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Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus,  
Ohio

**Investigative Activity:** Neighborhood Canvass

**Date of Activity:** 12/22/2020

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**Narrative:**

On December 22, 2020, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Jon Scale (SA Scale) conducted a neighborhood canvass in the surrounding areas of Oberlin Drive, Columbus, OH. The purpose for the canvass was to identify and interview potential witnesses to the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at 1062 Oberlin Drive earlier that morning. SA Scale audio recorded the interviews and has attached the recordings to this report and uploaded the recordings to BCI's case management system.

**1098 Oberlin Drive**

SA Scale spoke with Colleen Chilton (Chilton). Chilton said she woke up around 2:00 a.m. and looked outside to Oberlin Drive because the blue and red police lights were lighting up the inside of her house. She said that she did not hear any gunshots or anything else unusual before looking outside and observing many police vehicles on her street. Chilton said that her husband was also home sleeping at the time. She said he did not hear or see anything and that she woke him up after she saw all of the police vehicles on the street.

Chilton said that she sees Billy who lives at 1062 Oberlin Drive walking around the neighborhood a lot of times, but has never really interacted with him. She said that she thinks he has a younger daughter that lives with him.

Chilton said that they do not have any security cameras on the exterior of their residence.

Colleen Chilton provided her phone # [REDACTED].

**1070 Oberlin Drive**

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SA Scale spoke with Mary Counter (Counter). She lives directly next to 1062 Oberlin Drive. Counter said she did not hear any gunshots or any other activity next door. She said that there has been a lot suspicious activity at her neighbor's house. She explained that a young women lives next door with Billy and she was always being picked up by different people. She said that Billy is a former Ohio State swim coach.

SA Scale observed a "XODO" doorbell camera installed next to the front door. Counter said she did not think that there were any notifications or recordings from last night or early morning. She said it was not an expensive camera and she believes she turned the motion sensitivity down too low because it was not even recording delivery people on her own front porch. Counter logged into her camera app and searched for any recordings from last night and the early morning and said there were no recordings at all.

SA Scale asked Counter if she recognized the silver Chevy Tahoe that was parked directly in front of her house. She thinks that same vehicle, in the past, has picked up the young woman living in Billy's house. Counter said that she thinks Billy has had a few different younger women stay with him over the past few years. She described all the women as young, thin, and "possible drug addicts". Counter said she thought that just based on the people that would always come by and pick up the girls.

Mary Counter provided her phone # [REDACTED].

#### 1078 Oberlin Drive

No answer at the residence. No vehicles observed in the driveway. No doorbell camera or exterior security cameras were observed.

#### 1081 Norway Drive

SA Scale spoke with Nancy Cruickshank (Cruickshank). Cruickshank said that she slept through all of the commotion throughout the early morning. She said she did not hear any gunshots or any kind of altercation.

She said she knew a little bit about Bill who lived at the incident location. Cruickshank said that Bill was a former swim or dive coach for Ohio State. She said that they never really had much interaction and would see him walking in the neighborhood often. She said that she thinks a younger woman lives with Bill. Cruickshank said that Bill told her that the younger woman that lived with him was his niece and she had some drug problems.

Cruickshank said she does not have a doorbell camera or any other security cameras on the exterior of her house.

Nancy Cruickshank provided her phone # [REDACTED].

## 1082 Norway Drive

This residence is across the street from the incident location. SA Scale spoke with Sommer Sterud (Sterud) and Johnny Diloretto (Diloretto). He said they woke up and heard some yelling, but could not understand what they were saying, but it was intense enough that they got up and looked out of their bedroom window. They were unsure of the time, but thought it was somewhere around 1:30 a.m.. He said he saw a police car parked across the street near 1062 Oberlin Dr. He said he did not see anybody. He then walked away from the window and then they heard three (3) or four (4) gunshots. He then went down to the basement to check on their 16 year old son because his room has a window facing the incident location.

Diloretto went downstairs and invited their son to come join the conversation. The son said that he was up late doing homework and he heard some arguing outside across the street. He said he could not make out what they were saying. He said that he then heard four (4) or five (5) gunshots and someone screamed, "He did not do anything!"

They explained that after they heard the gunshots, nobody immediately looked out the window because they were all freaked out. They said within minutes of hearing the shots there were lots of police cars pulling in.

Sterud said they know Bill who lives across the street at the incident location. They said he is a former Ohio State swim coach. They said he lives there with his niece. Diloretto said that it seems like "an off scenario" over at Bill's house. They said that Bill asked them recently if they wanted to buy his house. Diloretto said that Bill wanted to move and have his niece move out. Sterud said that she hears Bill and his niece yelling and arguing with each other often. Diloretto said that they thought if something was going to happen with any of their neighbors, it was going to be at Bill's house.

This residence does not have a doorbell camera or any other security cameras.

Sommer Sterud provided her phone # [REDACTED]

## 1083 Norway Drive

SA Scale spoke to Richard and Barbara Markle. They said that they awoke at some point in the middle of the night because of all the flashing police lights that were reflecting inside their home. They did not hear any gunshots or see anything. They said all they know about the people living at 1062 Oberlin Drive was that he used to be the swim coach at Ohio State and that he had a young woman living with him. They said they have not had any interactions with the man or the woman that lived there.

This residence does not have a doorbell camera or any other security cameras.

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### 1088 Oberlin Drive

No answer at the residence. No vehicles observed in the driveway. No doorbell camera or exterior security cameras were observed.

### 1095 Oberlin Drive

SA Scale spoke to Joel Bossley (Bossley). Bossley said that he heard some gunshots and then looked out of his bedroom window. He said he saw a Columbus Police vehicle parked down the street and some police officers in the driveway of 1062 Oberlin Drive. He said it looked like the officers were walking up the driveway and were using flashlights. He said that is when he went into the living room and woke up his wife. He said at that point there were now a lot of police cars and flashing lights up and down their street.

This residence does not have a doorbell camera or any other security cameras.

### 1106 Oberlin Drive

No answer at the residence. No vehicles observed in the driveway. SA Scale observed a security camera located above the front door. The way the camera was facing and considering it is many houses down from the incident location it most likely would not have been able to catch anything regarding the incident. No other security cameras were observed.

### Attachments:

Attachment # 01:Audio- Neighborhood Canvass 1106 Oberlin Dr  
Attachment # 02:Audio- Neighborhood Canvass 1095 Oberlin Dr  
Attachment # 03:Audio- Neighborhood Canvass 1088 Oberlin Dr  
Attachment # 04:Audio- Neighborhood Canvass 1083 Norway Dr  
Attachment # 05:Audio- Neighborhood Canvass 1082 Norway Dr  
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