



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



2024-3294

Officer Involved Critical Incident – Portage Bike Trail near North
Freedom Street, Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Jack Chandler (W)

Date of Activity: 10/22/2024

Activity Location: Ravenna Police Department – Business – 220 South Parkway Street,
Ravenna, OH 44266

Author: SA William Conn, #51

On October 22, 2024, Special Agent (S/A) William Conn along with other members of BCI responded to 930 North Freedom Street Ravenna Ohio, in regard to an Officer Involved Critical Incident. Upon arrival S/A Conn was assigned by S/A Goudy to conduct witness interviews.

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 interview. Further, this report was placed in chronological order 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.

Narrative:

Witness:

Jack Chandler M/W

D.O.B. March 18, 1967

450 Warwick Street

Akron Ohio 44305

Phone [REDACTED]

Mr. Chandler (Chandler) was asked to summarize what he recalled about the events of the morning. Chandler stated he was riding his bicycle northeast along the Portage Hike and Bike Trail just northeast of North Freedom Street at approximately 10:55am. He was flagged down by two elderly women who stated that a man was yelling for help and asked if he could check on him. Chandler further stated that he looked down the trail and observed a male on the trail

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calling for help. Chandler stated that he approached the male and asked if he was okay. At that time, the male stated he had been stabbed. Chandler stated that he called 911. Chandler said that officers arrived and began to assist the victim.

Chandler then stated that he and the officers noticed a male walking towards them on the trail and the officers asked the victim what the person looked like who stabbed him. Chandler said that at about this time he could see that the male walking toward them was carrying an ax. Chandler stated that the officers approached the male carrying the ax and began telling him to drop the ax and get on the ground. Chandler stated that the male ignored the officers' instructions and kept walking toward the officers yelling "fuck you" and other similar things. Chandler stated that the male was carrying the ax in an aggressive manner, waving the ax over his head. Chandler said that the male wouldn't do anything the officers asked but just kept coming towards the officers. Chandler stated that he began to film the incident with his cellular phone. At about the same time he started filming the incident, he heard shots being fired. Chandler stated that he could not tell which officers fired their weapons or exactly how many shots were fired.

Chandler stated that at that time medical personnel began to arrive at the scene. Chandler stated that at that time he left the immediate scene and stood by as directed by responding officers.

References:

None

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Chandler Interview