



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



2024-1433

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4802 James Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Records Received, Records Reviewed
Involves: White County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office (O)
Activity Date: 07/10/2024
Activity Location: BCI, 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286
Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente #139

Narrative:

On July 10, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente received a copy of the White County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office (WCTSO) incident report detailing the murder of Megan Perry (Perry). The WCTSO incident report was attached to this investigative report.

SA Valente reviewed the report and noted the following:

The report is eight pages in length.

On May 8, 2024, a White County, Tennessee Sheriff's deputy was dispatched to 1832 Red Road, Sparta, White County, Tennessee regarding a deceased female who was found in a truck parked along the edge of the roadway and appeared to have been shot.

Deputies quickly determined the deceased female was Perry. Relatives of Perry's indicated Jason Norris (Norris) was responsible for her murder. WCTSO Deputy Bean was tasked with attempting to locate Norris. Deputy Bean was advised that Norris fled the area in a 2024 Jeep Compass bearing Tennessee plate "773-BLYZ." Deputy Bean utilized the Flock camera program to find records of the subject vehicle in North Ridgeville, Ohio, beginning at 1654 hours on the day of the alleged murder, May 8, 2024. Deputy Bean informed the North Ridgeville Police Department (NRPD) of his findings. Deputy Bean was later told by NRPD that the subject was located and died during a shootout with NRPD.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. White County Sheriff's Office Report [REDACTED]

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White County Sheriff's Office

Officer Incident Report for Incident # [REDACTED]

Disposition: **ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSED**

Incident Date:	From 05-08-2024 08:45 am To 05-08-2024 08:02 pm	Report Created:	05-08-2024 05:16 pm GMT -6.00
Incident Type:	DOA-POSSIBLE (DOA)	Reported By:	69 Russell, Chris (US019SKX000000GS)
Origination:	CAD2INC	Reporting Agency:	White County Sheriff's Office
Current Status:	Pending Review, Access Level 1	Reported From:	IP ADDR 199.189.242.138
Incident Location:	1835 Red Rd Sparta, TN 38583-3932 US	Jurisdiction:	This Jurisdiction
Incident Lex #:	IN01LJLD00002HJM	Assigned To:	66 Evans, Mark (US019JE2000000GD)
		Agency:	White County Sheriff's Office

Jacket Notes: Death Involved, Evidence Collected

INCIDENT DESCRIPTOR:

GUNSHOT WOUND*FEMALE*BLK DODGE Created from CAD record on Wednesday, May 8th, 2024

LOCATION:

Address:	1835 Red Rd Sparta, TN 38583-3932 US	Location Lex #:	LO01CHMN000034WF
Latitude / Longitude:	35.945955 / -85.257978	Units Entered:	
Location Type:	Residence/Home (include nursing homes) (20)	Forced Entry:	No
Zone / Beat:	/	Location Notes:	

ARRESTS / ARREST OFFENSES:

name	party type	offense code	statute	description	off status
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No arrests associated with this incident.

PARTIES:

name	party type	arrested	injured	description	DL #	SSN #	lex #
Norris, Jason L	Suspect	No	No	White, M, 200 lbs, 0' 6", 41 (at time of incident), DOB: 03-27-1983		██████████ ██████ ██████	EP014RLS00003796
1835 Red Road, Sparta TN 38583							
0000000000 (mobile)							
Perry, Megan L	Victim	No	No	White, F, 280 lbs, 0' 5", 31 (at time of incident), DOB: 12-05-1992	██████████	██████ ██████ ██████	████████████████████
1835 Red Rd, Sparta TN 38583-3932							
0000000000 (mobile)							

VEHICLES:

type	description	tag/issuer	vin number	est value	damages
Automobile	2016 Silver JEEP SPT Lisc Plate #416BCFB	416BCFB	1C4PJMAB0GW232690	0.00	0.00
Automobile	2024 Gray JEEP CMP Lisc Plate #773BLYZ	773BLYZ	3C4NJDAN2RT577097	0.00	0.00
Automobile	Lisc Plate #BGR7601	BGR7601		0.00	0.00
Automobile	2018 White Chrysler PCF Lisc Plate #17574F	17574F	2C4RC1GGXJR186547	0.00	0.00

