



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



2023-0408
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1680 Stringtown Rd., Grove
City 43123 (L)

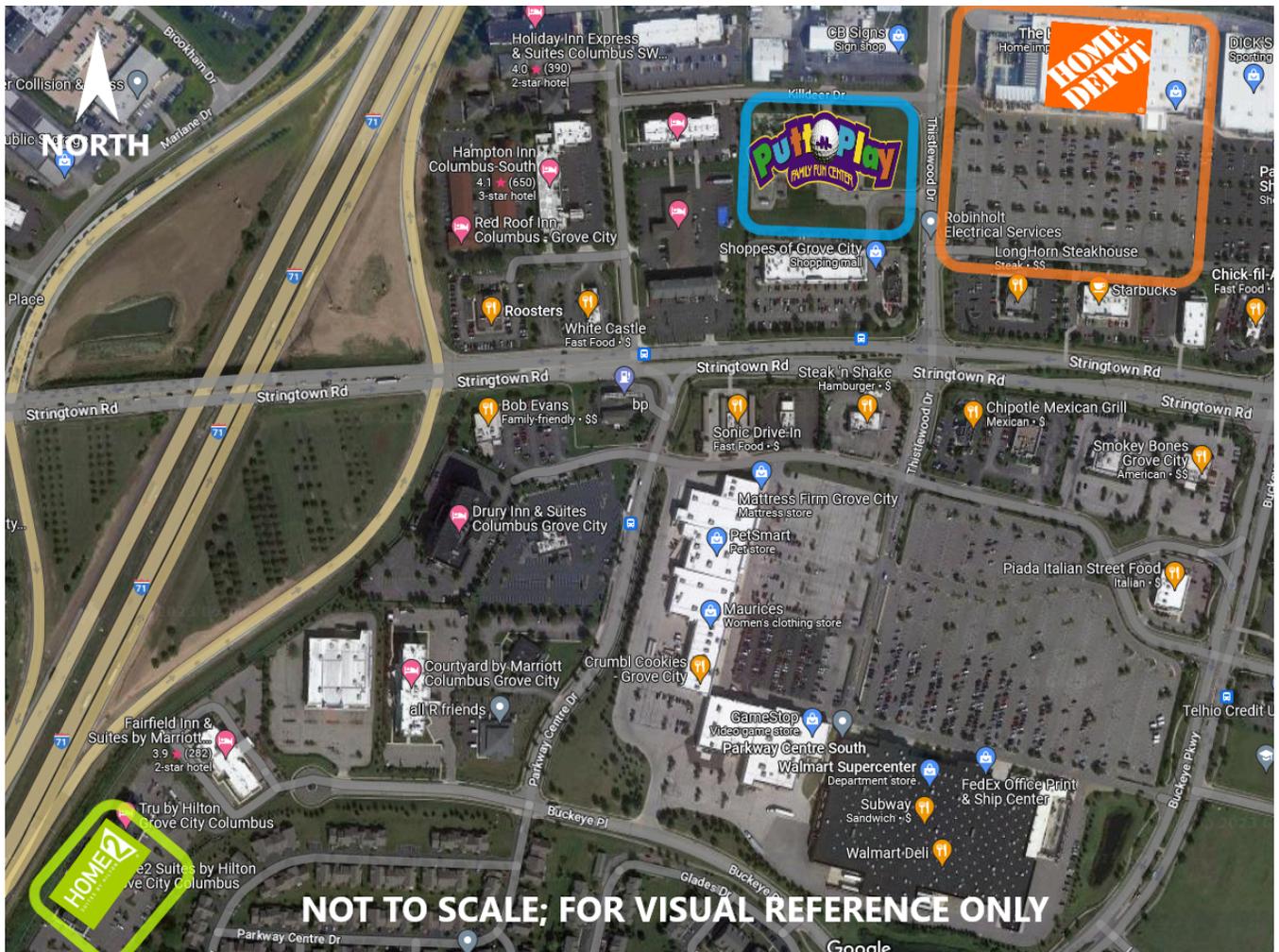
Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Officer Kyle Spencer (W)
Date of Activity: 02/12/2023
Author: SA James H Gore, #168

Narrative:

On February 12, 2023 at approximately 0100 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) James Gore interviewed Grove City Police Officer Kyle Spencer (badge #158). Ofc. Spencer was identified as one of the officers from Grove City who responded to an Officer-Involved Critical Incident involving members of the Columbus Police Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team. The incident occurred in the parking lot of the Home Depot, 1680 Stringtown Rd., Grove City, on the previous evening after 2000 hours. The purpose of the interview was to obtain an account of Ofc. Spencer's observations and actions regarding the incident. The interview took place in front of the Home Depot.

Ofc. Spencer advised he has been employed at Grove City since 2020. Ofc. Spencer is assigned to Patrol, and his normal shift 2300 hours to 0700 hours, with Sundays and Mondays off.

Ofc. Spencer recalled being advised by Ofc. Judd, who was the officer in charge for the shift, about a subject who reportedly had a felony warrant, and the subject was supposed to be at the Home2 Suites hotel. Ofc. Spencer explained that as officers were setting up a perimeter in the area of the hotel, an officer at the hotel relayed that Columbus SWAT was looking for the same subject. The SWAT team had requested that the Grove City police back out of the area. Ofc. Spencer said that he and Ofc. Kingsbury then staged over at the Putt N Play golf facility, which is next to Home Depot.



Ofc. Spencer said he heard gunshots and then Ofc. Judd, who was on foot near the Home Depot, radioed that shots had been fired. Ofc. Spencer stated that he and Ofc. Kingsbury drove to the Home Depot parking lot. Ofc. Spencer said he worked his way through the lot and ended up at the driver's side of the subject vehicle.

Ofc. Spencer advised that a Columbus officer had already placed handcuffs on the driver, and the driver reportedly had both of his hands protruding out the driver's window. Ofc. Spencer reported that he holstered his weapon and took control of the driver's hands while the Columbus officer moved his vehicle.

Ofc. Spencer said while he had a grip on the driver's hands, he looked up and observed a black handgun on the roof of the car. Ofc. Spencer presumed the gun belonged to the passenger. Ofc. Spencer stated the passenger was already on the ground, and he believed that he had been shot. Other officers on scene rendered aid to the subject, according to Ofc. Spencer.

Ofc. Spencer stated that after the Columbus officer moved his vehicle, the driver was extracted from the car and placed in the back of one of the Grove City vehicles. Ofc. Spencer recalled that the driver was emotional, and he kept thanking the officers. The driver reportedly told them

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that he was not going to be a problem.

SA Gore later reviewed Ofc. Spencer's vehicle and body-worn camera footage, and he found that the footage was consistent with Ofc. Spencer's recollection.

An audio copy of Ofc. Spencer's interview was attached to this report for reference. Video files from Ofc. Spencer's vehicle and body-worn camera are available for review, but they were not attached to this report due to the large size of the files.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-0212-01-05-42 Grove City PD Ofc. Kyle Spencer Interview – SA Gore