



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 Tuscarawas, County

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Adam Ankrom (W)
Date of Activity: 03/31/2024
Author: SA Charles H. Snyder, #90

Narrative:

Background:

On Sunday March 31, 2024, at 2221 hours, Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was dispatched through Who's Responding notification system to a Critical Officer Involved Incident involving reported gunshot injuries, at 834 East High Street and Tell Avenue SE, in New Philadelphia (Tuscarawas County) Ohio. Personnel from the Tuscarawas County Sheriff 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 Sunday, March 31, 2024, at 2306 hours, Snyder contacted Adam Ankrom, who provided a witness statement to this incident. Ankrom had been walking around the incident area, when contacted by Snyder. Ankrom was taken to Snyder's BCI vehicle, parked at East High Avenue and 8th Street NE, where a voluntary audible recorded interview was conducted. Ankrom was provided with Snyder's BCI credentials, his business card and advised of the purpose of this interview.

Ankrom advised being at his residence from 1900 hours this evening.

Ankrom advised he and his wife both witnessed this incident. He identified his wife as Loretta Ankrom. According to Ankrom, Loretta Ankrom was working at the time of this interview.

Ankrom advised while sitting on couch at his residence and dozing off, he and his wife heard a vehicle pass their residence at a high rate of speed and high RPM. They then heard "boom". Ankrom then went out onto his front porch and observed a vehicle partially inside a house to the left of his residence. Ankrom advised both his wife and he began walking towards the vehicle crash and as the got to approximately twenty yards of the location, a sheriff's vehicle

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passed them going in the same direction. The sheriff was then given directions by other people on the street, directing him to where the subject had gone. The Sheriff vehicle turned and went down the street (8th Street NE).

Ankrom advised they heard the sheriff telling the subject, "...get down on the ground..." and then heard "pop – pop – pop". Ankrom advised he was not able to see the subject or sheriff at this time. Ankrom believes there were three or four shots fired.

Ankrom then heard someone say that the sheriff was on the ground. Ankrom advised he walked over on the sidewalk, when he heard another person say the sheriff was shot and that someone had taken the sheriff's car and took off on East High Street. Ankrom advised he did not see the person who took the sheriff's vehicle. Ankrom advised not knowing any of the persons who were at the scene.

Ankrom advised that there were several police vehicles arriving at the location.

Ankrom advised he does have a cellular telephone but did not take any photos or videos of this incident. Ankrom confirmed that he did take a photo of the truck inside the residence.

Ankrom also indicated he at no time observed the subject who was driving the truck or drove off in the Sheriff's vehicle.

The Adam Ankrom interview concluded at approximately 2314 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 the interview.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-03-31 – Adam Ankrom – Interview 240331_0317