statements were obtained from Brittany Shafer, who resides in apartment #201, and Ian Shaffer, who resides in apartment #203, regarding the recent event of Hackett.

On July 25, 2022, upon prior request, SA Bansky received copies of the following statements:

- Ian Shaffer, 4851 Westchester Drive, Youngstown, Ohio
- Brittany Shaffer, 4851 Westchester Drive, Youngstown, Ohio

WRITTEN STATEMENT: IAN SHAFFER

According to Shaffer’s written report taken by Austintown Police Sergeant Delmont, on July 18, 2022, Imonie Hackett was “banging” on several apartment doors to call 911.

Shaffer was told by other residents that night that Hackett had a “firearm” and didn’t want the “fake police.”

WRITTEN STATEMENT: BRITANY SHAFER

According to Shaffer’s written report taken by Austintown Police Sergeant Churilla, on July 18, 2022, Imonie Hackett is her neighbor and she is always “yelling and beating her kid.”

About two (2) weeks ago, Imonie Hackett was “banging” on everyone’s door with a “gun” in her hand “yelling.” On the day of the incident, Shaffer heard screaming in her hallway and heard a “cop screaming out, Imonie drop the gun.” At this time, Shaffer locked her apartment door.



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The above documents are attached to this Investigative Report. Please refer to the attachment for further details.



AUSTINTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT



VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

INCIDENT NO. 22A011115

Imonie Hackett has been my neighbor downstairs for a few years now. She is always yelling and beating her kid. Lately her yelling and mindset has been very wild. Almost 2 weeks ago she was banging on everyone's door with a gun in hand and yelling. Police were called and then things got quiet until 2 nights ago - she started screaming again and going off on her son and whoever else. Last night I heard her screaming out in the hallway and that is when I heard a cop scream "Imonie drop the gun!" and I panicked and locked my door. A cop knocked on my door about 5-10 min. later and asked me to evacuate.

SIGNATURE Brittany Shafer

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT MADE BY Brittany M Shafer 32
#201 (First) (MI) (Last) (Age)

4851A Westchester Dr. Austintown OH 330-360-5576
(Street No. & Name) (City) (State) (Phone Number)

TO: SGT. CHURZLAN 131 WHO HAS IDENTIFIED HIMSELF/HERSELF AS A MEMBER OF
(Title) (Name)

THE AUSTINTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH DAY OF JULY, 20 22.

PAGE (1/1) OFFICER [Signature] UNIT NO. 131
APD - 14



AUSTINTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

INCIDENT NO. 22A011115

Prior to today (7-19-22) I have only personally had only one interaction and that was recently when she went around to various apartments banging on doors to call 911. I did not answer my door that night but spoke to other residents that night and was told she had a firearm and ~~and~~ did not want the "fake" police. Due to last night and today's event I was displaced from my home for almost 24 hrs with no money, phone, car keys etc.

SIGNATURE [Signature]

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT MADE BY Fon D shaffer 37 11-21-83
(First) (MI) (Last) (Age)
4851 Westchester Dr. Youngstown OH 330-980-0525
(Street No. & Name) (City) (State) (Phone Number)

TO: SGT. V.S. DELMONT 116 WHO HAS IDENTIFIED HIMSELF/HERSELF AS A MEMBER OF
(Title) (Name)

THE AUSTINTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH DAY OF JULY, 2022.

[Signature]
OFFICER UNIT NO.



AUSTINTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incident #: 22A011115

Reporting Officer: SERGEANT JEFF CHURILLA

Report Time: 07/18/2022 21:09:42

Incident

Incident Nature Welfare Check	Address 4851 WESTCHESTER DR UNIT 101-104; APT 101 Austintown, Ohio 44515	Occurred From 07/18/2022 21:09:00
Occurred To 07/19/2022 00:45:17	Received By DISPATCHER ERICA VIERS	How Received 911
	Disposition Active	
Disposition Date 07/18/2022	Cleared I	Submitted Yes
Cleared Date	Clearance Report	Cargo Theft Related

Responding Officer(s)

PATROL OFFICER DE-ONDREA HILSON
 PATROL OFFICER CHAD PHILLIPS
 PATROL OFFICER JASON MURZDA
 PATROL OFFICER MATTHEW BELLISH
 PATROL OFFICER CHANCE HANSHAW
 SERGEANT VALORIE DELMONT
 PATROL OFFICER AUTUMN COX
 SERGEANT CHRIS COLLINS
 SERGEANT GREG BRINSKO
 PATROL OFFICER ANTHONY MORUCCI
 PATROL OFFICER ALEXANDER KOOYMAN
 RESERVE OFFICER KATHY DINA
 PATROL OFFICER BRAD MCFADDEN
 DEPUTY JOSE SANCHEZ
 DEPUTY WILLIAM BUGZAVICH
 DEPUTY BRYAN BROOKS
 Ofc. Chad DeBarr
 SERGEANT JEFFREY SALUGA

