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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4802 James Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio

Prosecutor Summary

INVESTIGATION REGARDING:

Officer-Involved Critical Incident (Shooting)

Involved Subject - Jason Norris

Involved Officers - North Ridgeville Police Department Officers [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATING AGENCY:

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation

CASE NUMBERS:

2024-1433 BCI Special Investigation Unit

BCI Crime Scene Unit

BCI Criminal Intelligence Unit

24-33473 BCI Laboratory

[REDACTED] North Ridgeville Police Department

DATE OF INCIDENT:

May 8, 2024

DATE OF REPORT:

August 8, 2024

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Investigative Request

On Wednesday, May 8, 2024, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) was requested by the North Ridgeville, Ohio, Police Department (NRPD) to investigate an officer-involved shooting and process the scene located at 4802 James Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio. NRPD Chief Mike Freeman later provided BCI with a letter memorializing this request.

Preface:

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the May 8, 2024, officer-involved shooting in North Ridgeville, Lorain County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred during this incident. Every fact and detail are not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report, from which this document is derived, be read to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for the majority of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.

This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers’ actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.

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Investigative Team

BCI Special Agent Nick Valente was assigned as the lead investigator. Special Agent Matthew Armstrong, Special Agent Bill Conn, Special Agent Andy Harasimchuk, and Special Agent Supervisor Charles Moran also responded to the scene and provided investigative assistance.

BCI Special Agent Lurna McClintock and Crime Scene Technician Michael Rostocil of the Crime Scene Unit processed the scene.

Additionally, various personnel from the BCI crime laboratory performed scientific analyses on submitted items of potential physical evidence.

The investigation was supervised by Special Agent Supervisor Charles Moran.

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The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during this investigation to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Video recorded interviews of the officers who discharged their weapons
- Video recorded interviews of witness officers who were present during the incident
- Video recorded interviews of the involved subject's cousin and grandmother who were present at the time of the shooting
- Reviewed interviews conducted by North Ridgeville Police with the subject's cousin
- Reviewed EMS records pertaining to their response and the medical treatment administered
- Canvassed for surveillance video cameras in the area surrounding the scene
- Canvassed for and interviewed witnesses to the incident
- Obtained and reviewed body-worn camera recordings of police involved in the incident
- Obtained and reviewed records of prior law enforcement contacts with the subject
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on the involved subject, to include criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.
- Processed the crime scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting and collecting)
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident
- Reviewed the dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident
- Reviewed the North Ridgeville Police Department's reports and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, (excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement)
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
 1. Firearm identification testing of involved firearms and cartridge casings
 2. Firearm operability testing
 3. DNA collection and preservation
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officers involved in the shooting, to include training and disciplinary records
- Reviewed firearm qualification and training records for the involved officers

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- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the officers who discharged their weapons
- Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding the use of force for prosecutorial review
- Reviewed social media posts and pertinent statements made in the media regarding the incident
- Reviewed autopsy records of the subject

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Incident Summary/Overview

On Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at approximately 1801 hours, an employee of the White County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office (WCTSO) called the North Ridgeville Police Department (NRPD) and reported that deputies in Tennessee were actively investigating a murder which occurred the previous night or earlier that morning in their jurisdiction. WCTSO noted that the subject of their murder investigation was Jason Norris (Norris). Norris had reportedly shot the victim of the murder in the face and fled the scene in her vehicle.

The WCTSO deputy further reported the following:

Norris should be considered armed and dangerous. A warrant had not yet been entered for the arrest of Norris. The vehicle Norris was driving was picked up on Flock cameras in North Ridgeville six minutes prior to the deputy first calling NRPD. The WCTSO deputy also provided the NRPD dispatcher with the license plate number of the vehicle Norris was driving.

Based on the above information, NRPD officers began to search the city of North Ridgeville for Norris and the subject vehicle. NRPD [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was traveling into the city of North Ridgeville, to begin his shift in a marked take-home police SUV, at the time NRPD officers became aware of the subject vehicle having been spotted in their city. [REDACTED] reviewed a call screen entry on his vehicle's mobile data terminal, noting the above. Likewise, [REDACTED] was advised over the police radio to be on the lookout for the subject vehicle. [REDACTED] was aware of a problematic residence with ties to Tennessee on James Road in North Ridgeville. Based on his knowledge of this problematic home and the home's resident's ties to Tennessee, [REDACTED] checked that area. [REDACTED] located the subject vehicle parked and unoccupied in the driveway of the home in question, 4802 James Road.

[REDACTED] traveled past the subject home and vehicle, turned around in a cul-de-sac just past the home and returned to the opposite end of the street. [REDACTED] reported his findings to other NRPD officers via his police radio and waited for additional officers to arrive, while keeping watch of the subject residence.

Like [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was also driving into the city of North Ridgeville in his assigned and marked police vehicle to begin his shift, when he overheard the same radio traffic as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] aware Norris was wanted in connection with a murder in Tennessee, heard [REDACTED] report finding the vehicle Norris was believed to be driving on James Road. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] responded to the intersection of James Road and Paula Boulevard and met [REDACTED]. This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law - a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.



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with [REDACTED] and other NRPD officers who were also arriving at the impromptu meeting location. Once these additional officers arrived at the impromptu meeting location, the group of officers devised a plan to surround the home and call out the occupants over a public address system/loudspeaker.

[REDACTED] and Officer Vincent Macy (Officer Macy) were directed by a supervisor to travel back down James Road, past 4802 James Road, and approach the residence from the east. [REDACTED] and Officer Macy then each drove in their patrol vehicles back down James Drive, traveled past 4802 James Drive, turned around in the cul-de-sac, and parked near the subject residence. [REDACTED] exited his patrol vehicle, removed his patrol rifle from the vehicle and chambered a cartridge into the weapon. [REDACTED] walked to the rear of his vehicle and held that position for a brief period of time. While positioned behind his patrol vehicle, [REDACTED] reported hearing additional radio traffic pertaining to the subject and the reason why he was wanted.

[REDACTED] was directed to respond to the street directly north of James Drive and approach the subject residence from that location. After parking, [REDACTED] removed the patrol rifle from his vehicle and chambered a cartridge into the rifle. [REDACTED] then briefly met with Lieutenant Lee and viewed a picture of Norris. Lieutenant Lee also provided [REDACTED] with a brief but additional background on the subject and the call for assistance in locating the subject.

[REDACTED] approached the subject residence from the north / rear of the home. [REDACTED] reached a chain link fence separating the backyard of the subject residence from the home directly to the north. [REDACTED] held his position at this location as the situation unfolded further. [REDACTED] was able to see the subject vehicle, and moments later, the subject himself, in the driveway of 4802 James Drive from his vantage point.

Meanwhile, [REDACTED], stationed to the right and in front of the home, was able to see the front door of the subject home open. [REDACTED] relayed this observation to the other NRPD officers over his radio. [REDACTED] then observed Norris, and a second individual, later determined to be Donathan Herron (Herron), exit the home. The two men began to walk towards the driveway. NRPD officers quickly yelled out to Norris and Herron, identifying themselves and making their presence known to the two men. The two men were given commands not to move by members of the NRPD. Herron obeyed the officers' commands and stopped walking. Norris, seemingly unfazed by the officers' presence, continued to walk away from the home and towards the vehicle in the driveway.

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Lieutenant Pat West (Lieutenant West), anticipating Norris may attempt to flee in the vehicle, advised over the police radio "Block that car in. Block that car in. That car does not leave." [REDACTED], who was out of his patrol vehicle and had his rifle trained in the direction of Norris, held his position as Officer Macy quickly got into his patrol vehicle and began to drive towards the subject residence's driveway. Officer Macy intended to prevent the subject from being able to flee out of the driveway by blocking access to the road at the end of the driveway with his patrol vehicle.

While Officer Macy drove his patrol car towards the subject driveway, [REDACTED] moved closer to Norris. [REDACTED] took cover behind a utility pole at the far end of the neighboring property near the roadway. [REDACTED] yelled to Norris "Police, do not move. Put your hands on your face." Norris ignored these commands. Norris, instead of standing still and/or placing his hands on his face as ordered, continued walking to the vehicle in the driveway. Norris then opened the driver's door of the vehicle, produced a pistol, turned towards [REDACTED] extended his arms out over the roof of the vehicle, and fired a single shot at [REDACTED] Norris then quickly turned to his left and pointed his gun in the direction of [REDACTED]

Almost immediately after Norris raised his gun and pointed it in the direction of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the sound of an apparent gunshot could be heard on a surveillance camera that captured the shooting from the property directly to the east of the subject residence. While the sound of this apparent gunshot began to fade away, the sound of a second, more subtle or distant sounding gunshot could be heard. Based on the known locations of the involved officers in relation to the surveillance camera, a review of body-worn camera recordings, interviews with the involved and witness officers, and a review of the physical evidence collected from the scene, it is likely that the first of these two loud striking sounds was [REDACTED] firing his rifle a single time and the second loud striking sound was [REDACTED] firing his rifle a single time. As the sound of the presumed two gunshots fired by officers ended, Norris looked down at his gun and began to step backwards towards the rear of the vehicle in the driveway. Norris then fell to the ground, and out of view of the camera. Immediately after Norris fell to the ground an officer can be heard reporting "Shots fired! Shots fired!" NRPD officers quickly requested emergency medical service and approached Norris to render aid. Norris was taken to University Hospital's Saint John Medical Center where he succumbed to his wounds.

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Crime Scene Processing

The BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) responded to the scene to document, process and preserve items of potential evidence. The process included the search for, documentation and collection of potential evidence. Detailed photographs and crime scene reports were completed with the information below only summarizing some of the more significant findings.

BCI CSU SA Laurna McClintock and Crime Scene Technician Mike Rostocil processed the scene of the shooting. This included mapping the scene with a Leica BLK scanner. Agents began an examination of the scene, once NRPD officers and BCI agents obtained consent to search the property from property owner and resident, Ethel Cantley (Cantley). Cantley is also the grandmother of Norris.

The scene was photographed as found and examined for items of suspected evidence. Three separate areas of evidence were located, the two areas where the officers fired from and the driveway and yard of the subject residence. The area where [REDACTED] was located, near the electric pole and bush located between addresses 4784 James Rd. and 4762 James Rd, produced one F. C. 223 Rem fired cartridge casing under the bush. This cartridge casing was labeled as crime scene evidence #1.



Crime Scene Evidence Item #1

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The second area where evidence was located was the driveway and yard of 4802 James Road. In this area, seven items of suspected evidence were located and photographed. Located in the yard was a black pistol, SCCY CPX-2 (SN:723802). The pistol had one cartridge in the chamber, Blazer 9mm Luger, and nine cartridges in the magazine. Within the magazine were two types of ammunition; Blazer 9mm Luger and F.C. 9mm Luger. The pistol was labeled crime scene evidence #2. In the driveway, a fired F.C. 9mm Luger cartridge case was located and labeled crime scene evidence #3. A key fob, green lighter, a Hexabar vape, and a package of cigarettes were located and labeled crime scene items #4-7. The last item located in the driveway was a camo Columbia hat. The hat was labeled crime scene item #8. Crime scene items #4-8 are personal belongings of Norris.



Crime Scene Evidence Items 2-8

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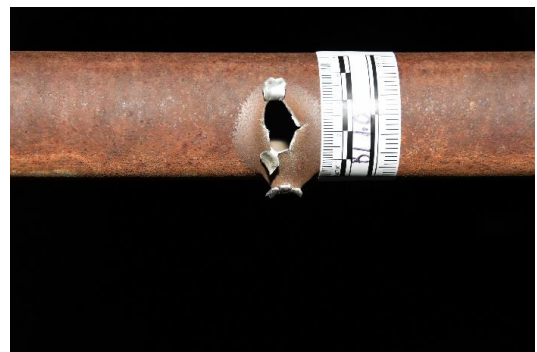
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The last area where evidence was located was the back yard of 4801 Ronald Drive. [REDACTED] was on the east side of the garage located at the above address. One F.C. 223 Rem fired cartridge casing was located and labeled crime scene item #9.



Crime Scene Evidence Item #9

Two suspected ballistic impacts were located on the fence in the backyard of 4802 James Road. The bullet traveled from the north towards the south. Note that although these bullet impacts exist in the fence post in close proximity to where [REDACTED] was standing at the time of the shooting, they are not believed to be related. Rather, these bullet impacts on the fence post are believed to be old damage.