PROPERTY:

#	type	is evidence	description	serial number	estimated value	value of damages
1	Drugs/Narcotics - use for legal drugs stolen, etc.; use for illegal drugs seized (10)	Yes	small baggie containing white crystal substance believed to be meth.		1.00	0.00

NARRATIVE:

05-09-2024 07:15:05 (GMT -6.00)

72 THOMAS, MATTHEW

US013QUG000001AO

On 8/5/2024 at or around 0848 hours I, Deputy Thomas #72, was dispatched to 1835 Red Road on a possible DOA involving a female. Det. Chris Russell was on scene a few minutes before my arrival. When I arrived on scene I saw a black pickup truck off the roadway with the hood and driver side door open. As I approached the vehicle I saw a white female inside of the vehicle on the passenger side. I was met by the female's uncle, Timothy Lewis (DOB 2/2/1965), who was on scene. Lewis stated he called Cumberland County Dispatch regarding the incident, who had then contacted White County Dispatch. I asked Lewis and Owens to move their vehicles further down the road away from the scene, which they did so willingly. Det. Russell and I began to cordone off the area with crime scene tape to secure the scene. Sheriff Page #50 requested all available W.C.S.O. investigators to the scene to assist.

Several W.C.S.O. personnel arrived on scene; including Lt. Blankenship #77, Deputy Light #89, Deputy Brandon Bean #87, Deputy Glenn Watson #71, Investigator Steward, Investigator Evans, and Investigator Thomas. White County EMS Director/Medical Examiner Mike Kerr arrived shortly after. I was advised by Cumberland County Sheriff's Deputy M. Alvarez that one of their deputies, Deputy Tausha Stone, had driven by the vehicle at or around 0743 hours on this date and had called in the vehicle being in the ditch. A crime scene log was started by Deputy Light.

The District Attorney's Office was contacted regarding the incident after the scene was secured. Attorney General Bryant Dunaway, ADA Russell Tribble, and DA Investigator Chris Issom arrived to assist. Tennessee Highway Patrol CRT members arrived to photograph the scene using their total station. The District Attorney's office then advised that T.B.I Agents would be arriving on scene to conduct the investigation. White County Sheriff's Office personnel that were on scene then assisted T.B.I. Agents and the District Attorney's Office. T.B.I. Agents collected evidence at the scene, as well as, photographed the scene and evidence. No further action taken at this time.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY, NOT VERBATIM OR AN ENTIRETY OF MY ACTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

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05-09-2024 08:56 am	69 Russell, Chris	open	-	
SUPPLEMENTAL TEXT				
<p>On May the 8th I heard that a DOA possible gunshot was dispatched to 1832 Red Road. I was very close to that location so I responded. Upon arrival I made contact with a Carson Lewis and a Tim Lewis. I asked them what was going on and Carson stated that was his granddaughter in the vehicle deceased. I asked him did he know who did it and he stated yes Jason Norris DOB: 03/27/1983. Mr. Norris was not on the scene. I called for everyone to come and assist with this incident. Sheriff called the DA's office and for TBI. DA Dunaway called me and I told him what we had and he asked for me to go ahead and set up a perimeter and lock down the scene until he got there. We set up crime scene tape and started a entrance log. The investigation was processed most of the day. When the body was removed from the vehicle a small baggie of a white crystal substance was found in the breast area of the deceased. This was taken and will be destroyed.. TBI collected numerous items from the truck as evidence pursuant to search warrant. TBI has this evidence. There was also some items taken from the home as evidence pursuant to search warrant and TBI has these items as well. A county in Ohio found Mr. Norris and surrounded the residence they asked him to come out by PA and he came out shooting and was shot by police. He was taken to local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. This case will be closed. This did occur in White County.</p>				

