

Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Investigative Report

2022-2918

Officer-Involved Critical Incident - 500 West Hopocan, Barberton, OH 44203



Investigative Activity: Interview of Witness Involves: Tessa Jordan (W)
Activity Date: 12/26/2022

Activity Location: 6880 Boneta Road, Medina, Ohio 44256

Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente

Narrative:

On Monday, December 26, 2022, at 1908 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente and SA Todd Clark interviewed Tessa Jordan (Jordan). Jordan was identified as a possible witness to the officer-involved shooting in Barberton, Ohio, on December 26, 2022. The interview with Jordan was audio recorded and attached to this report.

During the interview, Jordan reported the following:

On December 26, 2022, Jordan and her boyfriend, Sean Richards (Richards), went to The Coffee Pot for breakfast. Richards drove the couple in his 2016 Honda Civic. Richards parked the car on the street across from the coffee shop. Jordan "got out when I heard him [the subject] singing or something." Jordan felt the man was acting strange and stated, "I was like that's kinda weird, that's sketch."

The subject went up to Richards' car "and he was like this is a nice car. I don't see cars like this made anymore, and he was just like looking, like really looking, like I don't know, it was just really weird, and so, he was just like examining the car and then he was like 'can you guys buy me some food' and 'we're like no, we don't have any money."

Jordan and Richards then watched the subject from the entrance of the coffee shop. The subject then began running down an alley across the street. Moments later, Jordan observed the subject in the church parking lot across the street, where police were also now present. Jordan reported hearing a gunshot at this time and observed "him drop to the ground" and "he was like kinda putting up a fight after still." Jordan noted, "I saw the cops like kick something away from him" at this time.

When asked, Jordan stated she did not hear anything being said by the subject or police at any point during the altercation.

Attachments:

1. 2022-12-26: Tessa Jordan and Sean Richards Interviews

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