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Investigative Report



2024-1584

Officer Involved Critical Incident, 27695 Tracey Road, Walbridge,  
OH 43465

**Investigative Activity:** Witness Interview, Neighborhood Canvass

**Involves:** Wyatt Schling

**Date of Activity:** May 24, 2024

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**Narrative:**

On May 2, 2024, at approximately 0840 hours, Special Agent James Keen (SA Keen) conducted an interview with Wyatt Schling (Schling) at 27695 Tracey Road, Lot 325, Walbridge, OH 43465. It should be noted that the streets are labeled inside of the complex and Schling's street name is Blue Jacket Road. This interview was regarding Schling stating he heard what he believed to be gunshots during the timeframe of Officer Involved Critical Incident 2024-1584. Schling was contacted by SA Keen during a neighborhood canvass of the area. The audio recording was later placed into the case file.

SA Keen asked Schling if he heard anything prior to hearing gunshots that was out of the ordinary. Schling stated about ten minutes prior to the gunshots, he heard the faint sound of sirens. Schling stated that he heard the first set of gunshots and then opened his door. Schling said that when he opened his screen door he could "smell the gunpowder and stuff." Schling claimed he then heard "another couple shots go off" which confirmed to him they were gunshots initially. After the second set of gunshots, Schling said "I could hear, I wanna say it was a man, he was uhh kinda like moaning. I heard him say 'Help' a couple times, and uhh I heard another, I would say three or four shots go off and then I called 9-1-1."

Schling was asked by SA Keen about a time frame, and he stated that at approximately 10:50pm he heard the faint sirens, and he heard the shots five to ten minutes after that. Schling said he believed he called 9-1-1 at around 11:05pm. SA Keen asked Schling if he could tell where the gunshots were coming from. Schling claimed the gunshots were coming from the pond area near his house and they were close. It should be noted that the pond area is east of his location.

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Schling stated the initial sound of gunshots were done at “a steady rate” and there were approximately 4–5 shots heard. Schling said a couple minutes went by and then he heard the next sound of gunshots. Schling believed there were two to three shots completed on the second set and the shots sounded more spread out. After the second set of gunshots, there was a break, and Schling heard around four to five more shots that were rapid.

It should be noted the batteries to the audio recorder SA Keen was using died and a second recorder was started, both recordings are uploaded to the case file.

NOTE: This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance 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 elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

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