



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



2024-1433

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4802 James Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Police Report Received and Reviewed
Involves: North Ridgeville Police Department (O)
Activity Date: 05/20/2024
Activity Location: BCI, 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Nicholas Valente #139

Narrative:

On May 20, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente received a copy of the North Ridgeville Police Report documenting the officer-involved shooting that occurred in North Ridgeville on May 8, 2024. The police report was attached to this report. SA Valente reviewed the police report and did not learn information relevant to this investigation that was not already known to investigators. A hand drawn crime scene sketch was created by North Ridgeville Police Officer Parker. The crime scene sketch was also attached to this report as was a PDF document containing 22 photographs of the vehicle the subject, Jason Norris (Norris), traveled to the scene of the officer-involved shooting in. The vehicle was a silver-colored Jeep Compass bearing Tennessee plate "773BLYZ."

References:

None

Attachments:

1. North Ridgeville Police - Report
2. North Ridgeville Police - Patrolman Parker Scene Diagram
3. North Ridgeville Police - Subject Vehicle Photos

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North Ridgeville Police Department

Summary

Print Date/Time: 05/20/2024 09:51
Login ID: bgirgash
Case Number: [REDACTED]

North Ridgeville Police Department
ORI Number: OH0470700

Case

Case Number: [REDACTED]
Location: 4802 JAMES RD
NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OH 44039
Reporting Officer ID: NR80 - Parker

Incident Type: Assist other Agency
Occurred From: 05/08/2024 18:19
Occurred Thru: 05/09/2024 01:06
Disposition:
Disposition Date:
Reported Date: 05/08/2024 18:19 Wednesday

Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
1	State	09A	2903.01E2	Aggravated murder offender purpose to kill officer	1

Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
Subject	1	Cantley, Ethel Pearl	4802 JAMES RD NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OH 44039	[REDACTED]	White	Female	10/22/1939 84
Suspect	1	Norris, Jason L	1835 RED RD Sparta, TN 38583	[REDACTED]	White	Male	03/27/1983 41
Witness	1	Herron, Donathan L	4802 JAMES RD NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OH 44039	[REDACTED]	White	Male	02/14/1975 49

Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
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Property

Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
05/14/2024	Evidence	Vehicle Parts or Accessories			1 bag containing vehicle key from Jeep	[REDACTED]	2
05/14/2024	Evidence	Cell Phone			BLU Smartphone Jason Norris-SN-7100016023055875	[REDACTED]	1

Chain of Custody

Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
05/14/2024 09:26	Type: Intake Code: Initial Intake Tag Number: Remarks:	NR69-Aaron Neff		NR69-Aaron Neff	

Chain of Custody

Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
05/14/2024 08:27	Type: Intake Code: Initial Intake Tag Number: Remarks:	NR69-Aaron Neff		NR69-Aaron Neff	

Vehicles




North Ridgeville Police Department

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No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State
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	NORTH RIDGEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT FIELD CASE REPORT	CASE# [REDACTED]
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EVENT	REPORTED DATE/TIME 5/8/2024 18:19	OCCURRED INCIDENT TYPE Assist other Agency	LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE 4802 JAMES RD
	OCCURRED FROM DATE/TIME 05/08/2024 18:19	OCCURRED THRU DATE/TIME 05/09/2024 01:06	NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OH

	STATUTE/DESCRIPTION	COUNTS	ATTEMPT/COMMIT
OFFENSES	01 2903.01E2 Aggravated murder offender purpose to kill officer	1	Attempted

SUBJECT	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE Adult Subject	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE, SUFFIX) Cantley, Ethel Pearl					
	DOB 10/22/1939	AGE or AGE RANGE 84	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 4802 JAMES RD NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OH 44039				
	RACE White	SEX Female	HEIGHT or RANGE 5'1" 5'1"	WEIGHT or RANGE 120 120	HAIR Brown	EYE Brown	
	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		PHONE #2	PHONE #3	

SUBJECT	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE Adult Suspect	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE, SUFFIX) Norris, Jason L				
	DOB 03/27/1983	AGE or AGE RANGE 41	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 1835 RED RD RD Sparta, TN 38583			
	RACE White	SEX Male	HEIGHT or RANGE 6'0" 6'0"	WEIGHT or RANGE 200 200	HAIR Brown	EYE Blue
	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		PHONE #2	PHONE #3

SUBJECT	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE Adult Witness	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE, SUFFIX) Herron, Donathan L				
	DOB 02/14/1975	AGE or AGE RANGE 49	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 4802 JAMES RD NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OH 44039			
	RACE White	SEX Male	HEIGHT or RANGE 4'11" 4'11"	WEIGHT or RANGE 135 135	HAIR Brown	EYE Brown
	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		PHONE #2	PHONE #3

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NORTH RIDGEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
FIELD CASE REPORT

CASE# [REDACTED]

NARRATIVE

On 05/09/2024 North Ridgeville Police Department was contacted by White County Sheriff's office in Tennessee. White County asked for assistance in locating a homicide suspect that they believed to be in the City of North Ridgeville. The vehicle was located and led to an officer involved shooting. The suspect was transported to St. John Medical Center in Westlake and later pronounced dead.

