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Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Neighborhood Canvass
Involves: Mary O. DeCola (O)
Date of Activity: 12/28/2020
Activity Location: DeCola, Mary O. – Home – 1078 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, OH 43221, Franklin County
Author: SA James H Gore, #168

Narrative:

During a neighborhood canvass on the afternoon of December 28, 2020, at approximately 1500 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) James Gore contacted Mary DeCola, the resident of 1078 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, OH, 43221. The purpose of the contact was to determine whether or not the resident observed or otherwise had any relevant information regarding the critical incident involving Columbus Police Officer Adam Coy and the decedent, Andre Hill, which took place in the vicinity on the morning of December 22, 2020.

Ms. DeCola advised that she was home asleep during the time of the incident, and therefore she did not witness or observe what transpired. DeCola mentioned that when she woke up to use the restroom at approximately 0330 hours that morning, she observed numerous emergency vehicles lining Oberlin Drive in front of her home.

Ms. DeCola stated that she did not know the decedent and she has never seen him before, but she was familiar with many of her neighbors because she has resided in the neighborhood since the 1960's.

Ms. DeCola described the neighborhood as being mostly quiet with normal pedestrian traffic. She said some homes have been burglarized in the past, including her own home in 2000, and her neighbor's at 1070 Oberlin approximately 5 years ago.

DeCola said she believed the resident at 1062 Oberlin, who she knew as "Bill," was a retiree from Ohio State University. She further mentioned that periodically, people who visited Bill's home would park in front of her house. Ms. DeCola said she has had conversations with another neighbor, "Mary," of 1070 Oberlin, who suggested that ever since Bill has had a young female living with him, there has been more vehicle traffic to and from Bill's house. Ms.

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DeCola said her neighbor Mary once confronted Bill and asked him why so many of his visitors parked in front other residents' homes and Mary reportedly told him, 'It gets real busy when you're out of town.' Mary, according to Ms. DeCola, said she did not trust Bill because he allegedly lied about the young woman living with him being his niece, when she was not. Ms. DeCola relayed that Mary told her that Bill had been trying to get the young woman out of his house because she was into heavy-duty drugs.

Ms. DeCola recalled that Mary told her that she has already been interviewed by agents on this matter.