



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



2024-1474

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 16100 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Heights, OH

Investigative Activity: Neighborhood Canvass

Involves: Nancy Chism (O), Jeanette Brown-Johnson (O), Myron Jackson (O), Wanda Jackson (O)

Date of Activity: 05/12/2024

Activity Location: Carlton House Condominiums – 16100 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Heights, OH 44120

Author: SA Tiffany Najmulski, #49

Narrative:

On May 12, 2024, Special Agents (SA) Tiffany Najmulski and Chris Hamberg (Hamberg) responded to the Carlton House, 16100 Van Aken Boulevard, Shaker Heights, Ohio, in reference to a barricaded subject believed to be involved in the shooting death of a Euclid police officer. Once agents arrived, they were briefed that the subject was deceased. Agents began conducting a neighborhood canvass of the apartment building. The following is a summary of the interviews which were digitally recorded and attached to this report and to the case file.

Unit 201 – Jeanette Brown-Johnson (Johnson) stated she had water coming into her bathroom from the upstairs apartment, which is where the incident took place. Johnson said she was watching television when she kept hearing sounds like voices and something heavy falling above her. Johnson was watching a police show and was not sure if what she heard was coming from the television. Johnson dozed off and was awakened by a loud "pop". Johnson thought maybe something had fallen upstairs. Johnson looked out the window and saw green dots and guns pointing towards her apartment's direction. Johnson opened her door and saw police standing there and they rushed her out of the building. Agents told Johnson she should call her insurance company as soon as she could.

Unit 202 – No answer

Unit 203 – Nancy Chism (Chism) advised she was the vice –president of the Homeowners Association (HOA). Chism told agents she was also in charge of the security cameras for the apartments and could get agents video footage of how the subject got into the apartments. Chism said she was home all day and was awakened around 1230pm-1:00 pm by shouting and banging on a door like someone was trying to get in. Chism received a phone call to look

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out front. Chism said she saw about 10 police cars. Chism said she heard a lot of shouting and shooting. She explained that the walls are very thin, and she could hear "a lot of running and bumping around".

Chism said there are cameras at each door and also by the garage and in the lobby. Chism said for a visitor to enter the building, the person would have to know someone who lives at the apartment building, or the visitor would have to follow someone in or force someone to get in. Chism said there are 8 units on each floor and 40 units in all.

Chism said unit 201 has water coming through her apartment from the incident and gave agents the maintenance man's name and number: Darnell Jones- [REDACTED]. SA Najmulski did speak to Jones, who said he would turn the main water off, but could not investigate it further until he could get into apartment 301 where the incident took place. SA Najmulski spoke to crime scene, who advised they turned the water off at the toilet, but there was still leaking from the toilet.

Chism had no further information and the interview concluded.

Unit 401 – No answer. No one home. The apartment door was found to have been forced in. Agents were told that force was used by police, on scene, to be able to gain better access to the subject who had been shooting at officers. The name on the door was Ronnie Powell.

Unit 402 – Myron Jackson (Myron) and his wife Wanda Jackson (Wanda) were home during the incident. Myron saw about 22 police vehicles and police in tactical gear outside the apartment building at approximately 12:45 pm. Wanda said she counted 63 shots during the whole incident and glass breakage. Myron said he heard knocking but was not sure if it was the subject trying to get into their apartment.

The Jacksons had no more information and the interview concluded.

It should be noted that SA Najmulski and SA Hamberg only interviewed residents whose apartments were on the same side as where the subject was holed up. Shaker Heights Police Department interviewed residents on the 3rd floor.

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

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Apartments 201 and 203

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Attachment # 02: Apartment 402

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