



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 197 West 8th Ave., Columbus,
Ohio 43201 (L)

Involves: Domenic Tempesta (W)
Date of Activity: 08/11/2024
Activity Location: – 1517 Worthington Street, Columbus, OH 43201
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Narrative:

On August 11, 2024 at approximately 1520 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent David Wiegung (SA Wiegung) and Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Detective Chris Journey (Detective Journey) interviewed Domenic Tempesta (Tempesta) at the Young Life residence located at 1517 Worthington Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43201. Young Life is an organization that introduces and educates adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith. Tempesta was interviewed as a witness of an Officer-Involved Critical Incident which had occurred in the vicinity of the residence to include 197 W. 8th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, 43201.

It was reported that on August 11, 2024 at approximately 0817 hours, CPD officers attempted to make contact with Asante Miller (Miller) in response to a forced entry/break-in at the Young Life residence. Upon CPD arrival, Miller attempted to flee the area and an exchange of gunfire occurred at 242 W. 8th Avenue, Columbus. Officers from CPD as well as the Ohio State University Police Department (OSU PD) pursued Miller to 197 W. 8th Avenue, Columbus, where he barricaded himself. While attempting to locate Miller inside the residence, CPD and OSU PD officers were fired upon with at least one responding law enforcement officer returning fire. CPD and OSU PD officers retreated from where Miller had barricaded himself and a single gunshot was heard shortly thereafter. Miller was later located in a bedroom closet and found to be deceased with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. No law enforcement officers were injured.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be the most relevant to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information obtained during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Tempesta provided his date of birth as December 22, 2004, and his social security number as

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██████████. He also stated his cell phone number is ██████████.

Tempesta related he got a call from Bradley Weaver (roommate) as well as a text indicating Miller was present at the residence, but nothing happened and that he should wake up their roommate, Owen Cline (Cline). According to Tempesta, Cline read the text and called the police. He and Cline remained in their room until they moved to another room with three other roommates. They subsequently spoke to the police who had arrived at the residence. Tempesta said he did not have any interaction with Miller. He saw Miller running down the alley with four police officers following him. They heard "shots" as well as "police-like" intercoms. Tempesta did not know who was shooting. Tempesta added he heard the police say "Put your hands up."

SA Wiegand and Detective Journey's interview with Tempesta ended at approximately 1525 hours.

A copy of the audio-recorded interview with Tempesta is attached to this report.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Audio Interview with Domenic Tempesta 8.11.2024