



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



2022-2876

Officer-Involved Critical Incident - 256 N. Swain, LaRue, Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity: Neighborhood Canvass
Activity Date: 12/20/2022
Activity Location: Marion, OH
Authoring Agent: Special Agent David Horn #48

On 12/20/2022, the Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) David Horn (Horn) and other agents conducted a neighborhood canvass in the area of the railroad tracks near the intersection of School Street and Section Street in LaRue, Ohio. The purpose of the canvass was to identify and interview potential witnesses to the officer-involved shooting on December 20, 2022. During the neighborhood canvass, SA Horn made or attempted contact with the residents at the following addresses:

183 N. Section St.

SA Horn spoke with Wendy Fown (Fown), who was awakened by yelling outside. Fown stated the time was a little after 5 AM, and she heard someone saying, "get down." She further stated she heard one shot, followed by multiple shots. She further stated she didn't see the shooting, but as Fown looked out her second-floor window, she saw people near the railroad tracks.

141 N. Section St.

SA Horn spoke with Dean Bowsher, who stated he heard yelling before 6 AM. He said there were then about five gunshots, followed by more shots. He stated that he believed it sounded like a 9mm.

215 N. Section St. (Rear)

SA Horn then spoke with Melisa Friend (Melisa) and her husband, Clarence Friend Jr. They stated they heard about six gunshots before 6 AM. They looked out the window and saw the police doing CPR on a person lying on the railroad tracks. Melisa stated that her son, Clarence Friend III, was walking out to go to work, and he told his mother that he saw the police send a dog, and then they shot a guy. SA Horn passed this information on to SA Vollmer.

215 N. Section St.

SA Horn lastly spoke with Samantha Byrd, who was awakened by yelling. She stated she heard several gunshots coming from outside.