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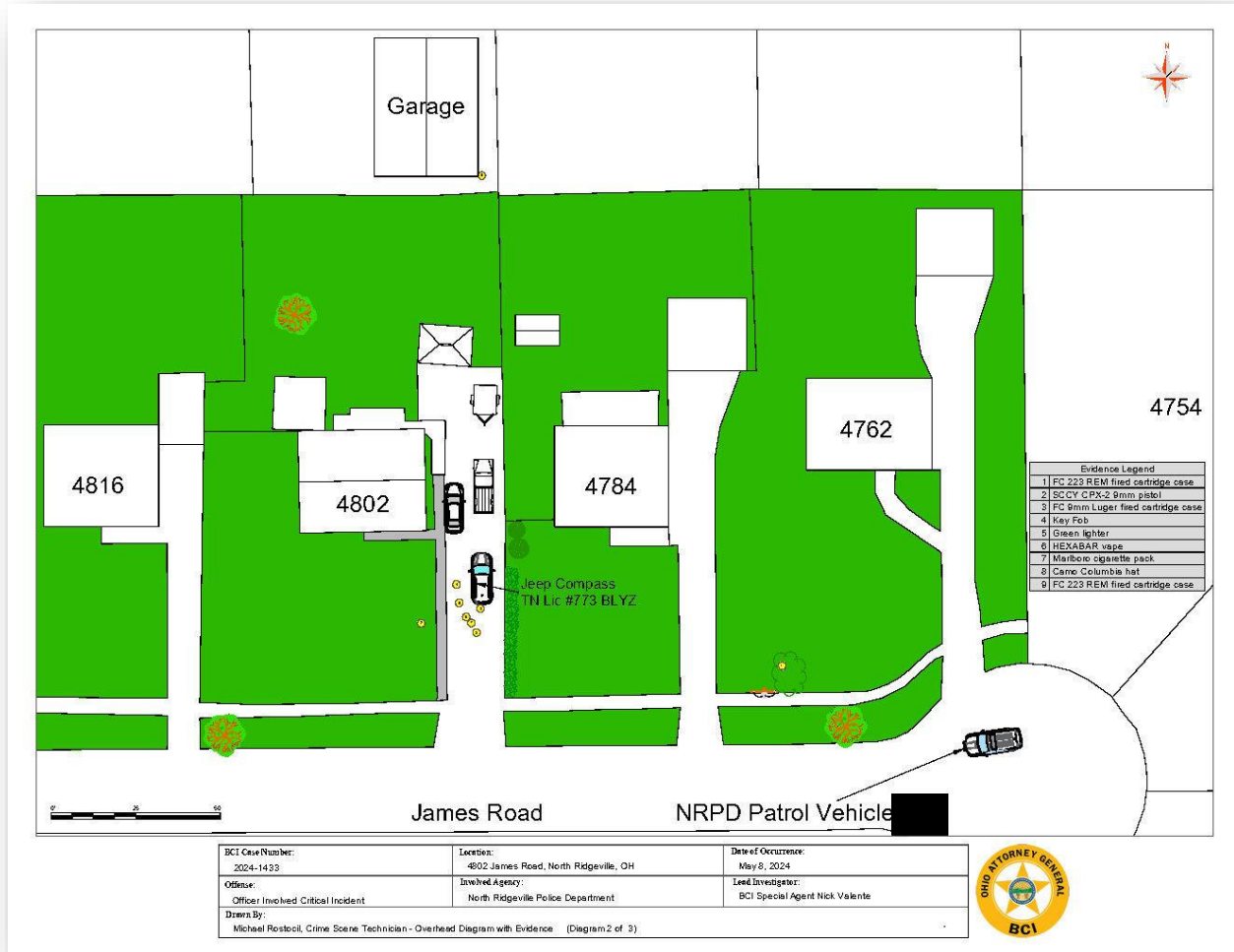


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Overhead diagram of scene

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Overhead photograph of scene

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North Ridgeville Police Department

SA Valente responded to the North Ridgeville Police Department (NRPD) and met with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. SA Valente photographed both officers as they appeared at the time of the shooting. Both officers stated they did not fire their duty pistols during the incident.

SA Valente examined and photographed both officers' duty pistols. [REDACTED]'s pistol was a 9mm Glock bearing serial number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had three Glock branded magazines and one aftermarket magazine. SA Valente noted that these magazines had a capacity to hold 15 cartridges and each magazine contained 14 cartridges. [REDACTED]'s pistol was also a 9mm Glock. The serial number of [REDACTED]'s pistol was [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had 3 Glock magazines that were fully loaded and held 17 cartridges each. After confirming these pistols were not fired, examining and photographing them, they were returned to the officers.

SA Valente next examined, photographed, and collected the rifles used in the incident by the two officers. [REDACTED]'s rifle was an Aero Precision M4E1 bearing serial number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]'s rifle held two magazines that were affixed to each other with a magazine coupler. One live cartridge was removed from the chamber of the rifle. The rifle held an inserted magazine that contained 26 additional cartridges. The second magazine contained 28 cartridges. [REDACTED]'s rifle was also an Aero Precision M4E1. The serial number of this rifle was [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]'s rifle also contained one chambered cartridge and held a single magazine containing an additional 26 cartridges.

NRPD personnel also provided SA Valente with clothing and personal property collected from Norris while Norris was at the hospital. This property included a pistol found in a pocket of Norris's clothing by medical staff at the hospital. NRPD placed the pistol in a gun box and sealed the box closed as evidence. NRPD informed SA Valente they were unable to make this weapon safe, and it contained a magazine and was presumed to have a cartridge in the chamber of the weapon. SA Valente photographed the sealed box as it was provided to him. SA Valente, with assistance from the BCI Firearms section, later made the weapon safe and noted a magazine not designed to be used with the weapon was inserted and stuck in the magazine well of the pistol. This pistol was determined to be a Jennings 9mm bearing serial number [REDACTED].

Along with the pistol collected from Norris, NRPD turned over to SA Valente a large plastic bag containing eleven (11) brown paper bags which held medical waste (a blood-soaked towel and sheet), and the clothing and personal effects of Norris, which were collected at University Hospitals Saint John's Medical Center. Included in the

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personal effects were \$67.00 US currency. SA Valente was informed by NRPD the cash was removed from Norris's wallet and placed into a clear plastic bag. SA Valente photographed and collected the cash, clothing, personal property, and medical waste in the paper bags.

The rifles fired by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and all of Norris's property, including the Jennings pistol, were transported to BCI Richfield by SA Valente. Norris's clothing, medical waste, and personal property (excluding the cash removed from his wallet and the pistol) were placed in the secure evidence drying room. Norris's cash, pistol, and both officers' rifles were placed in Temporary Locker #10 at approximately 0130 hours.

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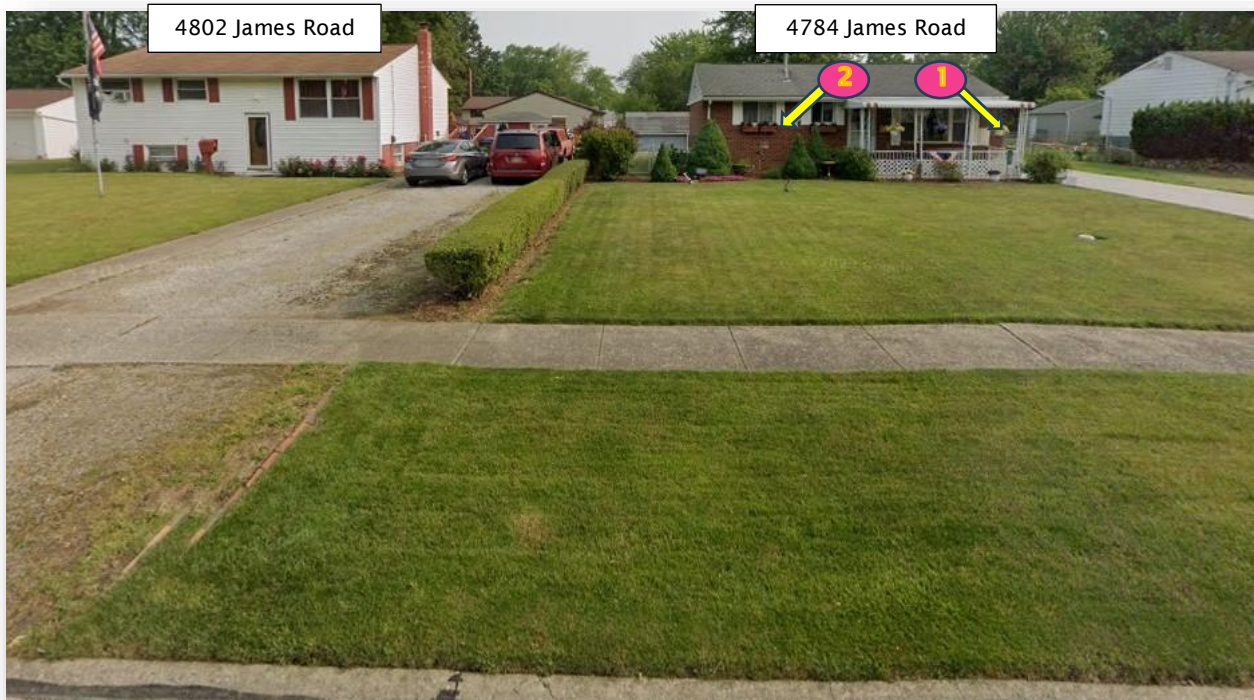
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Neighborhood and Video Surveillance Canvass

While the crime scene was being processed, agents conducted a neighborhood canvass of the area surrounding the shooting incident. The purpose of the canvass was to identify and interview potential witnesses to the officer-involved shooting. It was also conducted to identify any potential sources of video surveillance. None of the neighbors interviewed reported witnessing the shooting. Agents did locate, obtain, and review surveillance video capturing activity relevant to this investigation from 4784 James Road, the home directly next door and to the east of the subject residence.

The following image, taken from Google Street View, demonstrates the approximate location of the cameras that captured the below described video.



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The video began as camera one captured [REDACTED] as he stood on the sidewalk between a telephone pole and a large bush, at the eastern edge of the property of 4784 James Road. [REDACTED] was looking to his west in the direction of 4802 James Road. [REDACTED] was holding his rifle upright and pointed in the same direction. Note the timestamp on the video was determined to be approximately one hour behind the actual time.



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██████████ moved closer to and behind the telephone pole utilizing it as cover.



Still Image # 2 - ██████████ using the telephone pole as cover while pointing his rifle in the direction of 4802 James Road.

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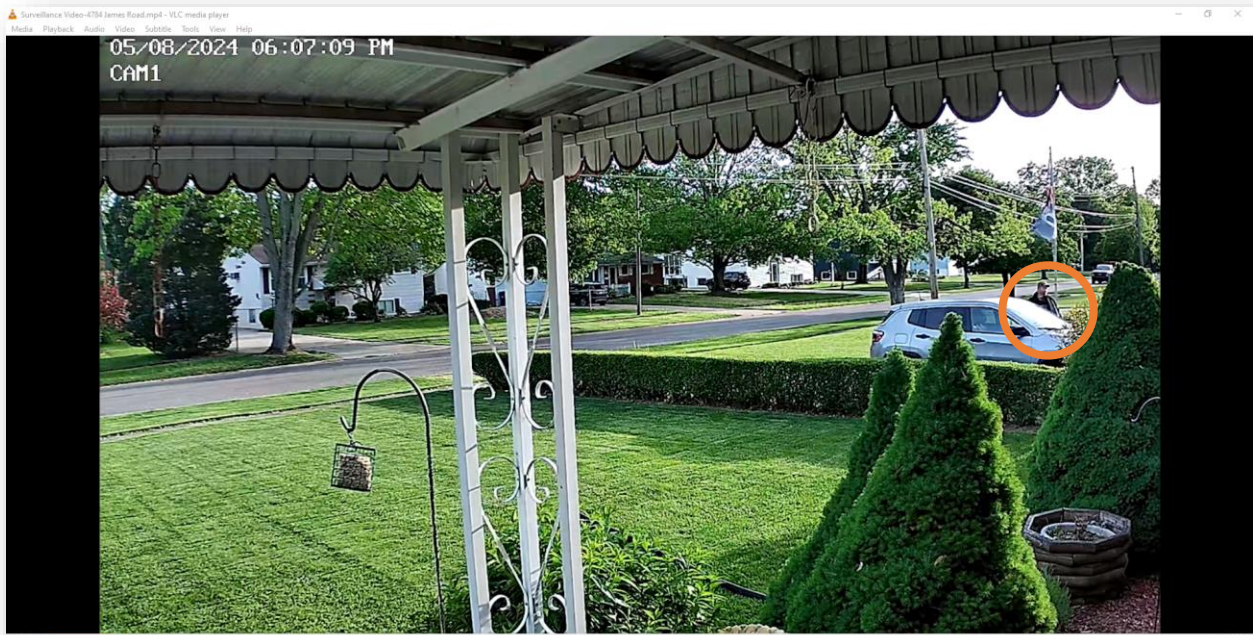
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At the 3-second mark of the video recording, the camera shown switched to the second camera directed to the west. When the video switched to the second camera, Norris is seen standing in the driveway of 4802 James Road, behind the open driver's door of a small silver colored SUV. Norris appeared to be looking up the driveway and past the house to the north where [REDACTED] and other officers who were outside the cameras line of sight were known to be standing.



Still Image # 3 - Norris standing in the driveway of 4802 James Road.

