



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



2020-3388

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, Ohio

**Investigative Activity:** Neighborhood Canvass  
**Involves:** Paul John Crofts (O)  
**Date of Activity:** 12/29/2020  
**Activity Location:** Crofts, Paul John – Home – 1088 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, OH 43221, Franklin County  
**Author:** SA James H Gore, #168

**Narrative:**

During a neighborhood canvass on the afternoon of December 28, 2020, at approximately 1520 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) James Gore attempted to contact the resident(s) of 1088 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, OH 43221. This was done in an effort to determine whether or not the resident(s) observed, or otherwise had any pertinent information regarding the critical incident involving Columbus Police Officer Adam Coy and the decedent, Andre Hill, which took place in the vicinity on December 22, 2020.

SA Gore affixed his business card to the front door of the residence upon receiving no response. SA Gore again attempted contact at this location on the morning of December 29, 2020. At approximately 1600 hours the same day, SA Gore received a call from a man identifying himself as Paul Crofts, who stated he was the resident of 1088 Oberlin Dr. Mr. Crofts advised that he was away at work during the time of the incident, and he was unaware of what happened until he arrived home at approximately 0400 hours.

Mr. Crofts added that he was relatively new to the neighborhood, and because of his overnight work schedule, he was not familiar with any of his neighbors. Crofts said he did not know the decedent or any of his family members, and he was unable to provide any relevant information regarding this investigation.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 1088 Oberlin Dr Neighborhood Canvass – Paul Crofts – Gore 12-29-2020

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Officer Involved Critical Incident Neighborhood Canvass Form

Case Number: 2020-3388 Agent: GORE Date/Time: 12-28-20 1520

1. Address: 1088 OBERLIN DR. COLUMBUS, OH 43221

Does this location require additional follow-up? ☒ Yes / ☐ No \*12-29

2. Vehicle descriptions and registration numbers. NONE

3. Is the scene location visible from this location? ☒ Yes / ☐ No

4. Is the scene location within earshot of this location? ☒ Yes / ☐ No

5. Anyone home? Yes / ☒ No. Door hanger or business card left? ☒ Yes / ☐ No

6. Interviewee: \*12-29

Full name: PAUL JOHN CROFTS

Date of Birth: 1-4-85

Phone numbers: [REDACTED]

Address (if different than canvass location):

Best time to contact:

Employer:

7. Does this person know the victim or the victim's family? Yes / ☒ No If so, how?

8. Tell me what you know of the victim/family.

N/A

9. Were you at home during the date/time of the incident? Yes / ☒ No

10. What did you see and hear on that/those date(s)? Where did you observe this from?

N/A

11. What activity did you see or hear, even if not out of the ordinary, at or near the scene?

N/A



12. What people did you see in the neighborhood on (event date)?

N/A

13. What is the usual daily activity in this area (day and night)?

N/A UNFAMILIAR; NEW TO NEIGHBORHOOD

14. Describe the normal vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the area, including service and delivery vehicles.

UNFAMILIAR

15. Describe the normal vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the area on (event day).

UNFAMILIAR

16. Who usually arrives in or leaves the area at night (including people who work odd shifts)?

17. What unusual activity has occurred in this area in the past? Have you had anything unusual happen at your residence in the past? (Including prowlers, vandalism, missing items, indications of trespass or entry)

18. Names and ages of ALL occupants and visitors, including relatives, at home during the date in question:

NONE

19. Are you aware of anyone who may have information or evidence relating to this incident?

NO

20. Do you have any other information about this incident that you feel is important?

N/A

21. Is there anything else that you would like to tell us?

N/A

***If subject witnessed incident, a formal, recorded statement should be taken. It is important to document answers even if they are in the negative or the answer is not known. Additional questions to consider include:***

22. Obtain a complete description of events leading up to the incident, noting dates and times.

23. Obtain a complete description of events during and after the incident, noting dates and times.

24. Describe available light.

25. Document direction, movements and dialogue of subject and officers prior to, during and after incident. Who fired first?



26. Have witness sketch scene noting locations or positions. Have witness describe his/her exact location.
27. Witness' reason for being at the scene.
28. Was the subject armed and with what type of weapon?
  - a. How many shots fired by subject
  - b. Which hand was weapon in
  - c. Distance between officer and subject
  - d. Elapsed time between shots
  - e. Commands or dialogue between subject and officer
  - f. Movements, directions or actions by the subject
  - g. Resistance by subject
29. Force and weapons used by officer(s):
  - a. How many shots fired by officer
  - b. Which hand was weapon in
  - c. Distance between officer and subject
  - d. Elapsed time between shots
  - e. Commands or dialogue between subject and officer
  - f. Movements, directions or actions by the officer
30. How was officer dressed, identification displayed or given, vehicle and emergency warnings (if applicable)?
31. If officer used force prior to the shooting (physical, Taser, pepper spray, etc.), describe the kind, amount and relative weapon information. How many times used? What was the result of the use of force?
32. How was the subject handcuffed or restrained?
33. What did the officer(s) do to care for the subject after the use of force? What was the approximate elapsed time between the use of force and the treatment?
34. What position was the subject in when transported?
35. Did the subject advise the officer(s) of any medical problems or injuries, and, if so, what was done?
36. Ask the witness if there is anything else they were not asked about in this interview and if there is anything else they would like to say or provide.
37. Are there any additional witnesses?