

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



2022-2888 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1010 Wapakoneta Ave., Sidney, OH 45365 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Date of Activity: 12/21/2022

Activity Location: Sidney Police Department – Business – 201 West Poplar Street,

Sidney, OH 45365

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Narrative:

On December 21, 2022, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at Sidney Foodtown, located at 1010 Wapakoneta Avenue, Sidney, Ohio (Shelby County). The OICI occurred when Sidney police officers encountered Todd Jordan (Todd), who was armed with a gun inside Sidney Foodtown.

On December 21, 2022, at 1120 hours, Special Agent (SA) Ryan Emahiser interviewed Sidney Food Town Manager Lonnie Miller (Miller) at the Sidney Police Department (SPD), located at 234 W. Court Street, Sidney, Ohio. The details below summarize the pertinent portions of the recorded interview. Please refer to the audio recording for additional information.

This report only summarizes 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 audio recording. Further, this report 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 or responses. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the audio recording.

Miller advised that he has been the manager of the Sidney Foodtown for approximately 11 months, and that the store is owned by Jim Davis of Dayton, Ohio. Miller said that he arrived to the store at approximately 0700 hours, and store employee Annette Wooddell (Annette) arrived at 0730 hours. Miller stated that shortly after Annette arrived, Miller saw Annette on the phone and Annette frantically said to Miller, "someone's here." Miller said that he and Annette then walked out the front door of the store toward the parking lot, and saw Annette's son, Dylan Wooddell (Dylan) walking toward the store entrance from his vehicle. Miller advised that as Dylan was walking toward the store, he saw and heard Todd shoot from inside of his vehicle at Dylan through the vehicle's passenger window. At that time Miller said that Annette yelled at

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Dylan to run and Dylan ran from the area. Miller described Todd's vehicle as an older blue Ford Taurus station wagon.

Miller said that he and Annette ran back inside the store, and Miller said he yelled for someone to call 911. Miller stated that Todd then came in the front door of the store with a gun and Annette said, "Todd what are you doing here?", and Todd responded to Annette, "I'm here to kill you bitch!" Miller said he then immediately told everyone, "Get the fuck out of here!" to get to safety and the employees ran toward the rear of the store. Miller said that he stayed at the front of the store and that Todd walked right past him toward aisle 1 of the store (farthest aisle from the front door) in the direction that Annette ran, and that Miller saw Todd shoot once down aisle 1 in the direction that Annette was running. Miller said that he then lost visual contact of Todd and heard Todd shoot two more times while walking down aisle 1, Miller said that he believes that Todd fired his pistol three times while in the store.

Miller said that one of the SPD officers arrived quickly at the store, and Miller went to the front door to direct the officer to aisle 1, where Todd was last seen and the officer went in that direction. Miller said that shortly after several more SPD officers arrived at the store and they asked Miller to exit the store. Miller said that while he was outside he could hear the officers yelling, but could not understand them. Miller advised that Todd then appeared at the front of the store near the registers and the SPD officers asked, "Is that him?" and Miller said, "That's him." Miller stated the officers told Todd to "hit the ground" and "don't do it", and Miller saw Todd reach and the SPD officer fired five or six shots at Todd. Miller said that he immediately ducked down and went out the front door. SA Emahiser asked Miller if when he saw Todd at the registers if he had the pistol in his hands, and Miller said that he did not. Miller did advise that when the SPD officers were telling Todd "don't do it" that Todd reached towards his waistband area.

Miller described Todd as a White male, wearing jeans, a dark green or blue jacket, and a hat. Miller described the gun that Todd was using as being a black revolver with a wood grain handle.

Miller advised that he has never had any previous direct interactions with Todd, but prior to Miller becoming the store manager, he was aware that Todd had been trespassed from the property for harassment issues with employees. Miller said that he does have control of the surveillance cameras in the store and has already been working with investigators to provide video footage of the incident.

At that time the interview was concluded, and Miller was advised that if he recalls any additional information to contact BCI agents.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-12-21 / Lonnie Miller Interview

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Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.