Beginning at the 4-second mark, an officer can be heard clearly giving the order "Do not move. Do not move." Norris ignored those commands. Norris appeared to quickly reach into the vehicle or inside the driver's door of the vehicle, then shut the door. As Norris shut the vehicle door, he turned his body to his right and began to face [REDACTED]

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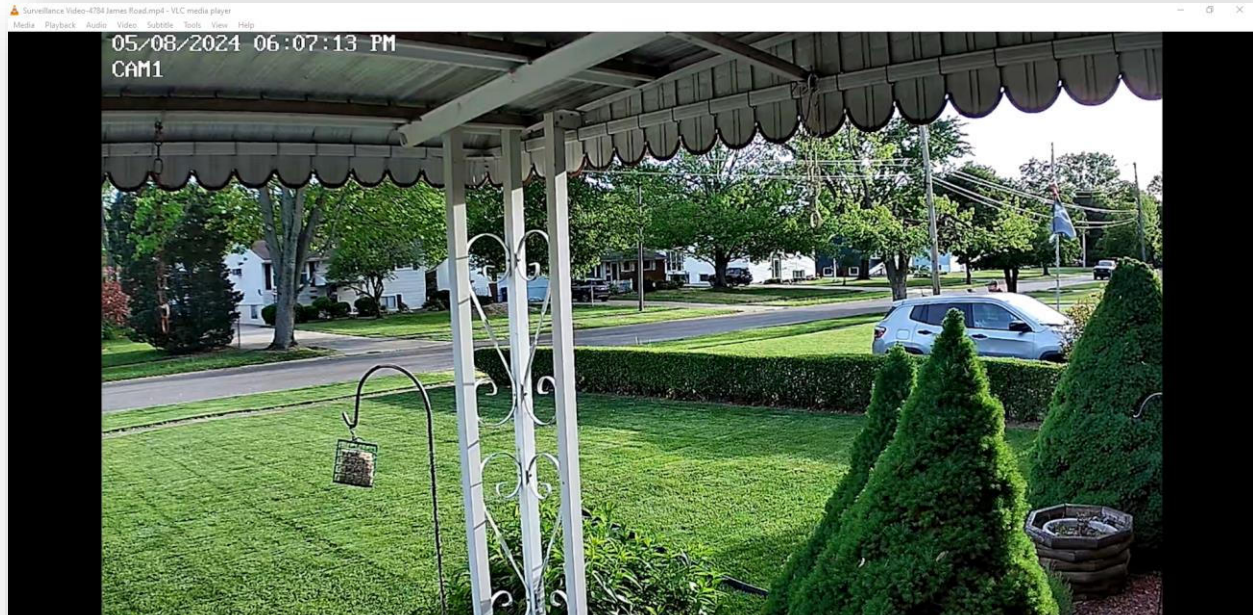
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Beginning at the 7-second mark, Norris can be observed having quickly raised a pistol and pointing the pistol in the direction of [REDACTED]. A loud cracking sound consistent with a gunshot is then heard.



Still Image # 4 - Norris pointing his pistol in the direction of [REDACTED]



Still Image # 4 Cropped - Cropped image of the above still.

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In the following frame, a cloud of apparent gunshot residue can be observed forming and emanating from the muzzle of the pistol Norris was pointing at [REDACTED]



Still Image # 5 - Gunshot residue / smoke coming from the muzzle of Norris's pistol.



Still Image # 5 Cropped - Cropped image of the above still.

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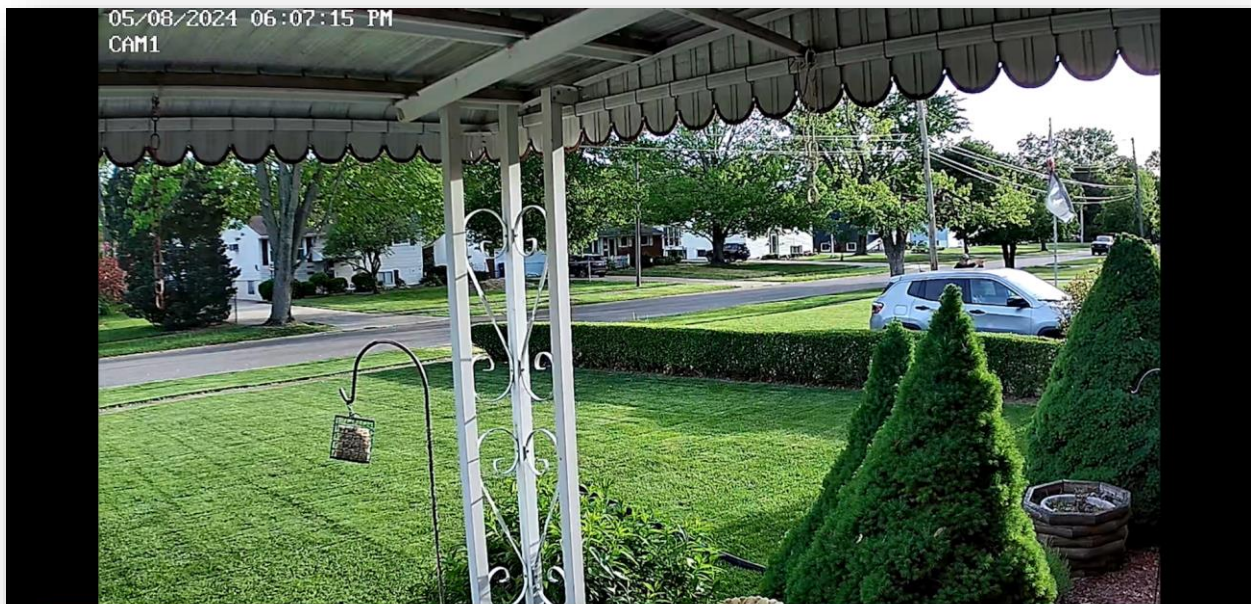


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After appearing to have fired a single shot at [REDACTED] Norris quickly turned to his left and looked north in the direction of [REDACTED] While turning to face [REDACTED] an unknown person can be heard yelling out "Ah!"

Norris, still holding the gun, then outstretched his arms and pointed the weapon in the direction of [REDACTED]



Still Image # 6 - Norris's aiming his pistol in the direction of [REDACTED]

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Still Image # 6 Cropped - Cropped image of the above still.

Almost immediately after Norris raised his gun and pointed it in the direction of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the sound of an apparent gunshot could be heard. While the sound of this apparent gunshot began to fade away, the sound of a second, more subtle or distant sounding gunshot can be heard. Based on the known locations of the involved officers in relation to the surveillance camera, a review of body-worn camera recordings, interviews with the involved and witness officers, and a review of the physical evidence collected from the scene, it is likely that the first of these two loud striking sounds was [REDACTED] firing his rifle a single time and the second loud striking sound was [REDACTED] firing his rifle. As the sound of the presumed two gunshots fired by officers began to fade, Norris looked down at his gun and began to step backwards towards the rear of the vehicle in the driveway. Norris then promptly fell to the ground and out of view of the camera.

Immediately after Norris fell to the ground, an officer can be heard reporting "Shots fired! Shots fired!"

In the following few seconds, additional officers entered the frame and pointed their firearms in the direction of where Norris fell. The video ended moments later as officers prepared to approach Norris.

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BCI Laboratory Firearm Analysis

The pistol recovered from the scene that was fired by Norris, both officer's rifles, all cartridge casings collected from the scene, and a bullet removed from Norris's person at the time of autopsy were all sent to the BCI Firearms laboratory for analysis. SA Valente received the results of that analysis on May 29, 2024, and noted the following:

- The fired 9mm Luger cartridge casing (Matrix Item #3) located in the driveway of 4802 James Drive, North Ridgeville, Ohio, was matched to the SCCY pistol (Matrix Item #2) fired by the subject, Jason Norris (Norris).
- The fired .223 cartridge casing (Matrix Item #1) recovered from under a bush in the neighboring front yard front yard of 4762 James Drive, North Ridgeville, Ohio, was matched to the Aero Rifle (Matrix Item #10) fired by [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- The fired .223 cartridge casing (Matrix Item #9) recovered from the backyard of 4801 Ronald Drive, North Ridgeville, Ohio, was matched to the Aero Rifle (Matrix Item #11) fired by [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- The fired bullet removed from Norris's back could not be conclusively matched to either involved officer's rifle but shared similar class characteristics to both rifles.

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #2: SCCY pistol	N/A	Operable
	Item #3: One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case	Source Identification
Item #5: Aero Precision rifle (SN: [REDACTED])	N/A	Operable
	Item #1: One (1) fired 223 Remington cartridge case	Source Identification**
	Item #7: One (1) fired bullet	Inconclusive*
Item #6: Aero Precision rifle (SN: [REDACTED])	N/A	Operable
	Item #4: One (1) fired 223 Remington cartridge case	Source Identification
	Item #7: One (1) fired bullet	Inconclusive*

*Similar class characteristics but insufficient corresponding individual characteristics to identify or exclude.

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After consultation with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation the firearms recovered from Norris's clothing while he was at the hospital was also submitted to the BCI firearms laboratory for analysis. On June 26, 2024, SA Valente received the laboratory report for that firearm. SA Valente noted the following:

- The pistol was determined to be intermittently operable due to worn parts identified within the firearm during a disassembly process.

Findings

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #8: Bryco Arms Pistol	N/A	Operable*

Remarks

Two (2) BCI-supplied cartridges were used for testing Item #8.

No pertinent findings in regards to the cartridges submitted with Item #8.

*Due to worn parts identified within the firearm during a disassembly process, Item #8 was found to be intermittently operable.

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Witnesses

BCI agents conducted audio and video recorded interviews of Cantley and Herron. These witnesses were also interviewed by members of the NRPD.

Ethyl Cantley

BCI SA Matthew Armstrong (Armstrong) and SA Andrew Harasimchuk (Harasimchuk) interviewed Cantley. Cantley is a resident of 4802 James Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio, and the grandmother of Norris. The interview took place in Cantley's living room and was recorded on SA Armstrong's body worn camera (BWC).

During the interview, Cantley provided the following information:

Cantley had lived at the home for 40 years. Her grandson, Herron, lived with her and was in the basement. Cantley was inside her home when the shooting occurred.

She explained Norris was her grandson. Norris and Herron were cousins. She had not seen Norris in approximately 15 years. Norris lived in Tennessee and was recently released from prison. Cantley did not know why Norris was in prison but believed he had been in prison for the past 6 years.

Norris showed up at her home approximately 20 minutes before the shooting. She did not know he was coming. When Norris went into the home, he said hello to her and that he had just gotten out of prison. Norris then went downstairs and talked to Herron. When he came back up, he said that he and Herron were going to Elyria and that he loved her. When they (Norris and Herron) walked out the front door, "they" started shooting. Cantley did not see what happened but heard a lot of gunshots. She estimated she heard around 10 gunshots.

Cantley did not see Norris with a gun. Norris did not say anything about killing his girlfriend. Cantley did not see Norris bring anything into her home.

After the shooting, Cantley had Herron call Norris's brother who lived in Florida or Georgia. His name was Reggie Skinner (sp), and his phone number was [REDACTED]. Skinner told them Norris had killed his girlfriend in Tennessee and took her car. Because of that, Cantley believed the silver SUV parked in her driveway must have been Norris's girlfriend's vehicle.

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Donathan Herron

BCI SA Armstrong and SA Harasimchuk interviewed Herron. Herron was a resident of 4802 James Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio, and a cousin of Norris. The interview took place in the living room and was recorded on SA Armstrong's body worn camera (BWC).

During the interview, Donathan provided the following information:

Herron had not seen his cousin, Norris, in years. Herron did not know when Norris arrived, but said Norris came downstairs and woke him up at 6:30 PM or 7:00 PM. Herron believed Norris had come to see his grandmother. Herron and Norris talked for a few minutes before Norris went back upstairs and opened a can of peaches for their grandmother. When Norris came back downstairs, they decided they were going to go to Elyria to see the neighborhood where Norris grew up. Herron estimated Norris had been there for approximately 30 minutes before they went out the door. When they went out the front door, all hell broke loose.

Norris yelled at Herron to go back inside. Police were yelling and calling Herron by name, telling him to get on the ground. Herron heard officers repeatedly yelling to get on the ground, and then he heard two gunshots. Herron did not hear Norris say anything to the police.

Initially, Herron said when the shots were fired, he could not see who was firing. He said "I just seen him shoot towards the back of the, towards the shed and the other shot I just heard in the distance. I could just hear both of them going off" (5:42). When asked if Norris was one of the individuals who was shooting, he replied "Yea Jason was one of them that shot...I don't know if he shot first or if he shot after" (6:00).

When asked for more details about the gunshots and what made him believe Norris fired, Herron said he didn't know if Norris fired, and he never saw him with a gun. After he heard the two shots, Herron saw Norris fall to the ground. Herron said at that point he was already on the ground.

Herron said Norris did not tell him anything about the murder in Tennessee. Herron said he and his grandmother did not find out about the murder in Tennessee earlier that day until after the shooting, when they called Norris's brother to tell him Norris had been shot.

Herron was also interviewed by NRPD Lieutenant West. During that interview, Herron reported the following:

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Norris arrived at his home approximately 30 minutes before the officer-involved shooting. Norris told Herron "him and his girlfriend got into it, and he was coming to see granny." Herron and Norris made plans to drive to Elyria to sightsee in their old neighborhood. When they walked out the front door, Herron told Norris to go back inside. Herron heard someone yell "put your hands in the air." Herron continued, next stating, "I seen him (Norris) pull a gun out and shoot towards the back of the shed and then I heard another gunshot. And then by that time they had done told me to get on the ground."

Herron stated Norris was recently released from prison and his visit and arrival at Herron's home was unexpected. Norris did not tell Herron he killed his girlfriend during their brief time together.

When asked, Herron stated he was surprised when he saw Norris pull out a gun. Herron reported Norris was unaware the police were outside the home when the two men opened the front door and walked outside.