DETECTIVE SERGEANT SHAWN HEVENER

LAW UNIT TBA

LIEUTENANT THOMAS COLLINS

PATROL OFFICER CHRIS PASVANIS

PATROL OFFICER JOSH WATKINS

DETECTIVE LIEUTENANT JORDAN YACOVONE

SERGEANT JEFF CHURILLA

PATROL OFFICER AUSTIN HOUSEHOLDER

DETECTIVE SERGEANT GREG MCGLYNN

DETECTIVE CURT INGRAM

Offenses

Disorderly Conduct

Completed? C	Method Of Entry	Gambling Motivated?
Premises Entered?	Location Type 02	Cargo Theft Related?
Statute 2917.31A3	Description Inducing Panic _ commit offense w/ reckless disregard	Category

Bias Motivation

N

Offender Used

N

Weapons

99

Family Offenses, Nonviolent

Completed? C	Method Of Entry	Gambling Motivated?
Premises Entered?	Location Type 02	Cargo Theft Related?
Statute 2919.22A	Description Endangering Children _ create substantial risk to health or safety	Category

Bias Motivation

N

Offender Used

N

Criminal And Gang

N

Weapons

99

Persons

HACKETT, IMONIE T

Suspect

Address	Phone	DOB
4851 WESTCHESTER DR Austintown Ohio 44515	(330)787-6507	03/28/1991
Race	Sex	Ethnicity
Black, Non-Hisp	F	Black or African American
Height	Weight	
5'06"	250	

STANFORD, DAVID

Victim

Address	Phone	DOB
4851 WESTCHESTER DR UNIT 101-104 Austintown Ohio 44515		09/22/2012
Race	Sex	Ethnicity
Black, Non-Hisp	M	Black or African American
Height	Weight	
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Narratives

Original Narrative

07/19/2022 06:29:51

On 07-18-2022 at 2109 hrs I, Officer Murzda, Officer Bellish and Officer Phillips were dispatched to 4851 Westchester Dr. #101 in regards to a welfare check on Imonie T. Hackett. Dispatch advised that the caller said that every time they open their door, Hackett will rack the slide on her gun. Upon our arrival we located Hackett sitting on the floor in the threshold of the entry door to her apartment. Hackett advised that we were not the real police, that she was changing the locks to her apartment and that we were only there to harass her. Hackett was further speaking about people who were here from Chicago watching her and us (the police). I asked her son who was seated next to her if he was ok and he replied "yes". I asked him if this was normal for his mother to be speaking like this and he replied "yes". While speaking with Hackett and her son, I observed two loose rounds on the floor next to her and a holster attached to the right side of her hip with no gun inserted. I was able to see something under her right leg but could not make out if it was a firearm. Hackett then closed the door on us, at which time we began walking out of the building backwards. Hackett then emerged from her apartment with a pistol in her right hand and began screaming at us that we better not mess with her. I then drew my firearm and began giving Hackett warnings to drop the gun. After several warnings Hackett went back into her apartment, at which time we began evacuating all surrounding apartments and requested assistance. Minutes later Sgt. Delmont, and Officers Hanshaw, Hilson and Cox arrived on scene. Sgt. Delmont spoke to Hackett on the phone and attempted to get her to put the gun down and come out of the apartment. Sgt. Delmont did speak to Hackett's son briefly and he advised he was ok. While speaking to Hackett on the phone, Sgt. Delmont was being advised by dispatch of what Hackett was posting on Facebook Live until Hackett disconnected. Sgt. Collins arrived during this time and he then attempted to speak to Hackett through the door. Officer Cox then made several attempts to speak with Hackett, at which time she continued to scream about people being here from Chicago and she refused to exit the apartment nor would she allow her son to exit the apartment. Hackett could also be heard yelling for her son to give her more "clips" and to load more "clips". At this time Hostage Negotiators from CRT began to arrive on scene as well as the rest of the CRT Team who took over the tactical response.

**Supplemental Narrative 07/19/2022 00:51:14 PATROL OFFICER
MATTHEW BELLISH**

On 07-18-22 at 2109 hours K-9 Ofc. Murzda, Ofc. Phillips and I, Ofc. Bellish were dispatched to 4851 Westchester Dr. Apt. #101 in reference to a welfare check. While in route APD dispatch advised that the caller who is a neighbor in the same building advised every time someone opens the door she can hear Imonie T. Hackett (Suspect) cocking a gun inside of her apartment. On arrival, contact was made with Hackett who was laying on the ground in the doorway of her apartment with the door open. K-9 Ofc. Murzda advised Hackett that we were called to check on her well being. Hackett immediately advised that she was fine and that we were not the real police. Hackett continued to advise that he was already aware of what was going on and that he was watching everything. When K-9 Ofc. Murzda asked Hackett who "he" was, she advised that we would have to wait and find out. Hackett insisted that she was okay and that she did not need our assistance and proceeded to shut the door. As officers were leaving the apartment building, Hackett exited her apartment and was holding a black handgun in her right hand. At this time officers drew their firearms and ordered Hackett to drop the gun she was holding. Hackett immediately went back into her apartment and advised that she was not coming out. Officers immediately started evacuating the building. Sgt. Delmont, Ofc. Cox, Ofc. Hanshaw, Ofc. Hilson and Sgt. Collins all arrived on scene to assist. Sgt. Delmont attempted to talk to Hackett multiple times through her cellphone where Hackett advised she was not coming out and that we were not the real police. The Mahoning County Crisis Response Team arrived and took over the scene.

