



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1004 Park Lane, Apartment A,  
Middletown, Ohio (Butler County) (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Neighborhood Canvass  
**Involves:** Christopher Gorak (S)  
**Date of Activity:** 12/24/2024  
**Activity Location:** – 1004 Park Ln., Middletown, OH  
**Author:** SA Steven Seitzman

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at approximately 2050 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Steven Seitzman conducted a neighborhood canvass in the area of 1004 Park Lane, Middletown, Butler County, Ohio. The purpose of the canvass was to identify and interview potential witnesses to the officer-involved critical incident that occurred at 1004 Park Lane, Apartment A, Middletown, Ohio, on the same date. The neighborhood canvass was captured on a body-worn camera. During the neighborhood canvass, SA Seitzman made or attempted contact with the residents at the following addresses:

**1004 Park Lane, Apartment F (downstairs unit to the right)**

No contact was made. SA Seitzman left a business card with instructions to call. As of the time of this investigative report, the resident has not called SA Seitzman.

**1004 Park Lane, Apartment E (downstairs unit to the left– below the involved apartment unit)**

SA Seitzman made contact with Lawrence Allen Arthur. He advised he did not see any of the incident, but he did hear some of it. He stated that he heard a "thud" from the unit above his. He also stated that he could smell fire and smoke "leaking down." Shortly after, he heard three large pops. He then heard a male voice crying and saying something to the effect of, "This can't be happening, this can't be happening. How could I have done that? Please help him." SA Seitzman asked him if he believed police were on the scene when he heard the pops. He answered in the affirmative. He stated that he briefly left his apartment to determine whether he needed to evacuate. He stated that officers instructed him to go back inside his apartment and that everything was under control.

He stated he has resided at the apartment complex for approximately six years. He stated that the resident in Apartment A moved in approximately 1 to 1 and a half years ago. He described the resident as loud and stated that he "stomps around." He stated that the resident is an

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older male, and he was uncertain if anyone lived with him. He further described the resident as a "drunkard" and recalled a conversation he had with him. He stated that the resident had an already half-empty "tall boy" and his breath smelled of "pure booze." He stated that was the only interaction he had with his neighbor.

#### **1004 Park Lane, Apartment B**

The apartment's residents were apparently not home, as the doorknob was secured with crime scene tape. SA Seitzman left a business card with instructions to call. As of the time of this investigative report, SA Seitzman has not received a call.

#### **1004 Park Lane, Apartment C (upstairs unit to the left– above the involved apartment unit)**

SA Seitzman spoke with the resident through a closed door. The resident declined to identify himself. He stated that he was woken up by the sound of five or six gunshots. He stated he did not know the neighbors below him. SA Seitzman asked him if he had ever heard the neighbors below him argue. He answered, "I have no idea." The resident did not provide any further information.

#### **1004 Parke Lane, Apartment D (upstairs unit to the right)**

SA Seitzman spoke with a resident, Christopher Seick, through a doorbell camera. He stated he was not home during the incident. He said his doorbell camera may have picked up the sound of the gunshots. He sent SA Seitzman the footage, which was reviewed and found to be devoid of evidentiary value.

The neighborhood canvass concluded at approximately 2110 hours. The body-worn camera footage was saved and labeled on Axon's Evidence.com.

#### **Attachments:**

No attachments.

#### **References:**

Axon Body-Worn Camera Footage– Evidence.com