



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



2024-1015
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 100 Block 8th Street, N.E. New
Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 Tuscarawas, County

Investigative Activity: Information Provided/Obtained, Interview with Witness
Involves: Tracy Lynn Walker (W)
Date of Activity: 04/03/2024
Activity Location: [REDACTED]
Author: SA Charles H. Snyder, #90

Narrative:

Background:

On Sunday, March 31, 2024, at 2221 hours, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was dispatched through the Who’s Responding notification system to an officer-involved shooting at 834 East High Street and Tell Avenue SE, in New Philadelphia (Tuscarawas County) Ohio. Personnel from the Tuscarawas County Sheriff’s Office (TCSO) were indicated as involved. Initial reporting indicated at least one citizen and one law enforcement officer were injured and enroute to hospital(s) for treatment. BCI Special Agent Charlie Snyder (Snyder) was dispatched to assist the on-call team at 2224 hours.

Action Taken:

On April 3, 2024, at approximately 1716 hours, Snyder met with and conducted an audible recorded in-person interview with Tracy Lynn Walker (Walker), a possible witness in this matter. The interview was conducted [REDACTED] and in the presence of her husband, Patrick Walker. Walker provided her personal identification and contact information to Snyder and agreed to participate in this interview. During this interview, Walker provided the following information.

Walker advised that on the date and time of this incident, she had been at her son’s residence, at [REDACTED] Walker said she was doing laundry there and the side door of the residence was open. Walker indicated hearing “screeching of tires – like if they were at the speedway or something along those lines” and then heard “a huge explosion”, that scared her.

Walker went to the door, looked outside and observed that a truck had driven into a house

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across the street from her location. Walker advised that she called “9-1-1” immediately and notified dispatchers of the address and that accident. Walker then went outside, retrieved her dog, and took the dog back into the residence. Walker indicated she could hear footsteps, appearing to go towards East High Avenue and observed other people outside.

Walker advised that within minutes a police vehicle and a law enforcement officer came down the street and asked Walker and neighbors which way the subject had fled. The officer was advised that the subject possibly ran towards East High Avenue. Walker said that within the next few minutes she heard gunshots. Walker indicated not hearing any loud voices during this time. After hearing the gunshots, Walker said that she then returned to the inside of her son’s residence, but later came back outside again.

Walker could not identify the law enforcement officer or vehicle as either being a NPPD or TCSO. Walker also added that it was very dark at that time. Walker said that later there were other police vehicles in the area from both agencies.

Walker said that she had not talked to other law enforcement about the incident. She also indicated having not taken any photos or videos with her cellphone of the scene or incident. Walker also advised that her son’s residence does not have external video surveillance cameras.

At approximately 1725 hours, The Walker interview concluded.

Note: report summarizes information deemed by the author of the most relevance to the investigation and does not contain all questions and answers from the interview. This report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader’s overall understanding of information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-04-03 – Tracy Lynn Walker – Interview 240403_0329