When asked how many shots Norris fired, Herron replied "all I heard was one. (7:30)"

Law Enforcement Witnesses

SA Valente and SA Tingley interviewed NRPD Officer Macy and NRPD Officer Metzko. SA Conn interviewed NRPD Officer Wilkshire and NRPD Lieutenant Lee.

North Ridgeville Police Lieutenant Lee

Lieutenant Lee did not discharge a weapon during the incident.

Lieutenant Lee stated he was a shift supervisor at the time of the shooting. Lieutenant Lee stated he heard over the police radio a vehicle related to a wanted male had been located in the driveway at 4802 James Road. Lieutenant Lee stated he responded to the area and went to the rear of the residence at 4784 James Road and began attempting to gather further information related to the wanted subject. Lieutenant Lee also began dispersing officers into tactical cover positions. Lieutenant Lee stated he heard over the police radio that the subject had exited the residence at approximately the same time he heard inarticulate yelling followed by popping sounds. Lieutenant Lee stated that he advanced toward the driveway and saw the subject lying in the driveway. Lieutenant Lee stated the suspect was handcuffed, at which time he noticed a handgun on the ground next to the suspect which he grabbed and tossed into the front yard several feet away from the suspect. Lieutenant Lee stated at this time medical attention was also administered to the subject.

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The following screen clipping, included for demonstrative purposes, was taken from the body-worn camera recording of Lieutenant Lee and shows the firearm fired by Norris as it was found by Lieutenant Lee.



North Ridgeville Police Officer Ian Wilkshire

Officer Wilkshire did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident.

Officer Wilkshire stated he was dispatched to the area of 4802 James Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio regarding a possible wanted male in the residence at the stated location. Upon arrival, Officer Wilkshire stated he took up a cover position in the backyard of the residence at 4801 Ronald Drive at the southeast corner of the rear garage which was directly north of the subject residence. Officer Wilkshire further stated that as he took up position, he saw Norris exit the residence and walk southbound in the driveway. Officer Wilkshire then heard fellow officers yelling “get on the ground”, at which time he saw Norris in the driveway point a handgun in an easterly direction. Officer Wilkshire further states at that time he heard shots being fired. Officer Wilkshire maintained his cover position until directed by a senior officer to conduct a protective sweep of the residence, at which time, he saw Norris lying in the driveway and fellow officers administering first aid.

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North Ridgeville Police Officer Vincent Macy

Officer Macy was assigned a take-home car and was driving to work when he overheard radio traffic related to this matter. Rather than report directly to the police station as he normally would, Officer Macy was directed by NRPD Lieutenant West to assist in searching the area for the subject vehicle which he then knew was wanted in connection with a murder.

While searching the area, Officer Macy heard radio traffic from [REDACTED] stating that he had located the vehicle in question parked on James Drive. Officer Macy responded to James Drive and blocked access to the road (which had only one way in and out) to prohibit traffic from potentially going to or leaving the location. Once other officers arrived in the area, the officers began to set up a perimeter around the subject location, 4802 James Drive. Officer Macy was tasked with driving down James Drive and positioning himself near the front of the home and to the east along with [REDACTED]

While Officer Macy was positioned at the cul-de-sac at the end of James Drive just east of the subject residence, two men exited the subject residence. Officer Macy gave the two men commands. Officer Macy believed he yelled at the two men "North Ridgeville Police Department. Don't Move." Officer Macy believed he gave that verbal command two or three times. When asked what the response to his commands from the two men were, Officer Macy stated that the two men were still moving around but, due to his line of sight, he had a difficult time seeing what they were doing. Officer Macy believed [REDACTED] also gave the two men who exited the subject residence verbal commands.

Officer Macy got into his police vehicle, turned on the vehicle's overhead lights, and began to drive to the subject residence to block the subject's vehicle in the driveway and prevent him from potentially escaping. As Officer Macy drove to the subject's residence, he observed the subject produce a handgun, point the gun in the direction of [REDACTED] and fire one shot.

Officer Macy believed that approximately 1.5 seconds after hearing the subject fire he heard two more popping sounds he felt were also gunshots. Officer Macy felt these second two gunshots were fired by the involved NRPD officers as they were noticeably more muffled sounding than the first shot, and he was aware the NRPD rifles are equipped with silencers. When asked, Officer Macy stated he did fear for the safety of himself and the other officers. Officer Macy stated his fear was based on being aware of the seriousness of the offense the subject was wanted for (murder) and being

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unaware of what actions the subject might take to escape. When asked, Officer Macy believed that an officer could have been struck by the subject's gunfire and, as a result of being shot, could have been seriously injured or killed.

After the subject fell to the ground, Lieutenant Lee and Officer Macy approached the subject. Officer Macy placed the subject in handcuffs and immediately began to render aid. Officer May used trauma shears to cut the subject's shirt, located a penetrating wound to his upper torso and placed a chest seal on the wound. NRPD officers also requested that EMS respond to treat the subject. The subject was not combative and did not make any statements to Officer Macy when he was approached and rendered aid.

[North Ridgeville Police Officer John Metz](#)

Officer Metz was advised by a NRPD Lieutenant that a vehicle and its driver were wanted in connection with a murder in Tennessee. Further, the subject vehicle was actively being picked up by FLOCK vehicle monitoring cameras within the city of North Ridgeville. Officer Metz heard [REDACTED] who was also looking for the subject vehicle, report that he had located the subject vehicle parked in a driveway on James Drive. Officer Metz responded to James Drive and met with other officers who arrived at or near the same time.

Officer Metz parked his patrol vehicle at the end of James Drive. Officer Metz then removed his patrol rifle from his vehicle and began to approach the subject residence with his patrol rifle in hand. Officer Metz walked across the front yards of the neighboring homes until he took cover behind a bush near the southwest corner of 4816 James Drive, directly west of the home where the subject vehicle was parked.

A few minutes later, Officer Metz overheard one of the two NRPD officers who were positioned near the front of the home call out they observed the front door of the subject residence opening. Officer Metz could not see the subject residence due to his positioning. Officer Metz momentarily walked out from cover but returned to the southwest corner of the home at 4816 James for cover. Once able to see the subject, Officer Metz trained his rifle on him. Officer Metz observed the subject walking to the back of the subject vehicle parked in the driveway. Officer Metz next observed the subject raise and direct his hand out in a motion he recognized as consistent with someone pointing a gun. Officer Metz was unaware, at that time, that [REDACTED] had moved to cover behind a telephone pole in the yard directly east of the subject residence.

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Officer Metzko described the subject pointing his arm out in an easterly direction towards the telephone pole [REDACTED] had taken cover behind. Officer Metzko realized at that moment an NRPD officer must be in that location based on the subject pointing his arm out that way. Officer Metzko then heard a single gunshot followed momentarily by two more gunshots. Officer Metzko realized that if the subject was firing at an officer and that officer(s) returned fire, he was directly in that same line of fire as the subject. Officer Metzko leaned his head back behind the corner of the neighboring home for cover after hearing the second gunshot. After hearing the second gunshot, Officer Metzko walked out from cover/concealment around the bush at the driveway of the home where he was positioned. As the subject came back into view, Officer Metzko observed the subject lying on the ground.

Officer Metzko did not hear the subject make any verbal statements as he approached the scene.

Officer Metzko reported he heard other NRPD officers yell at the subject "North Ridgeville Police Department" while the subject stood at the subject vehicle in the driveway of 4802 James Drive.

Officer Metzko believed he heard three gunshots in total. Officer Metzko believed all three shots were fired in quick succession with a minor pause between the second and third shot.

Immediately after the shooting, Officer Metzko observed Lieutenant Lee approach the subject to begin to render aid. Officer Metzko recalled Officer Macy approached the subject with a medical aid bag and also began to render aid. Officer Metzko reported he focused his attention on the home and another male who was also present in the front yard of the home. Officer Metzko then participated in conducting a protective sweep of the subject residence. Officer Metzko believed the ambulance arrived around the time he and other officers completed their protective sweep of the home.

When asked if he feared for his safety or the safety of other officers during the incident, Officer Metzko stated that he feared for the safety of officers, and he felt "disbelief" when he heard the sound of gunshots.

When asked, Officer Metzko reported he was able to differentiate the sound of the first shot from the following two, as the following two shots were noticeably muffled. Officer Metzko was aware the NRPD rifles were equipped with noise dampening "cans" and believed the last two muffled sounding gunshots were fired by officers.

When asked if he felt any actions taken by any of the involved officers may have been criminal, Officer Metzko stated "no."

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Involved Law Enforcement Officers

BCI agents conducted video recorded interviews with NRPD [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. BCI agents also reviewed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]'s personnel files and training records. Included within this section are abbreviated versions of the officers' account of his or her actions pertaining to this incident and/or discharging his weapon. A more detailed account can be found by reviewing the video recorded interview.

[REDACTED]
BCI SA Nick Valente and SA John Tingley interviewed [REDACTED], who was accompanied by his attorney, Danielle Chaffin, from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA) during the interview. The interview took place at the NRPD located at 7070 Ranger Way, North Ridgeville, Ohio. The interview was audio and video recorded and the recording should be referred to for a full account of what [REDACTED] shared during the interview.

[REDACTED] had not watched any body-worn camera (BWC) or security /surveillance video recordings of the incident prior to his interview with agents.

[REDACTED] was assigned a take-home marked patrol vehicle. On May 8, 2024, while driving into the city of North Ridgeville in his assigned patrol vehicle to begin his shift, [REDACTED] reviewed the call screen of active and pending calls on the mobile data terminal in his patrol vehicle. At this same time, NRPD Lieutenant Pat West (Lieutenant West) advised all incoming NRPD officers to be on the lookout for a vehicle wanted out of Tennessee and to review the call screen on the mobile data terminal. [REDACTED] noted that the subject associated with the vehicle was wanted in connection with a murder and was from Tennessee. [REDACTED] recalled he had prior law enforcement interactions with people living on James Drive who were also from Tennessee. Based on the previous interactions with the residents of the home on James Drive and their connection to Tennessee, [REDACTED] traveled to James Drive to look for the wanted subject and vehicle.

[REDACTED] found the wanted vehicle parked and unoccupied in the driveway of 4802 James Drive, the residence where he had responded to calls of service before and knew the occupants to be from Tennessee. [REDACTED] passed the house, turned around in a cul-de-sac just past the home and traveled back down the street in the opposite direction. [REDACTED] notified dispatch of his findings and requested additional NRPD officers begin to respond to his location via the police radio in his vehicle. [REDACTED] then parked at the end of James Drive facing the subject

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house near the intersection of James Drive and Paula Drive. [REDACTED] held this position and watched the subject vehicle until other officers arrived at his location.

Once a group of officers had gathered at [REDACTED]'s location, he and Officer Vincent Macy (Officer Macy) drove in their patrol vehicles back down James Drive, traveled past 4802 James Drive, turned around in the cul-de-sac, and parked near the subject residence. [REDACTED] exited his patrol vehicle, removed his patrol rifle from the vehicle and chambered a cartridge into the weapon. [REDACTED] walked to the rear of his vehicle and held this position for a brief period of time while he overheard additional radio traffic pertaining to the subject and the reason why he was wanted.

From his position, which was partially obstructed by bushes in the area, [REDACTED] was able to see the front door of the home at 4802 James Drive open. [REDACTED] relayed this observation to the other NRPD officers over his radio. Lieutenant West advised over the police radio "Do not let that car leave. Don't let, cause' uh, I didn't see this, but the subject was coming out and walking towards the front, or the engine of the vehicle, um. Me and Patrolman Macy sort of just looked at each other. Since he had, he did not have his patrol rifle with him at the time, I believe. So, he jumped in the driver seat of the car. He started to, um, as he was gonna go and follow Lieutenant West's order about trying to get the car blocked in. At that point on, I moved up to my next, not the greatest of cover, but my next piece of cover was a utility pole (12:26)."

[REDACTED] described next observing Officer Macy drive his patrol vehicle towards the subject residence in an attempt to reach the driveway and block the subject vehicle from leaving. At the same time, [REDACTED] moved up to a utility pole in the yard directly to the right of 4802 James Drive and utilized the pole as partial cover. [REDACTED] observed the subject standing in the driveway. [REDACTED] gave the subject verbal commands "Do not move. Do not move (13:16)." While giving the subject verbal commands, the subject snapped his head around and made eye contact with [REDACTED] "He's looking at me. Um, had my gun drawn on him at that point. He appeared to pull a firearm from his waistband here. He came up, and now he was more situated behind the Jeep. Came up and turned toward me this way and he fired a round. Um, as I turned around, everything kinda like slowed down. I kinda heard the round, seen like the muzzle flash. I sucked to the pole as much as I could, and then I fired a round back. Um, at that point (Officer) Macy was now by the driveway. The subject, as I fired, the subject dropped. There was a, uh, bush, a line of bushes right in front of him. I no longer had visual on him."

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██████████ demonstrating how Jason Norris pointed his pistol just prior to firing at ██████████ (13:38 mark of video recording).

Lieutenant Lee and ██████████ then approached the subject. When the officers approached, they found the subject was lying on the ground motionless. Lieutenant Lee found a firearm lying on the ground next to the subject. Lieutenant Lee picked up the gun and threw it into the front yard.