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NORTH RIDGEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
FIELD CASE SUPPLEMENT

CASE: [REDACTED]

NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT

On 05/08/2024, at approximately 2115 hours, I responded to UH St. John's Medical Center. Det. Neff, Ptlm. Parker, and Ptlm. McGraw were already on scene with deceased Jason Norris. Officers were in the process of photographing Norris and collecting evidence. I assisted in the evidence collection process. Norris' clothing, wallet and contents, \$67.00 cash, and necklace were collected in evidence bags. I loaded all evidence into my department vehicle and transported it back to the NRPD.

A Jennings 9mm pistol was located in Norris' pocket at the hospital prior to my arrival. The pistol was loaded with a round chambered. The chambered round was extracted but the loaded magazine was unable to be removed. Ptlm. McGraw collected the pistol and transported it back to NRPD. Lt. West placed the pistol into an evidence collection box. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] department issued rifle's were placed into evidence lockers still loaded by Lt. West.

On station, I assisted BCI Investigator Valente #139 with evidence processing. Investigator Valente asked me to unload each rifle so he could photograph them. Det. Zingale and I then secured each rifle in evidence collection boxes. Investigator Valente collected both rifles, Norris' Jennings pistol, and all items collected at the hospital. An evidence receipt is included with this supplement.

Det. Brandon Mundell #85

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NORTH RIDGEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
FIELD CASE SUPPLEMENT

CASE # [REDACTED]

NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT

On 05/08/24, at approximately 1947 hrs., N.R.P.D. Dispatch contacted me at my residence in reference to an Officer Involved Shooting. I contacted the night shift OIC, Lt. West, who advised me to assemble the detective bureau and come to the station.

I contacted Detectives Zingale, Jones, and Mundell and they went to N.R.P.D. While en route to N.R.P.D, I was advised by Chief Freeman to report to St. John West Shore Hospital, where the suspect, Jason Norris had been transported to.

Upon my arrival, I was met by Ptlm. Parker outside of Emergency Room #3, where emergency personnel attempted life saving measures on Norris. He was subsequently pronounced deceased at 2028 hrs.

With the assistance of the UH nursing staff and Patrolmen Parker, Mcgraw, and Det. Mundell, photographs of Norris' body and all pieces of available evidence were taken and booked into incident photos at N.R.P.D.

After photographs were taken, all evidence was placed into evidence bags and transported back to N.R.P.D. by Det. Mundell. Upon his arrival at N.R.P.D., Det. Mundell met with Agent Valente from B.C.I. and released the evidence to him.

I remained at the hospital with Norris' body until it was collected by the Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office. The time of collection was approximately 2343 hrs. Footage from the emergency room and the release of the body to the Coroner's Office was captured on BWC.

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CASE# [REDACTED]

NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT

On 5/8/24 at approximately 1845 hours, I was on my way in to report for duty driving my marked patrol vehicle from home. While I was driving to the City I overheard radio traffic regarding a vehicle that was picked up by the Flock camera system in our city that was wanted in connection with a homicide in the State of Tennessee. Day shift units were attempting to located the suspect vehicle, a silver Jeep Compass with Tennessee license plate 773BLYZ. The homicide suspect driving the vehicle was 41 year-old Jason Norris and was reported to be armed and dangerous. I directed incoming night shift units to begin saturating the city in an attempt to locate the vehicle. [REDACTED] Ptlm. Macy, [REDACTED] and Ptlm. Gasparini responded.

At 1858 hours, [REDACTED] made a broadcast that he located the suspect vehicle parked at 4802 James Rd. All available units converged on that location. Ptlm. Macy arrived, followed by Ptlm. Metzo, Lt. Lee, myself, Ptlm. Parker, Ptlm. Wilkshire, [REDACTED] and Ptlm. Gasparini. Ptlm. Macy and [REDACTED] positioned their cruisers in the nearby cul-de-sac east of 4802 James Rd. Myself, Ptlm. Parker and Ptlm. Metzo took up positions behind cover to the west of the residence. Lt. Lee, Ptlm. Wilkshire and Ptlm. [REDACTED] parked on the next street to the North, Ronald Dr. and covered the rear of the residence.

