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

Investigative Activity: Neighborhood Canvass - 4815 James Road
Involves: Veronica Nieves
Activity Date: 05/08/2024
Activity Location: 4815 James Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039
Authoring Agent: SA Andrew J. Harasimchuk #170

Narrative:

On May 8, 2024, at approximately 2241 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Harasimchuk (Harasimchuk) conducted a neighborhood canvass in relation to the officer involved critical incident that occurred on May 8, 2024, at 4802 James Road, North Ridgeville Ohio, 44039. During this neighborhood canvass SA Harasimchuk saw what appeared to be video surveillance cameras on the exterior of 4815 James Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039 (Images #1-2).



(Image #1)

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(Image #2)

SA Harasimchuk and BCI SA William Conn knocked on the front door of this residence. The door was answered by Veronica Nieves (Nieves). Agents advised Nieves as to why agents were at Nieves residence and asked Nieves if Nieves video surveillance cameras captured the above-mentioned incident. Nieves stated that the cameras did record the incident and that she [Nieves] would be willing to provide agents with a copy of the video surveillance footage. Agents then began to interview Nieves about this incident. The purpose of interviewing Nieves was to obtain all relevant information about the officer involved critical incident, known, or observed by this individual.

The following is a brief summary of the information deemed by the author to be the most relevant to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. The information was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Nieves stated that her [Nieves] dog started barking while she [Nieves] was in the shower. Nieves said that she [Nieves] looked out of the window and saw "some shots, fired, guy on the ground, and that's all I saw." Nieves indicated that she [Nieves] saw a

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person walking in the driveway and that this person was the individual that ended up on the ground. Nieves said that this individual was in front of the sports utility vehicle in the driveway. Nieves said that she [Nieves] also saw law enforcement in the area. After seeing this, Nieves went back into the shower.

When asked, Nieves identified two windows, the bathroom, and the front door, that she [Nieves] had looked out of to view this incident (Image#3).



(Image #3)

When asked, Nieves said that the dogs were barking so she [Nieves] did not hear how many shots had been fired. Nieves said that she [Nieves] saw when this male turned and pointed a gun at a police vehicle.

When asked, Nieves said that she [Nieves] did not hear anything that was being said, either because of her [Nieves] barking dogs.

Nieves was provided a link through Axon Capture to share the video surveillance footage with agents.

Agents attempted to take a photograph of Nieves vantage point of the incident while on scene. However, due to the lighting conditions at the time, the photograph was

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taken the camera was unable to show what Nieves had seen earlier in the day (Image #4).



(Image #4)

Nieves retook the photographs and provided them to agents at a later time (Images #5-7).

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(Image #5)



(Image #6)

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(Image #7)

On May 9, 2024, at approximately 1234 hours, agents received the following seven video clips from Nieves through Axon Capture:

- 4815_James_Rd_Camera_1_Video_1
- 4815_James_Rd_Camera_1_Video_2
- 4815_James_Rd_Camera_2_Video_1
- 4815_James_Rd_Camera_2_Video_2
- 4815_James_Rd_Camera_2_Video_3
- 4815_James_Rd_Camera_2_Video_4
- 4815_James_Rd_Camera_2_Video_5

SA Harasimchuk then reviewed these video clips and noted the following:

4815_James_Rd_Camera_1_Video_1

This video clip was approximately 12 seconds in duration and had the following time stamp: 05-08-2024 07 07 08 PM and was labeled as "Back Yard" (Image #8). This video

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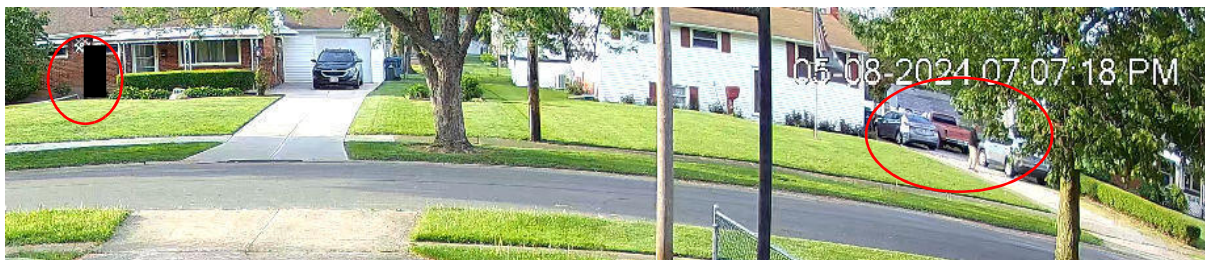
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showed two individuals in the driveway area of 4802 James Road and what appeared to be a police officer in the front yard of 4816 James Road (Image #9).



(Image #8)



(Image #9)

4815_James_Rd_Camera_1_Video_2

This video clip was approximately 22 seconds in duration and had the following time stamp: 05-08-2024 07 08 04 PM and was labeled as "Back Yard" (Image #10). This video showed an individual laying in the driveway and what appeared to be multiple police officers in the area (Image #11).

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(Image #10)



(Image #11)

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4815_James_Rd_Camera_2_Video_1

This video clip was approximately 1 minute and 28 seconds in duration and had the following time stamp: 05-08-2024 07 06 31 PM and was labeled as "East Garage" (Image #12). This video showed two individuals coming out of the front door of 4802 James Road. One of these individuals opened the door to a vehicle parked in the driveway and appeared to get inside of the vehicle. This individual then gets back out of the vehicle and closes the door after walking around the driveway. This individual appeared to be moving his arm(s) before the individual fell in the driveway. A police vehicle then pulled up and an officer exited the police vehicle. The officer then went to the rear of the police vehicle and appeared to be pointing something in the direction of the individual in the driveway (Image #13). The other individual that exited out of the front door then appeared to lay down on the ground.



