



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



2024-1433

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4802 James Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio

**Investigative Activity:** Witness Interview  
**Involves:** Ethel Cantley (W)  
**Activity Date:** 05/08/2024  
**Activity Location:** 4802 James Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Matthew Armstrong #146

### Narrative:

On May 8, 2024, at approximately 2135 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matthew Armstrong (Armstrong) and SA Andrew Harasimchuk (Harasimchuk) interviewed Ethel Cantley (Ethel). Ethel was the resident of 4802 James Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio, and the grandmother of Jason Norris (Jason) who was involved in the incident. The interview took place in Ethel's living room and was recorded on SA Armstrong's body worn camera (BWC).

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation. It does not purport to contain all the questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview. It may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information obtained during the interview.

During the interview Ethel provided the following information:

Ethel had lived at the home for 40 years. Her grandson, Donathan Herron (Donathan), lived with her and was in the basement. Ethel was inside her home when the shooting occurred.

She explained Jason Norris (Jason) was her grandson. Jason and Donathan were cousins. She had not seen Jason in approximately 15 years. He lived in Tennessee and was recently released from prison. She did not know why he was in prison but believed he had been in prison for the past 6 years.

Jason showed up at her home approximately 20 minutes before the shooting. She did not know he was coming. When he went into the home, he said hello to her and that he had just gotten out of prison. He then went downstairs and talked to Donathan. When

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he came back up, he said that he and Donathan were going to Elyria and that he loved her. When they (Jason and Donathan) walked out the front door, "they" started shooting. She did not see what happened but heard a lot of gunshots. She estimated she heard around 10 gunshots.

She did not see Jason with a gun. Jason did not say anything about killing his girlfriend. She did not see Jason bring anything into her home.

After the shooting, she had Donathan call Jason's brother who lived in Florida or Georgia. His name was Reggie Skinner (sp?), and his phone number was [REDACTED]. Reggie told them Jason had killed his girlfriend in Tennessee and took her car. Because of that, she believed the silver SUV parked in her driveway must have been Jason's girlfriend's vehicle.

A copy of the video-recorded interview has been stored on [REDACTED] and in the BCI [REDACTED] case file in Reference Item A.

**References:**

1. Item A - BWC Recordings - Neighborhood Canvass and Witness Interviews

**Attachments:**

None

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