

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



2024–1473 Officer Involved Critical Incident – Intersection of Georgesville Rd and Clime Road, Columbus.

Investigative Activity:	Interview with Witness
Involves:	Deborah Beheler (W)
Date of Activity:	05/13/2024
Activity Location:	Beheler, Deborah – Home – 1111 Geneva Avenue, Lot 11, Columbus, OH 43223
Author:	SA David Wieging, #122

Narrative:

On May 13, 2024 at approximately 1547 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent David Wieging (SA Wieging) interviewed Deborah Beheler (Beheler) via telephone at **Example 1**. Beheler was interviewed as a witness of an Officer–Involved Critical Incident which had occurred at the corner of Georgesville Road and Clime Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43228.

It was reported that Hamsa Yusuf Ali (Ali) entered an Amazon facility in West Jefferson in Madison County with a firearm. Ali fired his firearm once before a malfunction at which time he fled the area. No one was injured and the Madison County Sheriff's Office began investigation the incident. Several law enforcement agencies including the Columbus Police Department (CPD) located Ali and initiated a vehicle pursuit, which ultimately terminated near the intersection of Georgesville Road and Clime Road, Columbus. There was an exchange of gunfire between Ali and multiple officers from several agencies. A CPD officer was shot in the shoulder and Ali was transported to the hospital and succumbed to his injuries.

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

Beheler confirmed her date of birth as 08/14/1957 and her home address as 1111 Geneva Avenue, Lot 11, Columbus, Ohio, 43223. Beheler mentioned she didn't really see a lot. She and her two daughters, Mendy Beheler and Audrey Beheler, were in line behind a motorcycle on Clime Road to turn left on to Georgesville Road. When the light turned, they saw three

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police officers with their lights on behind them so they just remained where the were. Once the officers got around them and turned, Beheler stated that's when everything started happening. She stated officers got him (suspect) right there and stopped in front of him and also behind the suspect.

Beheler stated she did not see the suspect get out of his white car. She first saw him on the passenger side of the car with a gun pointed in the air. Once the suspect turned around his hands dropped. Beheler related everything happened so quickly. She was trying to lock the door of her 2003 black Ford F-150 pickup truck she was driving because she was afraid that he was going to hijack her truck. Beheler said she saw and heard gunshots. She added her daughter seated behind her was trying to get her down and out of the way of fire. Beheler did not know who fired their weapons first. She opined the suspect was "meaning to hurt somebody" in seeing "the look on his face."

Beheler told SA Wieging the suspect was Black with dreadlocks. She recalled the suspect wearing a gray shirt. Additionally, she saw the suspect going up a hill and then drop. After the shooting stopped, Beheler saw officers resuscitating the suspect adding they got the gun away from him and threw it.

SA Wieging's interview with Beheler ended at approximately 1359 hours.

A copy of the audio-recorded interview with Beheler is attached to this report.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Audio Interview with Deborah Beheler (5.13.2024)

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