



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



2023-1535  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 311 25th Street SW, Canton,  
Ohio

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Canton Police Department (O)  
**Date of Activity:** 06/09/2023  
**Activity Location:** Canton Police Department – Business – 221 3rd Street SW, P.O.  
Box 24218, Canton, OH 44701, Stark County  
**Author:** SA William Conn, #51

**Narrative:**

Summary of witness interview, Officer Involved Critical Incident.

June 8, 2023 approximately 0233 hours

Canton Police Department, 2213rd Street SW, Canton, Ohio 44702 (Detective Bureau)

April E. Betz

2211 21 Street SW, Canton, Ohio 44706

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D.O.B. January 17, 1983

On the above listed date and time Special Agent William Conn along with Special Agent Supervisor Jon Lieber conducted an interview with April Betz regarding the Officer Involved Critical Incident.

S/A Conn asked Ms. Betz to explain what happened on the evening of June 8th, 2023 at the resident of her sister Dominta Neff. Ms. Betz stated she arrived at her sister residence at approximately 2000 hrs. to have coffee and visit as was her normal habit. Ms Betz was asked who was home at the time of her visit, Ms. Betz stated her sister and her brother in-law, Jeffrey Neff, and her niece.

Ms. Betz stated that her sister and brother in-law were in an argumentative state, her sister was asking her brother in-law to leave because had just returned after being gone for about 3 weeks possibly because of drug use. Ms. Betz stated that she and her sister and brother in-law

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went outside and were waiting for a ride that her brother in-law had called to come pick him up. While they were waiting her sister walked down to the corner store to get some cigarettes and returned very shortly thereafter. Ms. Betz further stated upon her sister's return they were all just talking when the police showed up, at which time her brother in-law started walking toward the backyard. Ms. Betz stated the passenger officer exited the cruiser in an aggressive fashion and yelled "what the fuck are you running for" and took off after her brother in-law who at this time was now running toward the backyard. Ms. Betz stated she and her sister started running after the officer and her brother in-law.

Ms. Betz stated that when she reached the rear fence in the backyard, she heard maybe three shots and then multiple shots in secession, at which time she heard her sister scream "they shot him, they shot him". Ms. Betz stated at that time she returned to her vehicle, which was parked in front of her sister's residence, and drove the the scene where the shooting had taken place. Upon arrival, she was prevented from getting to the scene by other police officers, so she returned to her sister's residence. Ms. Betz was asked if she had seen her brother in-law with any weapons at the time of the incident Ms. Betz stated she had not. Ms. Betz stated she was not aware of her brother in-law ever having any weapons at all. Ms. Betz stated she believes her brother in-law ran due to his drug use. Ms. Betz further stated she was not aware of any domestic violence issues between her sister and brother in-law, she only had ever seen them arguing.

This concludes the witness statement summary.

For further specific detail see recorded witness statement.