After setting up on scene for approximately five minutes, I observed two white males exit the front door of the residence and begin walking toward the silver Jeep Compass. The first male was later determined to be the suspect, Jason Norris. The second subject was later determined to be a resident of 4802 James Rd. named Donathan Herron. I could hear Officers announcing their presence and giving commands. I then heard what sounded like a single gunshot, and the male suspect, Jason Norris, collapse on the driveway. I immediately requested EMS. The other male, Donathan Herron, laid down on the ground near the front door and complied with Officer's commands. Lt. Lee began rendering first aid on the suspect. Donathan was handcuffed and secured in a cruiser. A protective sweep of the interior of the residence was conducted. Only the resident, 84 year-old Ethel Cantley, was inside. NRPD arrived and transported the suspect to UH St. John Medical Center in Westlake. Ptlm. Parker rode in the ambulance with the suspect. The scene was secured with crime scene tape. While on scene, I observed a black handgun in the grass near the suspect.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both stated they had discharged their department-issued rifles during this incident. I took possession of both rifles in their original condition and later transported them to NRPD where they were photographed and secured in an evidence locker. Both rifles were Aero Precision M4E1 models, [REDACTED] with magazines inserted.

Chief Freeman was contacted and responded to the scene. Ohio BCI was contacted and was requested to process the crime scene and investigate the Officer-involved shooting. Ptlm. Parker later contacted me via phone from the hospital. Ptlm. Parker informed me that another firearm was found in the suspect's pants

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CASE [REDACTED]

NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT (continuation)

pocket after arriving at the hospital. Ptlm. Parker secured the firearm until it could be brought back to NRPD. Ptlm. Parker rendered the firearm safe by working the slide action and ejecting a 9mm round that was in the chamber. The magazine was stuck in the magazine well and could not be removed. I later photographed the firearm and secured the firearm and 9mm round from the chamber in an evidence locker. The firearm was a Jennings Nine 9mm pistol, S/N# 1444617.

I took the handcuffs off Donathan and advised him that he was not under arrest. He was transported back to NRPD so that I could take a statement from him.

At NRPD, I spoke to Donathan in an interview room. Donathan said he could not write. I informed him I would record his statement with my body cam. Donathan stated that Jason Norris was his cousin from Tennessee and he showed up at the James Rd. residence unannounced today. He said Jason was there about 30 minutes before the they decided to leave. Jason told him that he and his girlfriend "got into it" and that he was "coming to see granny." Jason said he wanted Donathan to take a ride to Elyria with him as he used to live in Elyria and wanted to see the old neighborhood. When they exited the front door of the residence, he heard the Police yelling. He said Jason looked back at him and said, "Go in the house." He then saw Jason "pull out a gun and shoot towards the back of the shed and then I heard another gunshot." Donathan said they did not know the Police were waiting outside the residence. He went on to say that Jason had recently gotten out of prison, possibly for drug offenses. Donathan thought that Jason had been living in Lenoir City Tennessee. He said that Jason didn't have a phone with him and told him that he "Left his phone at home." Donathan was then transported back to James Rd. by Ptlm. Ackerman.

I later obtained body cameras from Ptlm. Metz, [REDACTED] Ptlm. Parker, Ptlm. Gasparini, and Lt. Lee. The body cameras were turned off, sealed in evidence bags, and secured in evidence lockers.

I later contacted the suspect's next-of-kin, Reggie Skinner, who lives at 8626 Taylor Field, Jacksonville, FL 32244 [REDACTED] and advised him of the death of his brother, Jason Norris. I attempted to notify Donathan Herron of the death via phone, but received no answer. A voicemail was left.

Lt. P. West #57

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NORTH RIDGEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
FIELD CASE SUPPLEMENT

CASE# [REDACTED]

NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT

On 05-08-2024 at 1951 hours I was contacted by Det. Neff and was informed I needed to respond to the NRPD for an officer involved shooting. He further advised a suspect from a homicide in TN had been shot.

