

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



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

Investigative Activity: Neighborhood Canvass

Involves: Jason H. Manchester (O)

Date of Activity: 12/28/2020

Activity Location: Manchester, Jason H. – Home – 1047 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, OH

43221, Franklin County

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Narrative:

During a neighborhood canvass on the afternoon of December 28, 2020 at approximately 1540 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) James Gore contacted Jason Manchester, the resident of 1047 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, OH 43221. The purpose of the contact was to ascertain whether or not the resident observed or 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 the morning of December 22, 2020.

Mr. Manchester said he woke up around 0700 hours on January 22nd and heard on the radio that there had been a shooting, but he had no idea at the time that it was across the street from his residence.

Manchester advised that when he looked outside, he saw crime scene tape and police cars. He mentioned that he went outside and asked a police officer what happened, and he was told that there had been a shooting.

Mr. Manchester said he was later asked by a police officer if his neighbor, Bill Wadley, could use Manchester's restroom because he could not use his own (due to the property being a crime scene). Manchester said Wadley used the restroom, then he sat down in his living room. Manchester stated that Wadley told him that the man who was shot was a friend of his niece.

Manchester said Wadley mentioned the niece's name but he did not recall it. He added, "Quite frankly, I'm not that thrilled with the niece." Manchester said that in the summertime, the niece would wear skimpy clothes, and "strange people" would visit her. He described one incident in which a man and woman parked their car in front of his house. The man reportedly was working on the car beneath its hood, but then he retrieved a bottle of water from the trunk

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and began brushing his teeth in the street. Manchester opined that the couple was possibly homeless, but they were visitors of Bill Wadley's residence. Manchester described another incident in which a heavily tattooed woman parked in front of his house in an SUV. He said she was moving around in her vehicle very frantically, and then she went across the street to meet with the niece.

Manchester described the niece as very young looking, perhaps 18 years old, but he said Wadley told him that she was 23 with four children. Manchester said he has not seen any children with her at Wadley's home. Manchester said he was also told that the decedent, Mr. Hill, stopped by Wadley's home to give money to the niece so she could buy Christmas gifts for her children.

Manchester went on to say that he has never had any interaction with the niece, and he has never seen the decedent, Andre Hill, before. Manchester said he primarily stays inside his home, but he suggested that his neighbor at 1057 Oberlin might know more about the goingson in the neighborhood because he is outside frequently with his dog, even at night.

Manchester described the neighborhood as being relatively quiet, but a few weeks prior his car and garage were burglarized. Traffic, he said, was generally mild except for the early evening hours when people are returning home from work.

Manchester said he was unaware of any suspicious vehicle on the roadway that was stopping and starting throughout the evening prior to the shooting incident. Hid did mention, however, that his neighbor at 1057 Oberlin, George Skulski, described a noisy white vehicle that was parked in the immediate vicinity. Manchester said it was his understanding that Mr. Hill's vehicle was a grey SUV that was parked further west toward Kenny Road. Manchester stated that Mr. Skulski has already spoken with investigators.

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