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05-09-2024 09:16 am	87 Bean, Brandon	approved	05-09-2024 09:16 am	87 Bean, Brandon
SUPPLEMENTAL TEXT				
<p>On May 8, 2024, I, Deputy Brandon Bean, assisted in a homicide investigation at 1835 Red Rd. This was related to a "Be On the Lookout" (BOLO) issued for a white male, Jason Norris, who was wanted for questioning in connection with the death of Megan Perry.</p> <p>My task was to use all available resources to locate Jason Norris, who had reportedly fled in a 2024 Jeep Compass with Tennessee tag 773-BLYZ. By utilizing Flock Safety technology, I was able to track this vehicle. At 16:54 hours, a Flock Safety camera located at SR83 Northbound @ Hederow Park Dr. recorded a hit on the Jeep Compass with the confirmed Tennessee tag. I immediately shared this information over the police radio and with Detective Dillard Dodson at 16:54, DA Investigator Chris Isom between 16:57 and 16:59, and then contacted North Ridgeville Police at 1-440-327-2191.</p> <p>Throughout my investigation, I kept in close contact with Tennessee's 13th Judicial District Investigator, Chris Isom, and Assistant District Attorney, Russell Tribble, ensuring they were informed of any developments. Given the severity of the crime and the potential threat to public safety, I notified the North Ridgeville, Ohio, police department of Jason Norris' presence in their jurisdiction. This alert was intended to ensure that local officers were aware of the potential danger in case they encountered him. Shortly after, I was contacted by a dispatcher from North Ridgeville, Ohio, who informed me that they had located the Jeep Compass at 4802 James Rd, North Ridgeville, Ohio, a location known for drug activity. During the course of events, I was informed by a lieutenant from the North Ridgeville Police that a perimeter had been set up around the residence and that they had called Jason Norris to come out. When he emerged with a firearm, a shootout ensued. Unfortunately, Norris was confirmed deceased at a local Ohio hospital following the shootout.</p>				

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05-09-2024 02:04 pm	93 Schalk, Brian	approved	05-09-2024 03:33 pm	93 Schalk, Brian

SUPPLEMENTAL TEXT

On Wednesday the 8th day of May 2024 at approximately 08:50 a.m. Deputy Light and I (Deputy Schalk) was dispatched to 1835 Red Rd. to a possible DOA female suffering a gun shot wound located inside a Black Dodge truck. Deputy Light and I (Deputy Schalk) arrived on scene at approximately 09:06 a.m. and I (Deputy Schalk) observed a black Dodge truck that appeared to have slid off the road. I (Deputy Schalk) observed the driver side door open. I observed a female deceased inside the vehicle sitting in the front right side of the vehicle (passenger seat). I walked over to the passenger side of the vehicle and observed the passenger side window to be shattered, but still together due to the window tint. I (Deputy Schalk) observed a bullet hole in the passenger side window and a bullet hole located on the roof of the vehicle. I spoke with some family members of the victim gathering information about what had happened. My supervisors arrived on scene and I was assigned to securing the perimeter of the crime scene. My supervisor tasked me out to start a log on Entrance 2 logging everyone in and out of the crime scene. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigations arrived and took over the crime scene. The family advised there could possibly be a juvenile inside the residence of the victim home. The family advised the juvenile would be the child of the possible suspect identified as Jason Norris. The Sheriff advised that the Special Operation Response Team known as S.O.R.T. needed to breach and make entry on the residence to secure the area. The S.O.R.T. commander identified as L.T. James Blankenship advised I (Deputy Schalk) was going to be the breach man. The family of the deceased victim advised we could use force to enter the residence. I (Deputy Schalk) used the ram to breach the front door of the residence. Myself (Deputy Schalk) and other S.O.R.T. members entered and cleared the residence for any personnel inside. The residence was clear. The S.O.R.T. members secured and locked up the residence. I (Deputy Schalk) assisted E.M.S. medical examiner Mike Kerr on removing the deceased victim from the vehicle. The Victim was secured by E.M.S. and transported. I cleared the scene at approximately 17:00.

This Occurred in White County, TN.

