

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



2025-2243 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 3013 Mohawk Street, Middletown, Ohio 45044 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Justin Shawn Newcomb (W)

Date of Activity: 07/14/2025

Activity Location: - 3013 Mohawk Street., Middletown, OH 45044

Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On Sunday, July 13, 2025, at approximately 1938 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Steven Seitzman interviewed Justin Newcomb. Mr. Newcomb's residence is located at 3011 Mohawk Street, Middletown, Ohio, which is situated immediately north of the officer-involved critical incident location, which was 3013 Mohawk Street.

Mr. Newcomb advised SA Seitzman that he was the 911 caller to report the incident that transpired at 3013 Mohawk Street. He stated he was preparing steaks when, at approximately 1640 hours, "T" (Timothy McNeely) ran into his house and uttered something to the effect of, "He shot her [Consuelo Denise Kerr]. Call 911." Mr. Newcomb subsequently contacted 911 and requested a police response at 3013 Mohawk Street.

Mr. Newcomb said that he observed from his window and noticed the involved subject, Ronald Kerr, seated at his front door, holding a firearm. He stated that Ronald had a "ghost-look" on his face. He reported having never witnessed such an expression on his face before.

Mr. Newcomb called 911 a second time. He informed the dispatcher that police needed to respond urgently because she (Consuelo) was likely dead. SA Seitzman inquired whether Mr. Newcomb had also reported that Ronald was brandishing a firearm. He answered, "Well, I said he shot her, you know. Yeah. I mean, you know he's got a gun."

Mr. Newcomb stated that the police arrived quickly. He indicated that he exited his residence, at which point a police cruiser pulled into his driveway. He said he proceeded to jump over his fence, as he was uncertain about what was happening. He said he heard police officers trying to persuade Ronald to come outside. Specifically, he heard over the loudspeaker, "Ronnie, at 3013 Mohawk Street, please come outside." He stated that he heard the police make four or five announcements. He noted that at one point, Ronald approached the door.

Mr. Newcomb reported that the police officers may have discharged pepperball rounds

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through the front door. Subsequently, he observed multiple officers proceed to the rear of the residence, at which point he believed police fired additional pepperball. He said that he then heard a single shot. After a "small delay," he stated that he heard approximately five more shots. He estimated that a couple of minutes had elapsed from the time he saw the officers moving to the rear of the residence and the time he heard gunshots. He inferred that, "So obviously, he [Ronald] shot first. They defended themselves. Neutralized the target."

Mr. Newcomb advised that he has known the involved family for most of his life, having grown up with them. He stated that he moved into his residence approximately two and a half years ago, while the Kerr family moved in approximately six months after that.

Mr. Newcomb said that he engaged in daily communication with Ronald and frequently assisted him with various tasks. He stated that a few months ago Ronald mentioned to him that Consuelo had expressed her desire to end their marriage. SA Seitzman inquired if Ronald mentioned suicidal ideation. He stated that Ronald had never discussed suicide with him.

Mr. Newcomb informed SA Seitzman that he had Ring doorbell camera footage capturing some of the incident as it unfolded. He provided eight video clips to SA Seitzman via Axon Community. SA Seitzman received and reviewed the footage. SA Seitzman noted that the footage depicted Timothy McNeely frantically knocking on Mr. Newcomb's door a few times as he quickly entered the house. Timothy uttered something unintelligible, but he could be heard saying, "Call 911." The remainder of the video clips showed the arrival of the police, who subsequently provided announcements over a loudspeaker. At approximately 1657 hours, as indicated by the video's timestamp, several officers moved to the rear of the residence. At approximately 1700 hours, according to the displayed timestamp, a sound resembling a gunshot is heard. At 1701 hours, according to the displayed timestamp, multiple apparent gunshots are heard.

The interview concluded at 1949 hours. It was recorded via a body-worn camera. The footage was stored in the Evidence.com case within the folder labeled "Reference Item N - Interview of Justin Newcomb." Moreover, the aforementioned Ring doorbell footage was stored within the folder labeled "Reference Item H - Ring Camera Footage from 3011 Mohawk Street (Justin Newcomb)."

References:

Reference Item H - Ring Camera Footage from 3011 Mohawk Street (Justin Newcomb) (Evidence.com)

Reference Item N – Interview of Justin Newcomb (Evidence.com)

Attachments:

No attachments.

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