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(Image #13)

4815_James_Rd_Camera_2_Video_2

This video clip was approximately 50 seconds in duration and had the following time stamp: 05-08-2024 07 07 09 PM and was labeled as "East Garage" (Image #14). This video clip appeared to be a shorter version of the video clip titled, **4815_James_Rd_Camera_2_Video_1**.

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(Image #14)

4815_James_Rd_Camera_2_Video_3

This video clip was approximately 52 seconds in duration and had the following time stamp: 05-08-2024 07 09 02 PM and was labeled as "East Garage" (Image #15). This video clip showed what appeared to be the officers approaching the male that had fallen to the ground in the driveway and then approaching the second male that appeared to have laid down on the ground (Image #16).

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(Image #15)



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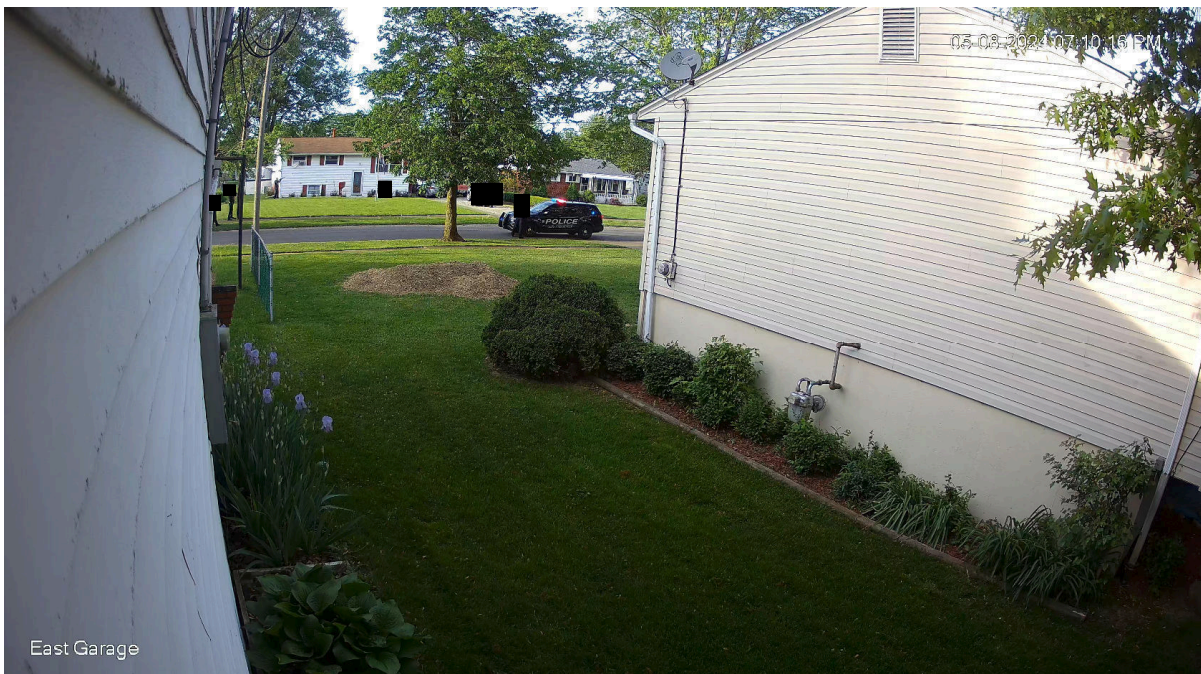


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4815_James_Rd_Camera_2_Video_4

This video clip was approximately one minute and 54 seconds in duration and had the following time stamp: 05-08-2024 07 10 16 PM and was labeled as "East Garage" (Image #16). This video clip showed what appeared to be police officers conducting some type of activity near the individual that had fallen in the driveway and the second individual that had appeared to lay down on the ground.



(Image #16)

4815_James_Rd_Camera_2_Video_5

This video clip was approximately 27 seconds in duration and had the following time stamp: 05-08-2024 07 15 22 PM and was labeled as "East Garage" (Image #17). This video showed what appeared to be police officers entering the front door of 4802 James Road and what appeared to be other officers conducting some type of activity by the individual that had fallen in the driveway.

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East Garage

(Image #17)

The interview with Nieves was audio recorded and added as an attachment to this report. Refer to the attachment for further details.

The video surveillance footage that was provided by Nieves was copied onto a DVD and placed into the item section of the physical case file and labeled as Item B. Refer to Item #B for further details. The reader of this Investigative Report should review the video surveillance footage in its entirety.

References:

Item B - Surveillance Camera Video 4815 James Rd

Attachments:

1. Photograph of 4815 James Road - Front
2. Photograph of 4815 James Road - Front Surveillance Cameras
3. Photograph from inside 4815 James Road - Front Door taken by SA Harasimchuk
4. Photograph from inside 4815 James Road - Front Door taken by Veronica Nieves #1
5. Photograph from inside 4815 James Road - Front Door taken by Veronica Nieves #2

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6. Photograph from inside 4815 James Road - Bathroom Window taken by Veronica Nieves
7. Audio Interview of Veronica Nieves - 2024-05-08

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