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05-09-2024 02:19 pm	62 Dodson, Dillard	open	-	

SUPPLEMENTAL TEXT

On May 8th, 2024 Detective Dodson responded to 1835 Red Rd. for a female shot in a truck. Detective Dodson arrived and spoke with Lt. Blankenship who asked Detective Dodson to go to 1683 Pow Camp Rd. and speak with the registered owner of the vehicle. Detective Dodson spoke with Phyllis Perry the deceased Mother who was visibly upset. Mrs. Perry advised she was unsure where the deceased boyfriend was but did provide a contact phone number for him. Detective Dodson also Spoke with the deceased step sister by the name of Jessica who stated the deceased and Jason Norris brought Mr. Norris vehicle to her the night prior around 1am. She also advised the deceased had called her around 3am but she missed the call along with another unknown number that was provided to TBI by a Cumberland County Deputy. Jessica informed Detective Dodson that the deceased and Jason were arguing because he had used suboxone while at work. Detective Dodson relayed this info to TBI agents on the scene. Detective Dodson began searching the rural areas in attempt to locate the deceased vehicle. Around 5:16 pm Detective Dodson recieved a radio transmission from Deputy Brandon Bean stating he had a Flock camera hit in North Ridgeville Ohio. Detective Dodson called Investigator Chris Isom with the District Attorneys office.

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05-10-2024 06:12 pm	65 Thomas, Joseph	open	-	

SUPPLEMENTAL TEXT

On 05/08/2024 at approximately 08:50 AM I Det. Thomas responded to 1832 Red Road in reference to a female located in a vehicle with a possible gun shot wound. Upon arrival I made contact with the vehicle in question which was a black Dodge Ram Truck that appeared to have ran off the road into the yard of 1832 Red Road.

I first noticed what appeared to be a hole through the front passenger side window and an ID badge hanging from the rearview mirror with the name Megan Perry as well as a female ID picture. Upon closer inspection I witnessed a white female in the front passenger seat that appeared to be upside down with her head in the front passenger floor board and her legs stretching over in to the back seat area.

EMS arrived on scene and made contact with said female. EMS and A.M.E Mike Kerr informed authorities that the female was deceased and [REDACTED] At this time TBI and the District Attorneys Office were notified. While awaiting TBI and the D.A.'s Office authorities secured the scene and blocked both sides of the road off. I then noticed a cell phone laying on the bank in front of the passenger side of the vehicle in question. I returned to my vehicle and retrieved a evidence marker (marker 1) and placed it by said cell phone. While securing the scene I also noticed that there was an additional hole that appeared to have exited the roof of the vehicle.

I then remained on scene in order to assist TBI and the D.A.'s Office. After TBI arrived on scene and established a possible suspect and suspect vehicle I asked TBI Investigator COX and TBI Investigator Davenport if they would like me to enter the suspect and suspect vehicle into a license plate reader program that would notify us if said vehicles registration number had passed one of the LPR cameras that are placed all over the nation. Both Investigators agreed and Investigator Davenport sent me the registration information for the suspect vehicle to be entered.

I then contacted THP CID Joseph Whitmarsh and asked him to assist me in entering the information of the suspect/suspect vehicle into Vigilant which is an LPR system/program used to track/locate vehicles by their registration number. THP CID Whitmarsh advised that he would get with his supervisor and have the information entered.

I then took Det. Russell to the White County Sheriff's Office to obtain search warrants on the vehicle and the residence at 1832 Red Road. Judge Meadows signed said search warrants and then Det. Russel and I returned to the scene on Red Road. I then stayed for the duration of the investigation to assist TBI with processing the scene. After the initial processing of the scene I followed EMS transporting the victim to the White County Hospital where the victim was to await transportation to the Medical Examiners Office in Nashville TN. Said incident did occur in White County Tennessee.

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05-28-2024 09:11 am	69 Russell, Chris	open	-	

SUPPLEMENTAL TEXT

I am closing this case. Ridgeville Ohio is trying to close their end of this case as well. The subject was shot and killed in Ridgeville, Ohio. We have nothing else with this case so I am closing it down. This did occur in White County.

ADMINISTRATION:

disposition	reviewed by	review date	cleared by	cleared date
Administratively Closed		-		-

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