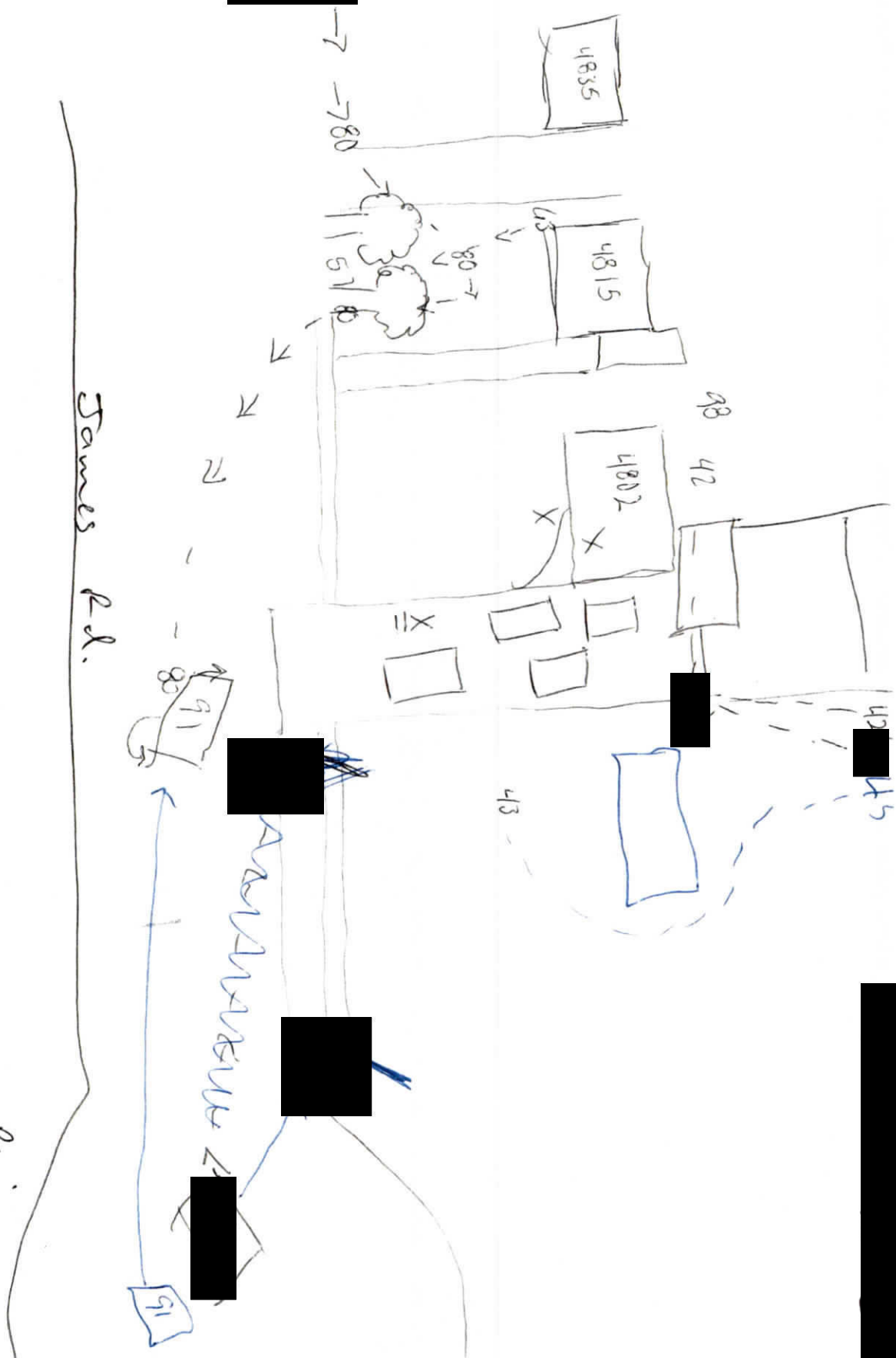
While in-route to NRPD I contacted Chief Freeman and was instructed to contact the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations (TBI), to gather information in regards to the homicide that occurred in White County TN earlier this morning. Specifically, I was told to ask the investigating agency what they needed from NRPD from an evidentiary stand point.

Once I arrived at NRPD, I contacted TBI and spoke with Special Investigator Patrick Spears. Patrick informed me they were looking for a 9mm firearm that was used by the suspect in the homicide in White County TN. Other than the firearm, Investigator Spears advised they would come take possession of the involved vehicle (Gray Jeep Compass bearing TN# 773BLYZ) once our agency and Ohio BCI was done with it.

I asked Investigator Spears if he needed us to look for anything else from an evidentiary stand point. He advised he did not.

On 05-09-2024, I received an email from Special Investigator Spears. The email stated that they were no longer needed to take possession of the involved vehicle. He also informed me that a copy of the initial police report from White County will be sent to me as soon as it is completed. A copy of the email is included with this supplement.

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Drawn By:
Ptlm. Parker









