

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



2024-1015

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 100 Block 8th Street, N.E. New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

**Investigative Activity**: Interview with Officer

**Date of Activity**: 04/01/2024

Activity Location: Boyd, Officer Andrew J. – Business – 122 2nd. Street, New

Philadelphia, OH 44663

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Narrative:

## Background:

On Sunday, March 31, 2024, at 2221 hours, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was dispatched through Who's Responding notification system to an officer-involved critical incident at 834 East High Street and Tell Avenue SE, in New Philadelphia (Tuscarawas County) Ohio. Personnel from the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) were indicated as involved. Initial reporting indicated at least one citizen and one law enforcement officer were injured and enroute to hospital(s) for treatment. BCI Special Agent Charlie Snyder was dispatched to assist the on-call team at 2224 hours.

## **Action Taken:**

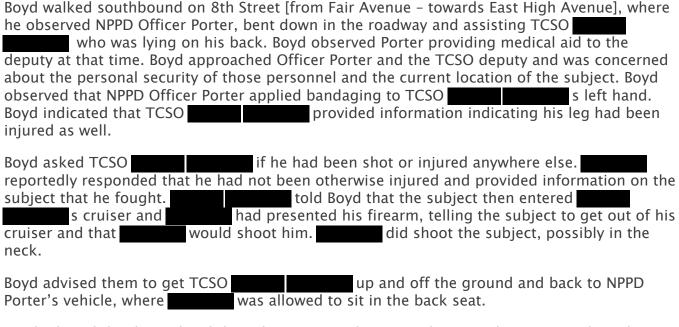
On April 1, 2024, at 0120 hours, Snyder conducted an audio-recorded interview with New Philadelphia Police Department (NPPD) Officer Andrew J. Boyd (Boyd), at the NPPD, located at 122 2nd Street, SE, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663. Boyd advised that he has been employed with NPPD for the past eight years and was on duty and working when this incident occurred.

Boyd advised that he learned of a "Code-2" (auto crash notification) from NPPD Sergeant Gobley, who provided further information indicating a vehicle and house were involved. Boyd indicated that he responded from the south side of New Philadelphia to the call location, using lights and siren while enroute. Boyd advised that he arrived in the area on East High Avenue and turned left onto 7th Street northbound to Fair Avenue and followed New Philadelphia Fire Department (NPFD) Captain Graham toward the scene.

Boyd advised that as he arrived on scene on Fair Avenue, he observed two people hurriedly walking on the sidewalk. Boyd learned that they were not involved in the incident and then proceeded on Fair Avenue to 8th Street, where he observed a truck inside a house and a large debris field nearby. Boyd advised that he initially used his police vehicle to shut down traffic.

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Boyd indicated that he became aware that gunshots had been fired and a TCSO deputy was "down" through radio traffic. Boyd determined he needed to assist in locating the subject, believing that person may have been responsible for shooting the TCSO deputy. Boyd indicated he checked the neighborhood on foot for the subject, but never removed his weapon from his holster.



Boyd advised that he realized the subject was no longer in the immediate area and Boyd began preparing to secure the crime scene. Boyd indicated Ohio State Patrol Trooper Bowerstock arrived on scene, as Boyd secured the scene with "crime scene barricade tape". Boyd indicated as they were setting up the perimeter with the yellow plastic barricade tape, Dover Fire Department - Medical Squad arrived at this location.

Boyd then began attempts to gather further incident information from witnesses in the area. In a short period of time, several other people arrived at the location. Boyd advised that he stayed at this scene and never left during the relative events at other locations. Boyd advised that he did not clear the truck or house at this point but was aware that there was no one left in the vehicle. Boyd advised that he spoke with the homeowner where the truck impacted and learned that he had been inside the residence at the time of the accident and did not believe the owner previously knew the subject. Boyd also indicated that he had not seen the subject.

With no further information or questions, the Boyd interview concluded at approximately 0133 hours.

Note: This report summarizes information deemed by the author of the most relevance to the investigation and does not contain all questions and answers from the interview. This report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from

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