



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: Barbara Elek (W)
Date of Activity: 10/16/2023
Activity Location: Elek, Barbara – Home – 4428 Trindel Way, Columbus, OH 43231
Author: SA Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On October 16, 2023, at 1119 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb (Holcomb) and SA Matt Collins (SA Collins) interviewed Barbara Elek (Elek) relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on August 24, 2023. The interview took place at Elek's residence. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

Elek stated that she was working at the Kroger located at 5991 S. Sunbury Road on August 24th. Elek was working at the self-checkout located near the pharmacy and liquor store. Elek was with her co-worker, near the self-checkout, when the co-worker mentioned that people stole items from the liquor store. She saw Ta'Kiya Young (Young) and at least one other African-American female with large bags exit the store near the self-checkout. Elek never exited the store and never left the self-checkout area, however she briefly saw Young being administered first-aid.

Elek does not believe she heard any gunshots. She also did not hear law enforcement officers or Young yell anything.

Elek works at the Kroger liquor store part-time. When she saw Young's face, she recognized her from when she works in the liquor store.

The interview concluded at approximately 1127 hours.

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

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-2232 – Barbara Elek Interview

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