



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



2023-2232
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5991 S Sunbury Rd, Westerville
OH 43081

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Jaylyn Young (W)
Date of Activity: 08/24/2023
Activity Location: Kroger – 5991 South Sunbury Rd, Westerville, OH 43081, Franklin County
Author: SA James Poole

Narrative:

On August 24, 2023 at 2024 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) interviewed Kroger employee Jaylyn Young (Jaylyn). The interview took place at the Kroger on 5991 Sunbury Rd., Westerville, Ohio. Jaylyn was identified as being a witness who potentially witnessed the officer involved shooting that occurred in the parking lot which involved the now deceased Ta'kiya Young (Ta'kiya). The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

This interview was audio recorded and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview.

Before interviewing Jaylyn, Franklin County Deputy Clausung #1501, gave SA Poole a signed witnessing statement that was filled out by Jaylyn. Please see attached for more details to the written statement.

Jaylyn stated she was working overtime at the Kroger's front desk when she witnessed three (3) Black females walking funny out the front door, setting off the theft sensor sirens and lights. When asked how they looked funny, Jaylyn stated the females had duffle bags and purses that were overflowing with items and acted like they just stole things. Jaylyn also stated at that time another employee approached her stating the three (3) females stole alcohol from the liquor store inside Kroger.

Jaylyn stated from past experience of individuals stealing, she normally goes outside and tries to take a picture of the license plate as they leave to file a police report later. Jaylyn said as she followed them outside the three (3) females went separate ways. Jaylyn saw that one of the females, later identified as Ta'kiya Young (Ta'kiya), was getting into a black car close by.

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While walking up to her vehicle Jaylyn saw two (2) Blendon Township Police (BTP) officers helping someone who was parked directly behind Ta'kiya. Jaylyn knew one of the officers from past thefts at Kroger and stated his name was Eric Moynihan (Officer Moynihan). Jaylyn explained to him the theft that just occurred. As Officer Moynihan approached the driver side door, Jaylyn stated she tried to take a picture of the rear license plate, but there was none.

Jaylyn heard Officer Moynihan command Ta'kiya out of the vehicle where she refused. Jaylyn stated Officer Moynihan confronted Ta'kiya about the theft and ordered her to come out. Jaylyn stated Ta'kiya still refused and began to start her vehicle. At this time the second BTP officer had positioned himself in front of Ta'kiya's vehicle on the driver side with his weapon out pointing downward. As Ta'kiya started her vehicle, Jaylyn explained the second BTP officer raised his weapon and pointed it at Ta'kiya commanding her to stop and get out. Jaylyn stated the officer commanded Ta'kiya to get out, "at least five (5) different times."

Jaylan stated at this point she did not want to see what was going to happen and turned to get away. Jaylyn then saw the back of Jaylyn's vehicle move forward and heard the roar of the engine. Jaylyn then heard one gunshot go off causing her to run back into the Kroger. Jaylyn explained how she ran directly inside and did not look back.

After a few minutes, Jaylyn stated she then looked out the front doors of Kroger to see what had happened and saw Ta'kiya's vehicle crashed into the side of the Kroger building with officers conducting CPR on Ta'kiya.

SA Poole asked if Jaylyn heard anymore gunshots after the first one. Jaylyn explained how she didn't and would have heard them, even still inside Kroger.

SA Poole asked if Jaylyn would be available for further questions in the future. Jaylyn stated yes and gave her information to SA Poole.

The interview concluded at 2043 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Jaylyn Young interview Kroger employee

Attachment # 02: Jaylyn Young Witness Statement 8.24.23

FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Name Jaylyn Young DOB/ 06/20/2002 SSN/ [REDACTED] Date 08/24/23

Phone [REDACTED] Address 3081 Wallingford Ave. City Columbus State OH Zip 43231

I, Jaylyn Young do hereby make the following statement to Officer CL Aving 1501 who has identified himself as Deputy Sheriff of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. I make this statement of my own free will and accord, concerning an incident that occurred on the 24th day of August, 2023. This incident occurred at 5991 S sunbury rd, Westerville, OH, 43231 which is located in Franklin County, Ohio.

I was standing facing the South entrance when I saw 3 African American females walking out of the doors with bags. ^(backpacks + purses) Barb notified me that they took off with alcohol. I walked out behind them to see where they went. I watched them take off in separate ways. One of them was parked in front of an unrelated incident that Blendon Township officers were taking care of. I ran over and explained to them the theft situation. The officers walked up to her car and tell her to stop/get out of the car because we said that she stole. (It was a sedan with the license plates removed). She was refusing to follow their orders and continued to start up her car. They told her to stop a few more times before she decided to try and drive away. When she hit the gas the officer in front of the car proceeded to open fire. ^{seconds} Before I saw him standing in front of the car. aiming the gun at the driver (the girl) while commanding her

I, have read the above statement consisting of 2 pages. I attest that this is a true and accurate account of the events which took place on 08-24-23. This statement was given by me freely and voluntarily, without fear, threat or promise of reward.

Witness:

Jaylyn Young
Signature

08-24-23

Date

Officer:

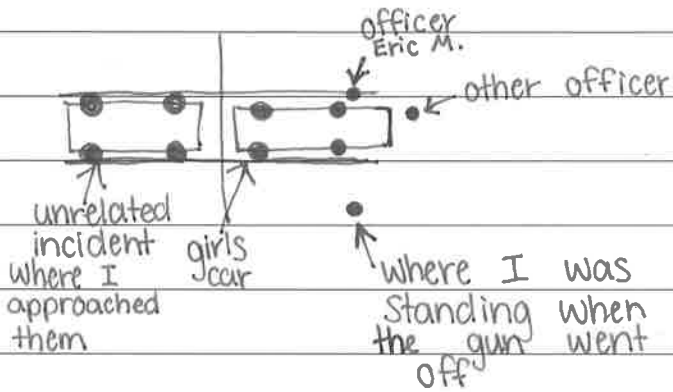
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Signature

8/24/23

Date

Continuance of Statement

to stop. I am nervous about guns so I turned my head away to spare my mental from anything that could have followed. I only heard the shot. After I heard the gunshot, I took off running toward the front door and didn't turn back. The only other thing I saw was them doing CPR by the pharmacy but I turned away again.



Witness: Jaylyn Young

Jaylyn Young
Signature

8/24
Date

Officer: Dep CLAusing 1501