

Witness Statement Form

Incident Date: 01-18-2024 Time: 0214

Incident # 2024-015839

Address of Occurrence: 7702 Spafford Ave.

District: 4 Zone: 1

Officer Name: P.O. Michael Gelske


Badge# 1943 Bureau/District SWAT Platoon A

Citizen Name: Robert Perkins

Witness Statement

Sir,

On January 17, 2024 while assigned to the SWAT Unit, we responded to a call up in c/w a male barricaded, and armed with an AR15 rifle at 7702 Spafford. At the time of the incident, I was the driver of 9112 (Cleveland SWAT Armored Vehicle). At approx 0214 hrs I observed Rober Perkins upstairs in the center widow. At this time Robert Perkins began firing several rounds from his rifle, which struck the armored vehicle several times in the driver side windshield. At this time I backed up 9112 to reposition the vehicle in case he started firing again. At this time I observed Robert Perkins in the upstairs right window and yelled out to P.O. [redacted] and P.O. [redacted] of his position. At this time Robert Perkins began firing again at our vehicle, and the County Bearcat. At this time P.O. [redacted] and P.O. [redacted] returned fire.

Signature:  1943

Badge# (if applicable) 2201

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