Officer Macy and Lieutenant Lee began providing aid to the subject. ██████████ was about to join the other two officers in providing aid to the subject when he turned his attention to Donathan Herron (Herron) who was also in the front yard of the home during the incident. ██████████ was familiar with Herron and had dealt with him regularly in the past. ██████████ ordered Herron to the ground and detained him in handcuffs. After detaining Herron, ██████████ asked Lieutenant Lee and Officer Macy if they needed additional help. Lieutenant Lee and Officer Macy stated they did not.

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██████████ was then asked to participate in a protective sweep of the home as the officers had a history of trouble at the subject home and were unaware of who might still be inside and what additional weapons they could have. ██████████ Officer Metzko and Officer Macy conducted the protective sweep and located the sole occupant, homeowner Ethel Cantley (Cantley).

After clearing the home, ██████████ joined other officers outside in checking the surrounding area to confirm no one had been struck by a stray bullet and attempted to locate where the subject's fired bullet struck. ██████████ and the other officers did not locate anyone that was struck by gunfire, nor did he and the other officers locate any stray bullets.

██████████ then turned over the rifle he fired in the shooting to Lieutenant West. ██████████ was then driven back to the police station and awaited BCI agents' arrival. SA Valente met with ██████████ that night and photographed his person and collected his weapon. Refer to the Investigative Report detailing that interaction for further information pertaining to that initial meeting.

When asked, ██████████ stated he learned the subject was wanted and the suspect of a homicide based on the information on the call screen on his mobile data terminal in his patrol vehicle.

When asked if there was a plan was in place to address the subject prior to him exiting the home, ██████████ stated officers intended to call out their SWAT team to respond to the area. Further, officers were taking up positions around the home, and then they intended to give commands to the subject on a public address system (amplified speaker) ordering him out of the home. ██████████ stated the subject exited the home prior to officers being able to fully prepare and set their plan into place. Because the subject exited the home prior to the SWAT team's arrival and officers were able to take positions surrounding the home, the officers were forced to address the subject as he exited the home.

When asked, ██████████ stated he had not had any previous encounters with the subject but had responded to the home where the officer-involved shooting took place before. ██████████ reported he recalled previously responding to the home due to psychological issues with Herron. ██████████ recalled responding to the home on other occasions to deal with additional people who were wanted for felony warrants for felonious assault and other charges. Cantley previously lied to officers regarding these

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wanted people being in her home. [REDACTED] recalled Cantley's grandchildren seemed to use her home as a hideout when wanted by police.

When asked, [REDACTED] stated he believed the subject was aware he was a police officer when he gave him commands not to move after he exited the home.

When asked what led him to fire at the specific moment he did so, [REDACTED] stated, "The subject come, drawing his weapon, pointing it at me, me hearing the sound of a shot and seeing the muzzle flash as I more or less realized that the male just shot at me and, which caused me to return fire (22:46)."

When asked if he feared for his safety or the safety of the other officers, [REDACTED] stated he did. When asked to describe what led to his fear, [REDACTED] stated knowing the subject was a homicide suspect, ignored his commands, and fired a gun at him.

When asked what he thought was going to happen when the subject fired, [REDACTED] stated "At the time I thought I was gonna get shot probably because I was, like I said, I more or less, it something when we debrief it, but I didn't have the greatest of cover."

When asked if he perceived any other options available to him other than the use of deadly force at the moment he fired, [REDACTED] stated he did not.

When asked if he observed the subject firing at any other officers or in any other direction, [REDACTED] stated he did not.

When asked, [REDACTED] stated he believed his actions were consistent with his training.

When asked, [REDACTED] stated he was not aware that [REDACTED] also fired his weapon during the incident.

When asked, [REDACTED] stated he did not observe any actions taken by any other officer he believed were inappropriate or criminal.

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Employment and Training Records

BCI SA Valente reviewed [REDACTED]'s personnel file and training records and noted the following:

Personnel file

[REDACTED]'s personnel file consisted of letters of commendation, letters of thanks and appreciation from community members, field training records which noted [REDACTED] was certified for patrol duty by the North Ridgeville Police department on [REDACTED], various awards and letters of recognition for service and education, an Oath of Office document signed [REDACTED], notice of peace officer appointment, college transcripts, and various other records of no significance to this investigation.

Training Record:

[REDACTED]'s training record consisted of a list of law enforcement related classes completed by [REDACTED]

The following list of classes is not inclusive of all training attended by [REDACTED] but notes the classes deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to this investigation:

- Force on Force Scenario Based Training – 10/8/18
- Rifle Transition Course – 6/7/19
- BCI Lethal Use of Force and OIS Investigations – 5/20/22
- Basic SWAT – 10/3/22 through 10/7/22
- Critical Thinking in Use of Force Situations – 10/28/22
- Use of Deadly Force and Legal Guidelines – 11/1/22

Training File:

[REDACTED]'s training file, a separate collection of documents from his training record, consisted of training requests [REDACTED] submitted to North Ridgeville Police Department supervisors for consideration and approval. Approved classes attended by [REDACTED] relative to this investigation were noted in his training record.

Range Qualifications:

[REDACTED]'s range qualifications records noted he last qualified with the Aero M4 rifle used in this incident on September 15, 2024.

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OPOTA Certification:

██████████'s file personnel included a copy of his Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training Program Certificate that was awarded on ██████████. The certificate noted ██████████ obtained his certification through Lorain County Community College as part of academy class ██████████.

SA Valente also reviewed ██████████'s academy records and appointment history on the Ohio Attorney General's website. These records indicate ██████████ received certificate number ██████████ and was first appointed as a police officer on ██████████ to the "Sandusky Police/Cedar Point Division." ██████████ also has previous law enforcement experience with the Medina Police Department.

Based on the records received and reviewed, it is noted that ██████████ was a duly certified and sworn Ohio Peace Officer at the time of this incident.

██████████ ██████████
BCI SA Nick Valente and SA John Tingley interviewed ██████████ who was accompanied by his attorney, Danielle Chaffin, from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA) during the interview. The interview took place at the NRPD located at 7070 Ranger Way, North Ridgeville, Ohio. The interview was audio and video recorded and the recording should be referred to for a full account of what ██████████ ██████████ shared during the interview.

██████████ had not watched any of the body-worn camera (BWC) or security /surveillance video recordings of the incident prior to his interview with agents.

██████████ was traveling to the NRPD in his assigned take home marked patrol car to start his shift when he overheard radio traffic that a vehicle wanted in connection with a murder in Tennessee had been located on James Drive in North Ridgeville. ██████████ joined other NRPD officers in responding to James Drive. ██████████ was directed to respond to the street directly north of James Drive and approach the subject residence from that location. After parking, ██████████ removed the patrol rifle from his vehicle and chambered a cartridge into the rifle. ██████████ then briefly met with Lieutenant Lee and viewed a picture of the subject, Jason Norris (Norris). Lieutenant Lee also provided ██████████ with a brief but additional background on the subject and the call for assistance in locating the subject.

██████████ approached the subject residence from the north / rear of the home. ██████████ reached a chain link fence separating the backyard of the subject

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residence from the home directly to the north. [REDACTED] held his position at this location as the situation unfolded further. [REDACTED] was able to see the subject vehicle in the driveway of 4802 James Drive from his vantage point. [REDACTED] stated "The situation evolved very rapidly. Um, and the suspect we were looking for exited the house (16:27)." [REDACTED] overheard other NRPD officers as they gave the subject verbal commands. [REDACTED] himself began to give the subject verbal commands to "show me his hands and put his hand on his face (17:18)."

After [REDACTED] gave Norris verbal commands, Norris "decided to discharge a firearm to the east where officers were, um, where other officers were located. Fearing for my safety and the safety of my fellow officers as well as the surrounding public, I discharged my rifle at the, um, suspect. Um, from there the suspect dropped to the ground (17:23)."

After Norris fell to the ground, [REDACTED] approached the subject home, approaching from the front right (southeast) corner of the home. As [REDACTED] approached the subject, he observed other officers had already approached Norris and were rendering aid. [REDACTED] noticed a second male outside the home near the subject. [REDACTED] directed his attention to this second male who was lying down in the yard at the time. [REDACTED] approached and detained this second male for safety purposes. After placing the second male in handcuffs, [REDACTED] helped this male up and turned him over to another NRPD officer who walked him out of the scene. [REDACTED] then took a position on the northwest corner of the home while other NRPD officers conducted a protective sweep of the subject home.

[REDACTED] was eventually relieved from this position and returned to the front of the home where he observed a 9mm pistol lying in the front yard which he watched over until it was collected. [REDACTED] then returned to the rear west corner of the home before walking out to the road where he notified his supervisor he had fired at the subject. [REDACTED] then turned over his patrol rifle and returned to the police station.

When asked, [REDACTED] described there being no adverse weather and the visibility being clear at the time of this incident.

When asked, [REDACTED] reported he first visually observed Norris when he was standing in the driveway of the home. When asked, [REDACTED] stated he recognized Norris as the same person whose image he had seen as the wanted individual moments earlier.

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When asked, [REDACTED] stated he first noticed the subject possessed a weapon when he located the subject through the optic on his patrol rifle. [REDACTED] stated that because he was a sniper on the SWAT team, he had a magnified optic on his rifle that gave him a close view of the subject holding a pistol.

When asked to further describe what he observed the subject do with his weapon, [REDACTED] stated, "Uh, he pointed towards officers at the east and discharged it at them (26:16)."

When asked what led him to believe the subject discharged his weapon, [REDACTED] stated, "Um I heard a loud pop that was indicative of, um, a handgun being discharged (26:16)." When asked what happened next, [REDACTED] stated "I, I don't terminology, hit the selective switch from safe to fire on my patrol rifle and fired one round at the suspect (26:44)."

When asked if he observed the subject pointing his firearm at him or in any other direction, [REDACTED] stated he only observed the subject pointing his weapon to the east.

When asked if he feared for his safety or the safety of the other officers at that time, [REDACTED] again stated he feared for his safety and the safety of others in the area, including other officers at that moment. When asked to reiterate what his fears were, [REDACTED] stated, "My fears were that um another person was going to be shot (28:15)."

When asked, [REDACTED] stated he did not perceive any other options available to him at the moment he fired his weapon.

When asked, [REDACTED] stated he did not hear the subject make any verbal statements to him or other officers before or after the shooting.

When asked, [REDACTED] stated he had not previously responded to the residence where the incident took place and was not aware of it as problem home at the time of the officer-involved shooting. Likewise, [REDACTED] stated he had no known previous interactions with the subject.

When asked, [REDACTED] stated he did not believe any actions taken by any other officers could be considered improper or criminal.

[REDACTED] [Employment and Training Records](#)

BCI SA Valente reviewed [REDACTED]'s personnel file and training records and noted the following:

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Personnel File:

██████████'s personnel file consisted of a commendation for life saving actions for providing CPR to a man in distress, ██████████'s college transcripts, a certificate for completing the Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training Program, a signed Oath of Office document, notification of peace officer appointment, and a citizen complaint regarding his demeanor that was investigated and determined to be unfounded. No record of discipline was located within the personnel file.

Training Record:

██████████'s training record consisted of a list of law enforcement related classes completed by ██████████

The following list of classes is not inclusive off all training attended by ██████████ ██████████ but notes the classes deemed by the author to be of most relevance to this investigation:

- Judgmental Firearms Simulator – 10/22/13 through 10/24/13
- Basic SWAT / Tactical Operator – 4/16/18 through 4/20/18
- Dynamics of Officer / Citizen Encounters – 8/8/18
- Advanced Firearms, Arrests, and Self-Defense Tactics – 6/14/21 through 6/18/21
- Use of Deadly Force and Legal Guidelines – 9/22/23

Training File:

██████████'s training file, a separate collection of documents from his training record, consisted of advanced training requests, and notation of his completion of the North Ridgeville Police Department's Field Training Program effective ██████████ ██████████

Range Qualifications:

██████████'s range qualification records indicated he last qualified with the Aero M4 rifle used in this incident on April 15, 2024.

OPOTA Certification:

██████████'s file included a copy of his certificate for completing the Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training Program conducted by Owens Community College. This certificate was awarded on ██████████ SA Valente also reviewed ██████████ ██████████'s appointment history and basic academy records. SA Valente noted ██████████ ██████████ was part of academy class ██████████, and received certificate number

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██████████ which was awarded ██████████. ██████████ was first appointed to the Upper Sandusky Police Department in 2012. ██████████ also has prior law enforcement experience with the Tiffin Police Department, Pickerington Police Department, and Grandview Heights Police Department.

Based on the records received and reviewed, it is noted that ██████████ was a duly certified and sworn Ohio Peace Officer at the time of this incident.

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Subject Information – Jason Norris

This section contains information about the subject, Jason Norris

Jason Norris – Background, Computerized Criminal History

BCI SA Valente compiled background information on Norris. This information included researching past police reports involving the subject, searching criminal history records, court records (if applicable), open/closed-source database inquiries, and social media posts. The information gathered was obtained from the BCI Criminal Intelligence Unit, North Ridgeville Police Department and the White County, Tennessee Sheriff's Office.

SA Valente reviewed the information and noted the following:

Prior Police Encounters:

No prior reports were provided or on file with the NRPD, pertaining to Norris. However, Norris was suspected by the White County Tennessee Sheriff's Office (WCTSO) of murdering his girlfriend in their jurisdiction before fleeing the area in the victim's vehicle earlier on the day of his death.

