



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



2023-3023

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 6235 Hathaway Rd.,
Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio 44125

Investigative Activity: Neighborhood Canvass Report
Activity Date: 11-27-2023
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Joseph Goudy #83

Narrative:

On Tuesday, November 14, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) responded to an officer involved shooting that occurred at 6235 Hathaway Road in the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio. The incident occurred inside the basement of the residence. After getting briefed by Garfield Heights Police (GHPD) Detective (Det) Rick Fogle (Fogle) on the matter, SA Goudy and SA Jon Lieber (Lieber) conducted a neighborhood canvass while waiting for a search warrant to be signed to enter the residence.

6241 Hathaway Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio

Tori McCurdy-Teague / DOB: 09-18-1973

No cameras

- During the interview with Teague, she stated Benard Russell was a retired firefighter from the Cleveland Fire Department. Teague stated she was not home for most of the day and that she didn't hear anything out of the ordinary coming from the residence.

12605 Sunset Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio

Scott Iwan / DOB: 03-21-1992

Blink and Ring cameras present, but no footage recorded.

- During the interview with Iwan, he stated he was home but didn't hear or see anything out of the ordinary. When asked if there were ever any disturbances observed at the residence, Iwan stated there was not. Iwan allowed SA Goudy to review the camera footage via the Blink and Ring camera applications on his cell phone. There was no footage recorded.

12609 Sunset Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio

Mark While / DOB: 5-5-1964

No cameras

- During the interview, While stated that Benard Russell moved in 1 or 2 years ago. While further stated that he did not hear or see anything out of the ordinary. While stated he had never had any problems with the Russell's since they moved in.

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6219 Hathaway Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio

John Powers / DOB: 12-02-1970

No Cameras

- During the interview, Powers stated, earlier in the day he saw Benard Russell sitting outside in the backyard on a bench by himself. Powers stated Russell was just sitting there not doing anything. Powers stated it seemed out of the ordinary. When asked if he heard anything or saw anything else that appeared out of the ordinary, Powers stated he did not. Powers further stated he only saw Russell sitting on the bench earlier in the day, which seemed odd to him.

6212 Hathaway Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio

Curtis Robertson / DOB: 3-13-1972

Ring Cameras - No footage recorded or observed

- During the interview, Robertson stated he did not see or hear anything out of the ordinary. They were decent neighbors. Furthermore, Robertson stated he didn't notice anything out of the ordinary leading up to the incident.

For further details, please refer to the attached audio interviews conducted during the neighborhood canvass.

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