



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



2023-2232

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5991 S Sunbury Rd, Westerville  
OH 43081

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Leonna Kay Coder (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 10/03/2023  
**Activity Location:** Coder, Leonna Kay – Home – 630 S. Sunbury Road #218,  
Westerville, OH 43081  
**Author:** SA Chad Holcomb, #61

**Narrative:**

On October 4, 2023 at 1917 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb (Holcomb) and SA Matt Collins (Collins) interviewed Leonna Kay Coder (Coder) relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on August 24, 2023. The interview took place at Coder's residence. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

Coder stated that she has heard things from different people on what they have seen. SA Holcomb informed Coder that her interview should be of what she remembers from the incident and not what she has heard or seen.

Coder stated that she locked her keys in her car in the Kroger parking lot and someone from Kroger called Blendon Township Police Department (BTPD) to assist her in unlocking her 1981 Volvo. Coder waited a long time for BTPD officers to arrive and assist her. The officers arrived and were just about to get in the car when the incident began. Coder didn't see Young get into her vehicle and didn't see Young with anyone else. Coder didn't hear anyone say that Young had stolen liquor at the time. Coder didn't hear the officers yelling anything to Young before she left the parking spot.

Coder thought that Young had backed out of her parking spot really fast and that her tires squealed. Young was parked in a handicap parking spot and Coder's car was parked on the other side and one spot away from Young. Coder remembers the vehicle traveling towards Kroger and the officers yelling for Young to stop the car. Coder doesn't know how Young didn't kill anyone due to the path her vehicle traveled. Coder thought Young drove her car into the Kroger building, backed it up and hit it again all while the police were yelling to get out of the car. Coder said that she hid behind her vehicle for part of incident for safety reasons.

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Approved By SA James A. Mulford on  
10/20/2023

Coder doesn't know how many gunshots were fired or who fired. Coder believed she heard the gunshot when the vehicle was close to the building. She thinks she saw a flash from a gun but can't remember when or where she saw it.

The interview concluded at approximately 1934 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2023-2232 Leonna Kay Coder Interview

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