**Supplemental Narrative 07/19/2022 01:55:17 DETECTIVE SERGEANT
SHAWN HEVENER**

At 0019 hours on 07/19/2022 I received a call while off duty from D/L Yaconvone 113 reference a barricaded subject at Westchester Apartments. He advised that several APD units as well as members of the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team (MVCRT) have been on scene for several hours. He said that the Commander of the task force was requesting that arrest warrants be generated immediately for the female suspect in the apartment so when or if they make entry she can be incarcerated. D/L Yacovone requested that I respond to the station and type the warrants for this case. He advised that SGT Delmont was on scene and could brief me further.

Contact was made with SGT Delmont and she briefed me on the case. She advised that the female resident Imonie Hackett was recently released from psychiatric care and after raising alarm by her weapons handling among the neighbors she was refusing to answer the door for law enforcement. Per SGT Delmont she was in her apartment with her 9-year-old son (D.S.) and at least one weapon. She stated that Hackett's behavior was erratic, confrontational and caused her neighbors to be alarmed. She advised that Ms. Hackett's actions had caused the evacuation of her neighbors in her building due to fears that the matter may escalate. She advised that she spoke with (D.S.) over the phone and he said he was safe, but given the circumstances it's unknown if he was being threatened to answer or being truthful. She stated there was information that Ms. Hackett and or (D.S.) were loading magazines to a weapon on Facebook Live and that razing fear the (D.S.) may be in danger due to her mental status. She stated the situation was stable and negotiators were on the phone with Ms. Hackett trying to mediate the matter

Upon arriving on post the report was reviewed and based on the observation at the scene and statement made by SGT Delmont I feel there is sufficient probable cause to support the charge of Inducing Panic 2917.31 (A)(3)(C)(4)(a) F5 due to a large law enforcement presence which was sustained for several hours and Child Endangering 2919.22 (A) M1 against Imonie T Hackett for failure to duty of care . Those charges will be filed at MCC#4.

**Supplemental Narrative 07/19/2022 17:19:33 LIEUTENANT THOMAS
COLLINS**

At 1616 hours, several gunshots were heard emanating from the apartment area. Seconds later OSP Tactical Response Team made entry into the apartment and retrieved David Stanford (9 y.o.a.) who was escorted outside and away from the scene.

This supervisor later met with a Belinda Hackett, mother of Imonie Hackett, who was present with additional family members. Belinda Hackett was informed of the intent of CSB Denise Douglas that A.P.D. JR-6 Stanford and turn the 9 year old over to Belinda Hackett while CSB begins the process to change guardianship. CSB Douglas also confirmed that the Mahoning County Sheriff's Office would be completing the necessary paperwork for the JR-6 hearing. As a result, Stanford was kept with Belinda Hackett and informed that CSB would be following up.

Belinda Hackett
4713 Country Lane F-11
Warrensville Heights, Ohio
216-224-0489

Supplemental Narrative 07/19/2022 22:57:04 SERGEANT VALORIE DELMONT

Voluntary statements were obtained from Brittany Shafer in apartment #201 and Ian Shaffer in apartment #203 regarding the recent behavior of Hackett.

Supplemental Narrative 07/20/2022 12:43:27 DETECTIVE LIEUTENANT JORDAN YACOVONE

Austintown Police Department
Detective Division
Incident #22A011115

Det. Lt. Jordan Yacovone

7/19/2022

1616 hours. Following a series of gunshots, the suspect in apartment #101 Imonie T. Hackett was subdued after receiving a gunshot wound to the head by a member of the Ohio State Patrol's Special Response Team, (SRT).

Once the apartment was cleared by the SRT Team, I contacted Det. Sgt's McGlynn and Ingram to come to Westchester for the purpose of processing the crime scene inside the apartment.

I was then informed that BCI, and OSP Investigators would be responding for that purpose. I did remain in the area to offer assistance as needed, and Photographs were taken, and attached to this case.

7/20/2022

1150 hours. I attempted to make contact with Sgt. Joseph Costarella who is an OSP Investigator out of the Cleveland District Office, and who is assigned as the lead investigator in this case. I received his voicemail so I left a message for a call back.

1212 hours. I received a call from Special Agent Al Bansky from BCI. He is requesting the following items relevant to this incident:

- 1) 911 Calls.
- 2) Critical Incident Assistance Letter.
- 3) APD Log Sheet.
- 4) Lane Ambulance Run Sheet.
- 5) The initial Police Report.

I assured S.A. Bansky that he would receive the items as soon as they were made available to me.