SA Valente reviewed the WCTSO report detailing the alleged murder and noted the following:

On May 8, 2024, a White County, Tennessee Sheriff's deputy was dispatched to 1832 Red Road, Sparta, White County, Tennessee regarding a deceased female who was found in a truck parked along the edge of the roadway and appeared to have been shot. Deputies quickly determined the deceased female was Perry. Relatives of Perry's indicated Jason Norris (Norris) was responsible for her murder. WCTSO Deputy Bean was tasked with attempting to locate Norris. Deputy Bean was advised that Norris fled the area in a 2024 Jeep Compass bearing Tennessee plate "773-BLYZ." Deputy Bean utilized the Flock camera program to find records of the subject vehicle in North Ridgeville, Ohio, beginning at 1654 hours on the day of the alleged murder, May 8, 2024. Deputy Bean informed the North Ridgeville Police Department (NRPD) of his findings. Deputy Bean was later told by NRPD that the subject was located and died during a shootout with NRPD.

Computerized Criminal History (CCH) and/or Court Records:

Norris had a lengthy criminal history for a variety of offenses which occurred in the state of Tennessee. The following table notes this history.

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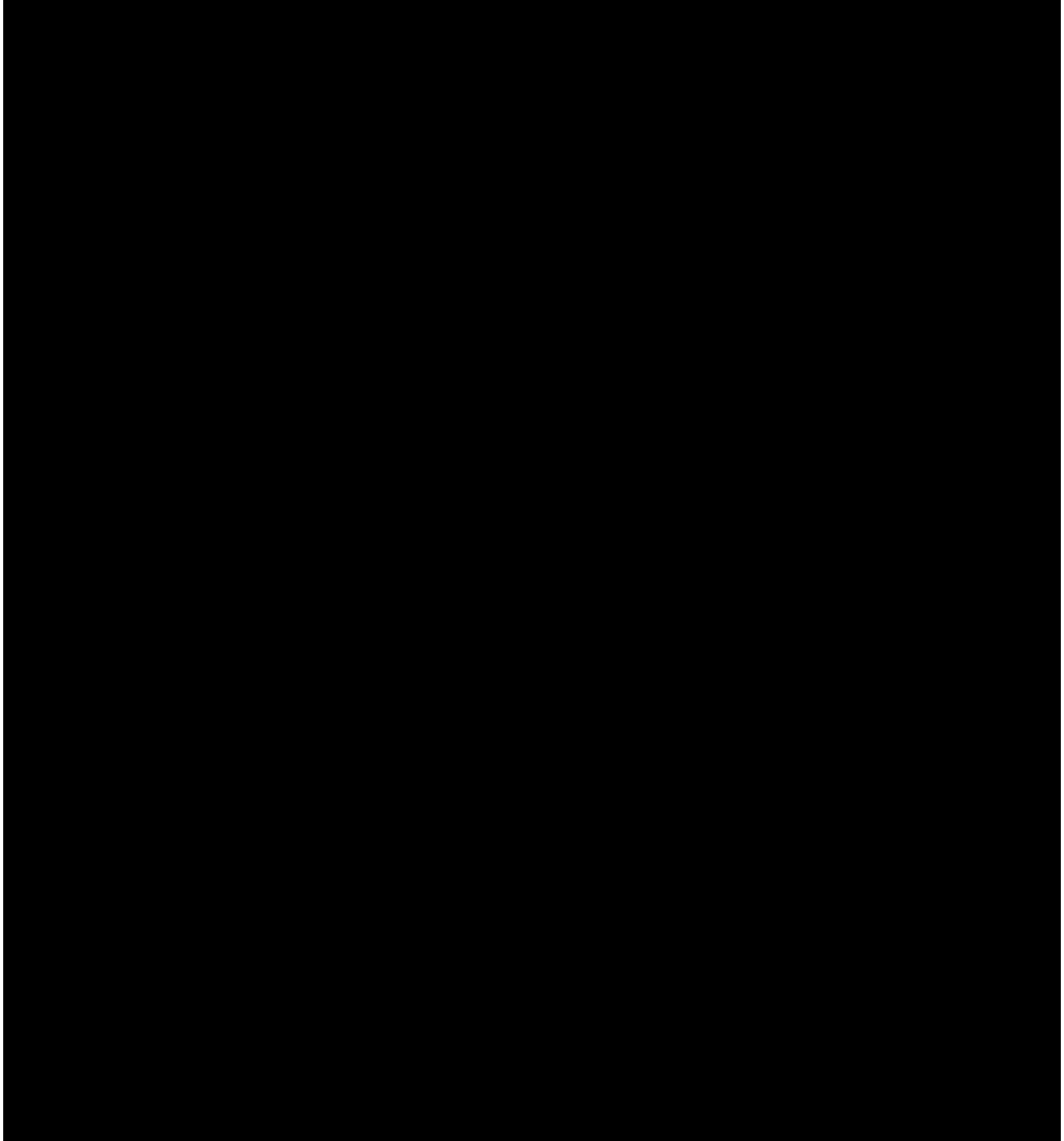


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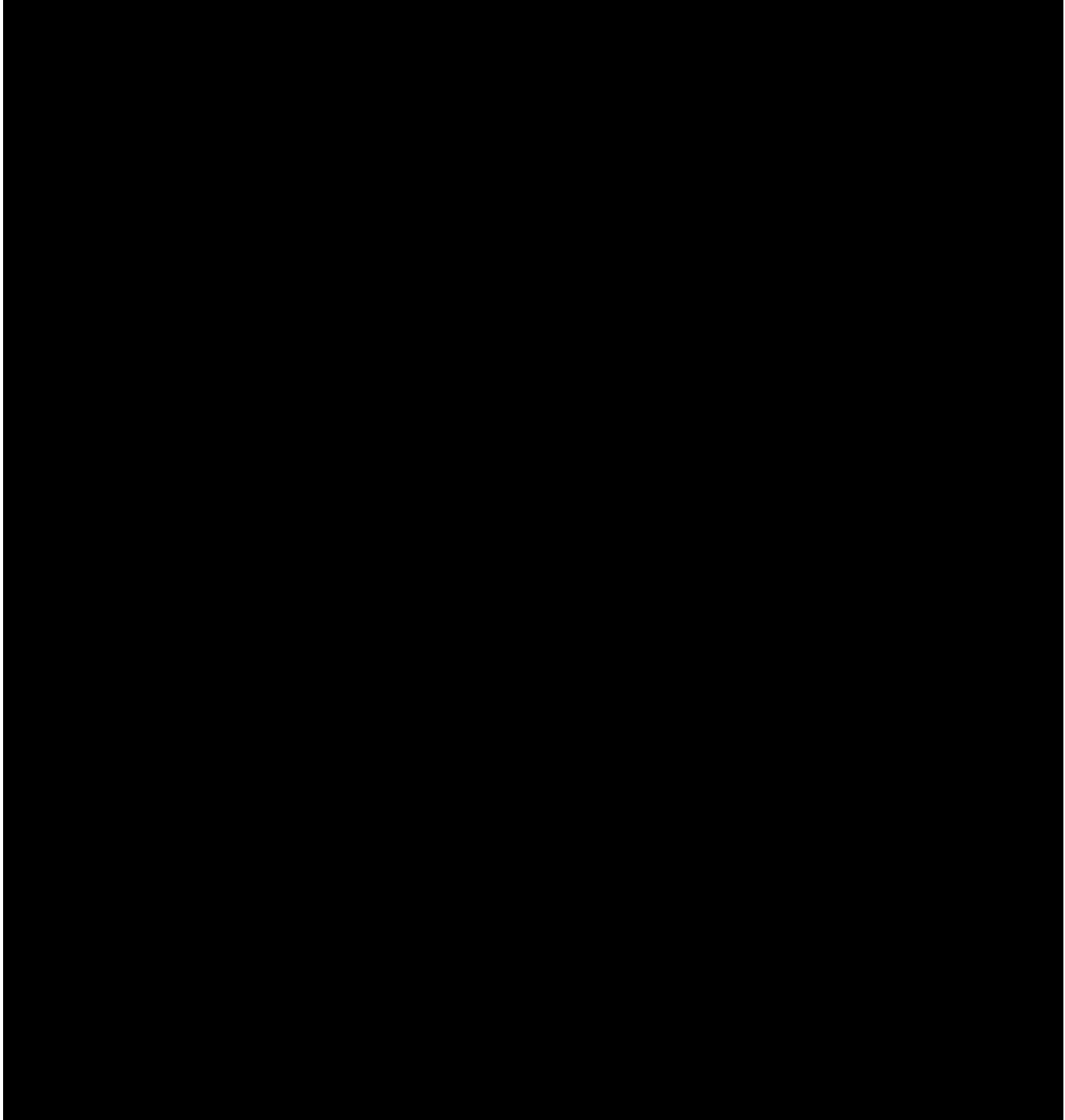


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Database Searches

An Accurant report was obtained and reviewed. Nothing relevant to the investigation was observed.

Social Media and News

On May 9, 2024, the North Ridgeville Police Department (NRPD) held a press conference lasting approximately 25 minutes. During the press conference, NRPD provided information to the public regarding this incident. During the press conference, members of NRPD described receiving information from the White County, Tennessee Sheriff's Office advising NRPD a vehicle wanted in connection with a homicide in White County, Tennessee, was located on FLOCK cameras within the city of North Ridgeville. Members of NRPD were aware of a home on James Drive where police responded on a regular basis and knew the occupants had ties to Tennessee. Based on this history, members of NRPD responded to the area and found the vehicle in question parked in the driveway of 4802 James Drive. NRPD began to set a perimeter around the home. While setting up a perimeter, Norris and another individual emerged from the home. Norris fired at NRPD officers who were outside the residence. Two NRPD officers returned fire and Norris was struck. Norris was given medical attention by NRPD and EMS, transported to Saint John's West Shore Hospital, and succumbed to his wounds. The press conference video was saved as Reference Item D. The press conference video and accompanying article were located on 19 News' website, <https://www.cleveland19.com/2024/05/09/north-ridgeville-police-discuss-officer-involved-shooting/>. The 19 News article included a second shorter follow-up news video clip in which a 19 News reporter spoke with Ethel Cantley (Cantley). Cantley resides at 4802 James Drive, North Ridgeville, Ohio. Cantley was the grandmother of Norris. This video recording included comments made by

North Ridgeville police say suspect was wanted in Tennessee for connection to girlfriend's murder



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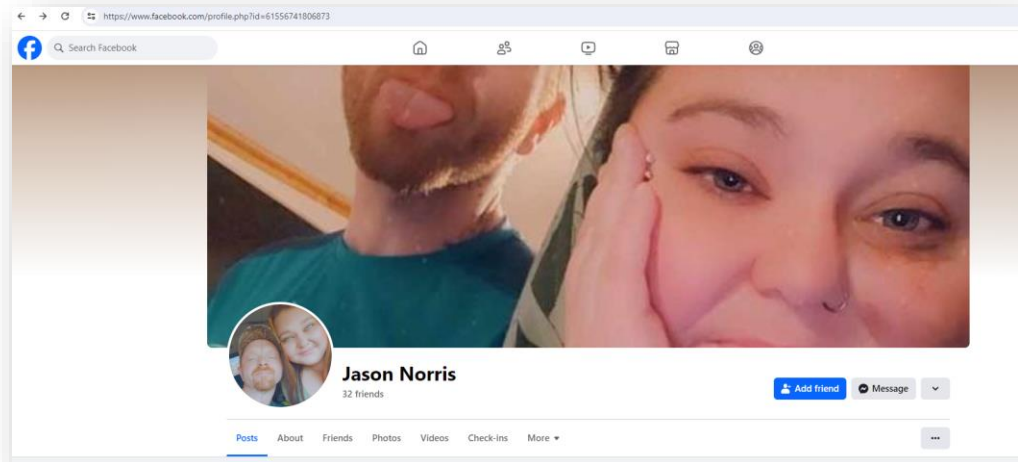
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Cantley to 19 News. This video was saved as Reference Item E. Cantley's statements to the news reporter were consistent with what Cantley previously told SA Armstrong when interviewed shortly after the officer-involved shooting on May 8, 2024.

SA Valente located a Facebook account that appeared to be utilized by Norris. The address for this Facebook account was <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556741806873>. The display name on this Facebook page was "Jason Norris." Images displayed on the page depicted Norris's person.

Comments written to the page appeared directed at Norris and comments authored by the page holder appeared written by Norris.



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Note, on April 12, 2024, the page holder posted to this account the following:



The tagged individual, Megan L. Campbell, is the female Norris was wanted in connection with murdering in Tennessee preceding the officer-involved shooting.

No additional social media or news articles that were reviewed contained information not previously noted above or already known to investigators.

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Jason Norris – Autopsy

BCI SA Rotili reviewed the autopsy report of Jason Norris and noted the following:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The following clippings were taken from the autopsy report:

[REDACTED]

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Dispatch-Related Information

This section contains dispatch-related information associated with the incident. The information reviewed was obtained from the NRPD.

Dispatch Radio Traffic

BCI SA Valente reviewed the radio traffic and recorded telephone calls relevant to this investigation and noted the following:

There were 36 audio recordings in total. This included both police radio traffic and various telephone calls.

