



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4738 McAllister Ave. Columbus

Investigative Activity: Review of Records
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Narrative:

On July 11, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) reviewed audio recordings of witness interviews conducted by Columbus Division of Police (CPD), which were received from CPD Sergeant Terry McConnell (Sgt. McConnell). These audio recordings were provided by Sgt. McConnell to BCI electronically via Axon/Evidence.com case management system.

These recordings were provided to BCI in order to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which occurred on May 11, 2024, near 4738 McAllister Avenue in Columbus, OH. It was reported that CPD officers were called to a domestic disturbance involving an armed individual who had allegedly discharged a firearm when they became involved in an encounter with Corey Roach (Roach). During the encounter, a CPD officer discharged his duty weapon. Roach was transported to Mount Carmel hospital with alleged gunshot wounds, where he was pronounced deceased. A female victim was discovered in a neighboring residence after the incident had concluded, later identified as Nicole Pleasant (Pleasant), and was pronounced deceased on scene by EMS medics.

Please refer to the attached files and actual audio recordings provided by CPD for further details and clarification. Upon reviewing these recordings, SA Douglass noted the following:

Leonard Anchrum

Leonard Anchrum (Anchrum) reported witnessing a possible argument between his female neighbor, whose name he did not know [Pleasant], and "the shooter" [Roach]. Anchrum said he saw Pleasant try to run when Roach grabbed her and dragged her to the porch of the neighboring house on Lockwood Road. "She went to screaming 'help' and he started beating on her," Anchrum stated. Anchrum said his "cousins" went to speak to Roach, when Roach pulled a gun on them and started shooting. Anchrum said he was inside the residence at 4738 McAllister Avenue looking outside. Anchrum confirmed directly witnessing Roach producing a firearm and firing it towards his cousins. Anchrum described the firearm as a small handgun, a black pistol. Anchrum said one of his cousins, Christian Minnis (Minnis) fled southbound on Lockwood Road and the other cousin, Courtney Clark (Clark), fled westbound on McAllister Avenue when Roach started shooting at them. Anchrum stated Roach then went back to the

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porch next door and shot Pleasant, which Anchrum confirmed he witnessed directly. "He stood over her and shot her," Anchrum stated, estimating Roach shot Pleasant four to five times. Anchrum said he believed Roach then retrieved a rifle from his vehicle and shot Pleasant again. Anchrum then went to find his cousins, when he heard additional gunshots and ran back in the house and went to the basement with his children. Anchrum came upstairs to look outside for his cousins when he heard Roach fire additional gunshots. Anchrum called 911, and when police arrived he told them where he last saw Roach. Anchrum said he witnessed Roach fire his gun towards responding CPD officers, who then retreated away from Roach. Anchrum believed he witnessed CPD officers approach again and return fire at Roach, and then CPD officers retreated again. Anchrum stated he saw Roach fall to the ground. Anchrum said he witnessed another CPD officer arrive and tell people to stay inside their houses, and then attempting to resuscitate Roach.

Maria Zavala/Saul Hernandez

Maria Zavala (Zavala) reported she provided video files from her security cameras to investigators. Zavala made a phone call and spoke in Spanish, then told CPD her husband would be home soon. Zavala confirmed she witnessed some portions of the shooting incident. Zavala said she heard a female screaming for help. Zavala also indicated hearing gunshots. Zavala asked what happened to "him" [Roach] and indicated she did not witness Roach shooting at responding CPD officers when they arrived.

Tasjanai Davidson

Tasjanai Davidson (Davidson) identified herself as Pleasant's daughter. CPD reported Pleasant's death notification to Davidson as next-of-kin. Davidson asked CPD questions about the investigative process for Pleasant's death and the shooting incident. Other unknown females present discussed security cameras at Pleasant's residence on Lockwood Road. An unknown female stated, "He had a quick temper," [Roach] and talked about Roach "trying to run us off the road" and slashing their tires. An unknown female reported Roach had physically abused Pleasant in the past and stated, "He choked her ass and beat her ass in the car."

Revieta Lampley

Revieta Lampley (Lampley) and CPD officers reviewed video clips of Roach from her security cameras. Lampley and CPD officers discussed the electronic transfer of video evidence to CPD as part of the investigation. Lampley voiced her concerns with Roach's actions and stated, "This was justified," in regards to the OICI. Lampley and another unknown female indicated they were not home during the shooting incident.

CPD Sergeant James Diehl

CPD Sergeant James Diehl (Sgt. Diehl) confirmed responding to the OICI at 4738 McAllister Avenue on May 11, 2024. Sgt. Diehl explained he was initially responding to a "43A" (shots fired). Sgt. Diehl reported he was the first CPD supervisor on scene, and CPD [REDACTED] were the first CPD responders to arrive at the location of the incident. Sgt. Diehl said he was looking for the "suspect" [Roach] as he entered the area, and could hear gunshots as he got closer to the location of the incident. Sgt. Diehl prepared

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his rifle and heard one of the initial responding CPD officers aired on the radio, "10-3, shots fired." Sgt. Diehl said he arrived at the intersection of McAllister Avenue and Lockwood Road, and checked the gray Honda Civic parked in the street to make sure nobody was inside. Sgt. Diehl recalled there was "a bunch of commotion" near 1083 Lockwood Road, where Pleasant was later discovered. Sgt. Diehl then observed a male [Roach] who appeared to be shot, laying on the sidewalk near some trash cans. Sgt. Diehl stated he approached Roach, who was still breathing and had a pulse, was bleeding from the mouth and ears and appeared to have a gunshot wound in his left upper shoulder area. Sgt. Diehl reported Roach was in possession of a rifle and two pistols, which Sgt. Diehl removed from Roach and secured. Sgt. Diehl confirmed Roach still had a pulse as EMS medics arrived on scene. Sgt. Diehl was the scene supervisor, and coordinated securing the area and preserving evidence.

SA Douglass documented the information from CPD witness interviews believed to be relevant to the incident. Audio files received from CPD are attached to this report. Audio recordings are also stored electronically via Axon/Evidence.com, please refer to the attachments and recordings for further details.

References:

Columbus Police Witness Interview Audio Files

Attachments:

- Attachment # 01: Interview_of_Leonard_Anchrum
- Attachment # 02: Interview_of_Leonard_Anchrum_2nd_Interview
- Attachment # 03: Interview_of_Maria_Zavala_and_Saul_Hernadaz
- Attachment # 04: Interview_of_NOK_Tasjanai_Davidson
- Attachment # 05: Interview_of_Revieta_Lampley
- Attachment # 06: Interview_of_Sgt_James_Diehl_5102024_1102pm

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