1. 063_NRPD_2024_05_08_19_06_51_by_Start_Time_asc(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. A NRPD officer reported the front door of the subject residence was opening.
2. 064_NRPD_2024_05_08_19_07_01_by_Start_Time_asc(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. A male voice (known to be that of North Ridgeville Police Lieutenant Pat West based on other records) stated: "Block that car in. Block that car in. That car does not leave."
3. 065_NRPD_2024_05_08_19_07_20_by_Start_Time_asc(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. Voice one: "Shots fired! Shots fired!"
 - b. Voice two "Get us EMS down here. Subject down. Shots fired by police."
 - c. Voice three: "Watch cross."
4. 066_NRPD_2024_05_08_19_07_38_by_Start_Time_asc(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. Voice one: "We got one subject down in the front yard in the driveway."
5. 067_NRPD_2024_05_08_19_07_58_by_Start_Time_asc(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. A short radio traffic clip that was partially unintelligible. Possibly an officer requesting mutual aid.
6. 068_NRPD_2024_05_08_19_08_19_by_Start_Time_asc(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. Voice one: "Theres a White male in a white t-shirt in the front yard by the front door."
7. 069_NRPD_2024_05_08_19_08_41_by_Start_Time_asc(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. Voice one: "Send 29."
 - b. Voice two: "En route."
8. 1801 Call 1 - White County SO TN(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. A person who identified themselves as "Brandon, White County Sheriff's Department" of Tennessee called the NRPD and reported deputies in Tennessee were actively working a homicide in their jurisdiction and noted the subject of their investigation was Jason Norris (Norris). Norris had shot the victim of the homicide in the face. Norris should be considered armed and dangerous. A warrant had not yet been entered for the arrest of Norris. Further, the vehicle Norris was driving was picked up on Flock cameras in North Ridgeville six minutes prior to placing the call. The caller provided the North

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Ridgeville Police dispatcher with the license plate number of the vehicle Norris was driving.

9. 1807 Call 2 - White County SO TN(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. The previous caller again called NRPD to pass along the subject vehicle was again picked up on Flock cameras in the city of North Ridgeville. The NRPD dispatcher advised the caller NRPD was aware of the second Flock capture and were monitoring for additional Flock hits.
10. 1808 Dispatch call to Westlake(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. The NRPD dispatcher called Westlake Police Department and advised them the subject vehicle may be entering their jurisdiction.
11. 1812 Call from Lt. Lee(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. NRPD Lieutenant Lee called NRPD regarding new Flock hits and possible ties between the subject to specific areas in Tennessee.
12. 1825 Call from Avon PD(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. Avon Police Department called NRPD and advised they located the subject vehicle on a Flock camera and were also looking for it.
13. 1846 Call 3 - White County SO TN(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. The White County Sheriff's Office employee noted in the earlier calls again called NRPD for an update and was advised NRPD officers were still actively searching for the subject vehicle.
14. 1900 Call 4 to White County SO(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. NRPD called White County Sheriff's Office and advised NRPD located the subject vehicle and were setting up a perimeter. A Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) agent advised they were in the process of obtaining an arrest warrant and provided a better description of the subject's physical appearance. During the call the NRPD dispatcher advised the TBI agent he would call back later because shots had just been fired and the call was abruptly ended.
15. 1907 Call to Westcom(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. NRPD called Westcom/NRFD and requested they respond to the scene because a person had been shot.
16. 1909 Call from Westcom(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. Westcom/NRFD called NRPD and reported two squads were en route to the scene of the shooting.
17. 1911 Call from Westcom(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. Westcom/NRFD called NRPD inquiring if it was safe to approach the subject residence.
18. 1914 Call to Westcom(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. NRPD called Westcom/NRFD back and advised it was safe to pull up to the subject residence.

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19. 1919 Call from Lt Petek(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. NRPD Lieutenant Petek called NRPD dispatch inquiring about what happened.
20. 1919 Call to Chief(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. NRPD dispatch called and left a voicemail with the NRPD Chief of Police advising him of the officer-involved shooting.
21. 1921 Call to Chief's Wife(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. NRPD dispatch called the wife of NRPD Chief of Police attempting to reach him.
22. 1922 Call from Avon Manpower(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. Avon PD called NRPD and advised they had police manpower available if need to assist NRPD.
23. 1922 Voicemail for Chief(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. NRPD called and left a voicemail with the NRPD Chief of Police.
24. 1923 Contact with 41 via phone(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. NRPD Dispatch received a call from the Chief of Police who was advised of the officer-involved shooting.
25. 1929 Call from Lt Petek 2(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. NRPD Lieutenant Petek called and inquired if the Chief of Police had been notified.
26. 1936 Call to BCI(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. NRPD called BCI, reported the officer-involved shooting and requested BCI respond to investigate.
27. 1937 Call from 43(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. An unknown individual asked NRPD dispatch if they called the SWAT team.
28. 1949 Call from Parker #80(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. NRPD Officer Parker called NRPD dispatch and obtained a social security number and possible address for Norris. The officer advised dispatch a pistol was found in Norris's pants pocket while at the hospital and the weapon had been secured.
29. 1955 Call 43 to 48(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. NRPD transferred a call between NRPD officers where one advised the other the Chief of Police requested all detectives be called in to service.
30. 2009 Call 5 - White County SO TN(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. White County Sheriff's Department called NRPD requesting an update on the incident.
31. 2010 43 call to 87(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. An unknown NRPD member called NRPD dispatch and asked to speak with the involved officers. SA Valente promptly stopped the review of this audio call to avoid any possible Garrity issues prior to the caller being transferred to the involved officers.
32. [REDACTED] All Radio Traffic(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. This recording was 36:53 in length and included all radio traffic relative to the officer-involved shooting. The radio traffic most noteworthy to this investigation was snipped

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out of this larger recording and detailed above in recordings one through seven already
detailed above.

33. 2030 Call from 69 from SJWS(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. NRPD dispatch received a call from NRPD Detective Neff who notified them at 2028 hours Norris was pronounced deceased.
34. 2051 Cuy M.E.'s Office(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. NRPD called the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office and reported Norris's death.
35. 2128 Call 6 - White County SO TN(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. White County Sheriff's Office called NRPD and requested an update and were identified the subject was pronounced deceased after the officer-involved shooting.
36. 2145 Call 7 - TN Investigations(bgirgash@nridgeville.org)
 - a. A TBI agent called NRPD requesting further information and was advised the subject was now deceased, possessed two firearms and fired at an NRPD officer.

Video Recordings

This section contains information from the review of the body-worn camera (BWC) video recordings.

Note that [REDACTED] responded directly to the scene of the officer involved shooting from his home rather than first responding to the police station as he generally would. Consequently, [REDACTED] did not have an opportunity to pick up his body-worn camera from the police station. [REDACTED] did not activate his body-worn camera until after the shooting was over.

1. "Lieutenant Anthony Lee"

This BWC recording is 45 minutes and 46 seconds in length and captured the actions of Lieutenant Anthony Lee (Lieutenant Lee). The video recording began as Lieutenant Lee and other NRPD officers approached the subject residence, 4802 James Drive, from the rear of the home (north). As Lieutenant Lee approached the home, an unknown officer can be overheard on Lieutenant Lee's BWC stating "Front door is opening" (2:02). An unknown NRPD officer next exclaimed "North Ridgeville Police. (2:10)" As the officer made that exclamation, the sound of his voice was drowned out by the sound of radio traffic of another NRPD officer stating over the police radio "Block that car in. Block that car in. That car does not leave. (2:12)" An unknown NRPD officer then yelled "Police, do not move. Put your hands on your face. (2:18)" Immediately after the officer made this statement, Lieutenant Lee's BWC picked up audio sounds consistent

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with gunfire. The first cracking sound occurred at 2:25, the second cracking sound occurred at 2:27, and the third cracking sound occurred at 2:28.

As the sound of apparent gunfire could be heard, Lieutenant Lee himself had just jumped over a chain-link fence separating the home directly east of the subject residence and the home directly behind it. Lieutenant Lee's BWC view of the subject was blocked by a shed in the backyard of the home directly to the east of the subject home. Lieutenant Lee's BWC did not capture any video of the subject, Jason Norris (Norris), or NRPD officers firing their weapons.

Lieutenant Lee approached the subject who had collapsed on the driveway. Lieutenant Lee was the first officer to reach the subject and did so at the 3:30 mark of the recording.

As Officer Lee reached Norris, a black pistol can be seen on Lieutenant Lee's BWC video lying in the gravel driveway directly behind Norris's ankles.



Lt Lee BWC Still 1

At the 3:40 mark, Lieutenant Lee picked up the pistol lying next to Norris and tossed it into the front yard. Lieutenant Lee was joined by Officer Vincent Macy (Officer Macy) at the 3:45 mark. These two officers then placed Norris in handcuffs. While placing Norris

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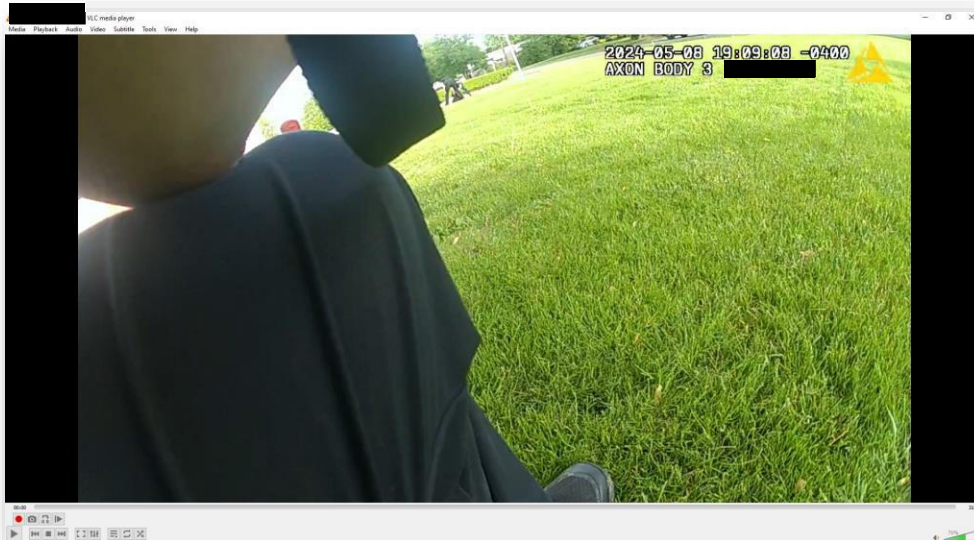
in handcuffs, the officers requested an ambulance respond to the scene and a medical aid bag be brought to their location.

Lieutenant Lee and Officer Macy searched Norris's person for injuries and located an apparent penetrating gunshot wound to Norris's upper right chest. Officer Macy placed a gunshot wound chest seal over the apparent gunshot wound at 5:12.

Lieutenant Lee covered the chest seal with a medical bandage and applied pressure to the dressing. At no point in the video did Norris himself move on his own or make any statements. Norris, however, could be heard gasping for air in what appeared consistent with agonal breathing. Around the 10:30 mark, officers could no longer feel Norris's pulse and began providing CPR chest compressions. A North Ridgeville firefighter arrived and took over CPR at the 12:04 mark. After firefighters arrived on scene and took over medical care of Norris, Lieutenant Lee secured the crime scene with crime scene tape.

2. [REDACTED]

This BWC recording was 31:14 in length and captured actions of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The video recording began after the shooting occurred while [REDACTED] provided cover for other NRPD officers as they secured Norris.



[REDACTED] BWC Still 1

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██████████ approached Donathan Herron (Herron) who was lying on his stomach on the sidewalk leading from the driveway to the front door of the home. ██████████ placed Herron in handcuffs.



██████████ BWC Still 2

After placing Herron in handcuffs, ██████████ moved to a position of cover along a shed behind the home. From there, ██████████ watched the rear of the home as other NRPD officers conducted a protective sweep of the home. Once the home was deemed safe, ██████████ returned to the front yard and stood near the pistol that was found next to Norris. At the 13:09 mark, an unknown member of the North Ridgeville Fire Department (NRPD) approached ██████████ and asked, "So, what happened as far as, he was coming at you guys and, and somebody just put him down? (13:08)" ██████████ responded. "He was, he drew his weapon, fired in that direction ██████████ pointed in the direction of where ██████████ was known to be standing during the shooting). The NRPD member replied, "Oh, he did fire, okay." ██████████ then called out "LT" in an apparent attempt to have an NRPD Lieutenant speak with the NRPD member. The NRPD member told ██████████

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██████████ that was all he needed to know and walked away to speak with someone else.

At the 15:02 mark of the recording, ██████████ was standing in the front yard and his BWC picked up audio of a conversation between Lieutenant Pat West (Lieutenant West) and an unknown NRPD officer. While discussing the incident, the unknown officer stated to the Lieutenant "I saw him (Norris) raise the gun."

At the 16:36 mark, ██████████ called out for Lieutenant West who was nearby in the front yard and stated, "If somebody can watch this (appeared to motion to his rifle), I fired two rounds at him too." ██████████ then handed his rifle to Lieutenant West. Moments later, ██████████ pointed out to Lieutenant Lee where he was when he fired his rifle.

Around the 27:00 mark, ██████████ and a group of officers met with NRPD Chief Michael Freeman (Chief Freeman) in the roadway in front of the home. Chief Freeman advised both involved officers not to communicate with each other and to be driven back to the police station separately by other officers.

Beginning around the 27:45 mark of the recording, while ██████████ was seated in the passenger seat of Officer Vincent Macy's (Officer Macy's) patrol car, ██████████'s BWC began to capture audio of a conversation between Chief Freeman and Herron. Herron told Chief Freeman "All I heard was yelling. I heard, I heard him (Norris) say get in the house to me because I guess he saw y'all. And then, then, I seen, I seen him (Norris) pulling a gun out. Then I heard shots fired from both (unintelligible). One more then another then he was on the ground. Then (unintelligible). (28:11)" Chief Freeman asked Herron "Did you see him (Norris) shoot?" Herron replied, "Yes. I seen him shoot." Chief Freeman asked, "What direction did he shoot in?" Herron replied, "Towards the back of the shed (28:40)." Herron then explained that he did not see anything else relevant and was distraught.

3. "Patrolman John Metz"o"

This BWC recording was 28:36 in length and captured the actions of Officer John Metz (Officer Metz). The recording began as Officer Metz stood in the front yard of 4802 James Drive, as ██████████ detained Herron and other officers tended to Norris.

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Ofc Metzo BWC Still

Officer Metzo quickly joined Officer Macy and [REDACTED] in conducting a protective sweep of the home. Once the home was cleared, Officer Metzo returned to the front yard. Officer Metzo, [REDACTED] and Officer Macy then walked to the telephone pole where [REDACTED] had fired his rifle from and appeared to look for a cartridge casing. While searching the area, [REDACTED] stated "Yeah, I was here. I was here, and then he shot at me, and I shot from here. (11:11)"

The three officers then briefly discussed what had just transpired. [REDACTED] demonstrated his position and stated "I saw the gun come up and then he shot. And I was like whew, and just, I mean. (11:34)" The officers then returned to look for a cartridge casing in the area.

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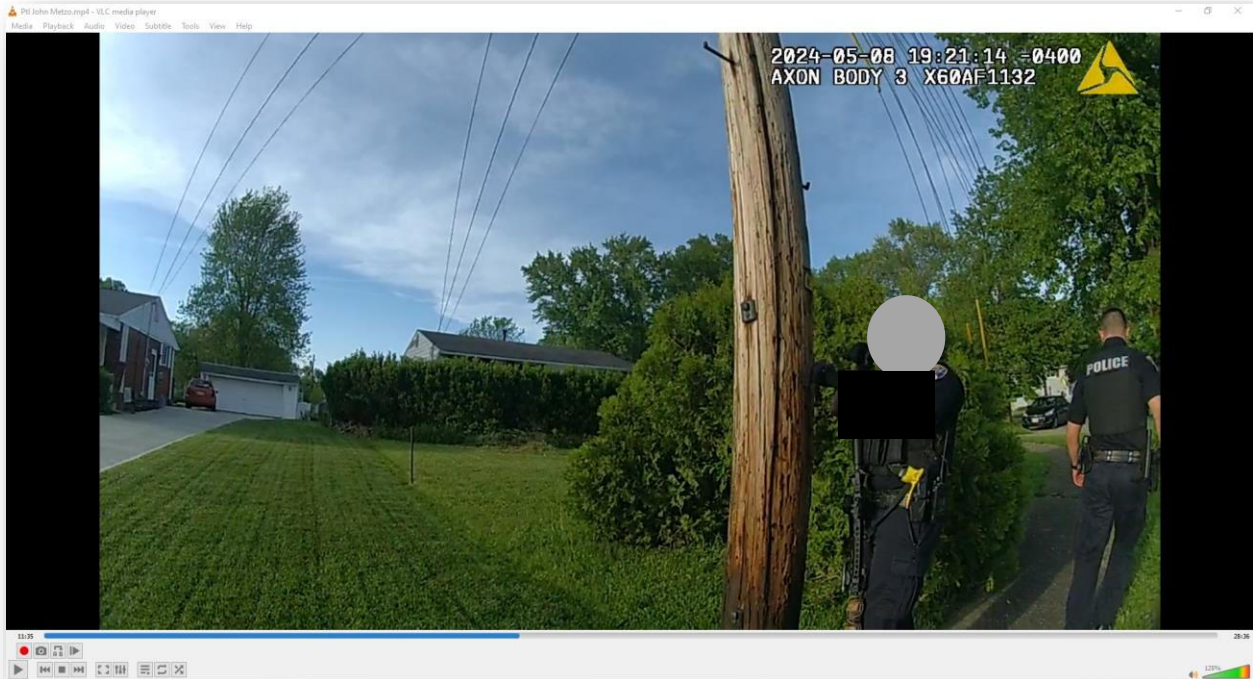


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Ofc Metzo BWC Still 2 - ██████████'s Face Covered

Around the 24:00 mark, NRPD Chief Freeman arrived on scene and asked ██████████ to briefly explain what happened. SA Valente stopped the review of this BWC recording at that point to avoid any potential Garrity issues.

4. "Patrolman Michael Gasparini"

This BWC recording was 30:49 in length and captured the actions of Officer Michael Gasparini (Officer Gasparini). The recording began as Officer Gasparini ran towards 4802 James Drive from the west, just after the shooting occurred. Officer Gasparini took cover behind a pick-up truck in the roadway approximately three houses to the right of 4802 James, as the other officers can be heard in the distance giving verbal commands. Officer Gasparini approached the subject residence, as officers were detaining Herron and rendering aid to Norris. This recording did not capture any additional information relevant to the investigation not already known or detailed above.

5. "Patrolman Brad Parker 1"

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This BWC recording was 14:13 in length and captured the actions of Officer Brad Parker (Officer Parker). The recording began as Officer Parker appeared to be using his patrol vehicle as cover, while he directed a rifle in the direction of the subject residence. The recording began moments after the officer-involved shooting occurred. After [REDACTED] [REDACTED] handcuffed Herron, Officer Parker temporarily placed Herron in his patrol vehicle. This recording did not capture any additional information relevant to the investigation not already known or detailed above.

6. "Patrolman Brad Parker 2"

This BWC recording was 41:13 seconds in length and captured the actions of Officer Parker at Saint John Medical Center, 29000 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, Ohio. The recording began as Officer Parker stood at the doorway to the emergency room where Norris had received treatment. Norris was clearly deceased prior to the beginning of this recording. Officer Parker's BWC captured Detective Neff as he photographed Norris's person, clothing, wallet and contents of the wallet. At the 5:20 mark of the recording, an unknown nurse can be heard telling the detective she located a firearm Norris possessed while in the hospital and found the gun in Norris's left front pants pocket. After photographing Norris, his clothing, and possessions, the officers placed the clothing and property in evidence bags.

7. "Patrolman Brad Parker 3"

This BWC recording was 50:02 in length and appeared to begin shortly after the last recording ended. Early into this recording, the audio is muted when medical professionals begin to have a private conversation. At the 25:00 mark, Norris's person is removed from the emergency room by a University Hospital police officer and transferred to the hospital morgue. The audio was unmuted at the 33:51 mark. NRPD officers stood by the hospital morgue until the video ended.

8. "Lieutenant Vince Abt"

This BWC recording was 8:24 in length and captured the actions of Lieutenant Vince Abt (Lieutenant Abt). The video began as Lieutenant Abt responded to the scene of the officer-involved shooting. Lieutenant Abt arrived after the shooting had occurred. Another NRPD officer is overheard noting the arrival of the NRPD just prior to the arrival of Lieutenant Abt. Lieutenant Abt briefly provided traffic control and limited access to the public to James Drive before clearing the scene and ending the recording.

9. "Patrolman John McGraw"

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This BWC recording was 41:09 in length and captured the actions of Officer John McGraw (Officer McGraw) while he was at Saint John Medical Center. At the 3:06 mark of the recording, Officer McGraw told Detective Neff he had previously collected the firearm found on Norris's person while at the hospital and turned it over to Lieutenant West. Officer McGraw's BWC otherwise captured the same information previously noted in the review of Officer Parker's BWC recordings.

10. "Detective Aaron Neff Removal_of_Body_from_hospital"

This BWC recording was 7:52 in length and captured the removal of Norris's person from the hospital morgue. The timestamp on the BWC indicated Norris's body was removed at approximately 2353 hours on May 8, 2024.

11. "Patrolman Ian Wilkshire 1"

This BWC recording was 4:09 in length and captured the activity of Officer Ian Wilkshire (Officer Wilkshire) after the officer-involved shooting. The recording captured a conversation between Ethyl Cantley and Lieutenant Lee discussing familial relations and next of kin contacts for Norris.

12. "Patrolman Ian Wilkshire 2"

This BWC recording was 10:27 in length and captured additional activity of Officer Wilkshire after the previous recording. In this recording, Officer Wilkshire spoke with residents of 4784 James Drive regarding obtaining a copy of their home surveillance video.

13. "Lieutenant Pat West Interview_with_witness, Donathan_Herron"

This BWC recording was 12:43 in length and captured an interview Lieutenant West conducted with Herron at NRPD. During the interview, Herron reported Norris arrived at his home approximately 30 minutes before the officer-involved shooting. Norris told Herron "him and his girlfriend got into it, and he was coming to see granny. (1:20)" Herron and Norris made plans to drive to Elyria to sight-see in their old neighborhood. When they walked out the front door, Herron told Norris to go back inside. Herron heard someone yell "put your hands in the air. (1:48)" Herron continued, next stating, "I seen him (Norris) pull a gun out and shoot towards the back of the shed and then I heard another gunshot. And then by that time they had done told me to get on the ground. (1:53)"

Herron stated Norris was recently released from prison and his visit and arrival at Herron's home was unexpected. Norris did not tell Herron he killed his girlfriend during their brief time together.

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When asked, Herron stated he was surprised when he saw Norris pull out a gun. Herron reported Norris was unaware the police were outside the home when the two men opened the front door and walked outside.

When asked how many shots Norris fired, Herron replied "all I heard was one. (7:30)"

14. "Patrolman Rudy Ackerman
Taking_witness,_Donathan_Herron_back_to_residence"

This BWC recording was 11:04 in length and captured Officer Rudy Ackerman (Officer Ackerman) as he transported Herron back to his home at the conclusion of the above-described interview Herron participated in with Lieutenant West.

Conclusion

Based upon the tangible/physical evidence, video and audio recordings, statements from uninvolved law enforcement officers, statements from witnesses and the totality of the investigation, it is concluded the NRPD received credible information from WCSO that Norris was traveling through the city of North Ridgeville in his girlfriend's vehicle on May 8, 2024, after Norris allegedly murdered his girlfriend earlier that day or late the previous night. Based upon the information obtained from WCSO, NRPD officers, including [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] began to look for Norris and the vehicle he was believed to be driving.

[REDACTED] located the subject vehicle parked and unoccupied in the driveway of 4802 James Drive, North Ridgeville, Ohio. NRPD officers gathered at the end of James Road and devised a plan to surround the home and call out the occupants over a public address system / loudspeaker. Prior to all the officers being in place, Norris and his cousin, Herron, emerged from the house unexpectedly. The officers were forced to react to Norris's presence at that time.

[REDACTED] and Officer Macy, who were positioned closest to the subject home, quickly yelled out to Norris and Herron, identifying themselves and making their presence known to the two men. Norris and Herron were given clear and direct lawful commands not to move. Herron obeyed the officers' commands and stopped walking. Norris, however, seemingly unfazed by the officers' presence and commands, told Herron to go back inside the house and continued to walk away from the home and towards the vehicle in the driveway.

[REDACTED] who had taken cover behind a utility pole at the far end of the neighboring property near the roadway yelled to Norris "Police, do not move. Put your hands behind your back." This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law - a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.



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hands on your face." Norris ignored these commands. Norris, instead of standing still and/or placing his hands on his face as ordered, chose to continue walking to the vehicle in the driveway. Norris then opened the driver's door of the vehicle, produced a pistol, turned towards [REDACTED] extended his arms out over the roof of the vehicle, and fired a single gunshot at [REDACTED] Norris then quickly turned to his left and pointed his gun in the direction of [REDACTED] who was positioned at the rear property line behind a chain-link fence separating the subject residence from the home behind it. Almost immediately after Norris raised his gun and pointed it in the direction of [REDACTED], the two officers each fired a single gunshot at Norris. [REDACTED] is believed to have fired his shot approximately 0.533 seconds before [REDACTED] but this could not be conclusively determined. After being shot, Norris looked down at his gun and began to step backwards towards the rear of the vehicle. Norris then fell to the ground.

Immediately after Norris fell to the ground, members of NRPD reported the shooting, requested emergency medical services to respond, approached Norris and began to render aid.

Norris was transported to a nearby hospital where he succumbed to his wounds. Norris' autopsy report noted he was struck by a single bullet. That bullet could not be scientifically matched to either officer's rifle. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The path this bullet traveled is consistent with having been fired from the position where [REDACTED] was standing in relation to Norris at the time [REDACTED] fired. The path the bullet traveled is not consistent with the direction a bullet would have traveled and struck Norris from the position [REDACTED] was standing at when he fired his rifle.

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