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Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 300 Wood Street Apt. A8,
Mansfield, OH

Investigative Activity: Neighborhood Canvass
Date of Activity: 07/29/2021
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Narrative:

On Thursday, July 29, 2021, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) and Eric Lehnhart (Lehnhart) conducted a neighborhood canvass in the area of 300 Wood Street, Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. The purpose for the canvass was to identify and interview potential witnesses to the officer-involved critical incident shooting that occurred at 300 Wood Street, Mansfield, Ohio, on Thursday, July 29, 2021. During the neighborhood canvass, SA Tingley and SA Lehnhart made or attempted contact with the residents at the following addresses:

300 Wood Street, Apt. A-1, Mansfield, Ohio

Amanda Thompson (Thompson) stated she was home when she heard what she believed to be gunshots in the parking lot of her apartment building. By the time she stepped out of her apartment, multiple Mansfield Police Department cruisers were already in the parking lot. One uniformed Mansfield police officer approached her and asked if she had called 911, however, Thompson denies calling 911 from her cell phone.

300 Wood Street, Apt. A-2 Mansfield, Ohio

Scott Hout (Hout) stated that he heard two males arguing in an upstairs apartment. Hout then heard a “couple” of gunshots being fired, however, he did not want to give a number of shots that were fired as he was unsure. Hout then went to the bedroom window in his apartment and looked outside, at which point he observed a black male wearing a t-shirt and standing in the parking lot.

300 Wood Street, Apt. A-3, Mansfield, Ohio

Matthew Mays (Mays) stated that he was taking a shower and was playing loud music in the bathroom when he heard a “thudding” noise coming from within an apartment on the second floor of the building. Mays heard some other noises which he was not able to discern as to what the noises were, but they lasted approximately 10 minutes. Mays stated that by the time he looked outside, all he saw was a number of Mansfield Police Department cruisers with

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their overhead lights on.

300 Wood Street, Apt. A-4, Mansfield, Ohio

Christina Watson (Watson) advised that she heard a substantial amount of fighting in an apartment on the second floor of the complex. She then observed a black man in a tan t-shirt and heard him exclaim, "No, oh my God, No, No."

300 Wood Street, Apt. A-5, Mansfield, Ohio

On August 10, 2021, SA Tingley contacted Gary Till (Till) by public service. Till stated that he lives at 300 Wood Street, Apt. 5, but he was not at home during the officer-involved critical incident shooting.

300 Wood Street, Apt. A-6, Mansfield, Ohio

Atilano Ferrer DeChavez (Chavez) was contacted and stated that he heard noises and looked out and saw multiple Mansfield Police cruisers. DeChavez stated that once he saw the cruisers, he closed the blinds and did not observe or hear anything else.

300 Wood Street, Apt. A-7, Mansfield, Ohio

A recorded interview was conducted with Eric Sackman (Sackman). Sackman advised that he heard a male yelling at the apartment next door, however, he could not understand what was being said. Sackman then heard a physical altercation taking place. A short time later, he heard approximately five shots being fired. Sackman then heard, "Police, Stop, Police," and then heard what he took to be the police firing their weapons. When asked, Sackman advised that there was approximately 10 seconds between the first shots and the suspected police shots. After approximately five seconds, Sackman heard more shots, which he believed were from the police. When asked, Sackman stated that the second round of suspected police shots numbered approximately eight to ten rounds. Sackman then heard screaming and observed more police cruisers and the Mansfield Fire Department Rescue Squad arrive.

300 Wood Street, Apt. B-1

Robert Rawie (Rawie) and Cheri McKim (McKim) were in the living room of their apartment. Rawie heard three gunshots "close by" and then two additional gunshots in the "distance." Rawie then heard people running up the staircase to the second floor of the complex. A short time later, Rawie observed a black male with a medical dressing on his neck being escorted by Mansfield Fire Department EMS. Rawie then observed a second male on a stretcher and CPR was being performed by a mechanical device. McKim advised that she heard an undetermined number of gunshots but did not hear anything else or look outside until after the ambulance had left.

300 Wood Street, Apt. B-2, Mansfield, Ohio

On August 9, 2021, SA Tingley contacted Crystalina Glover (Glover) and Jeremy Breedlove (Breedlove) at this residence. Both Glover and Breedlove advised that they were not home at the time of the officer-involved critical incident.

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Luther Spencer was contacted, but advised that he was not at home at the time of the officer-involved critical incident.

300 Wood Street, Apt. B-4, Mansfield, Ohio

Cody McGuire (McGuire) and Victoria Ousley (Ousley) both stated that they heard some sort of "commotion" but did not hear any of the gunshots, verbal arguments or commands. McGuire stated that when he eventually looked out, he observed a male with a towel on his neck, who looked to have "been stabbed." A second male was observed on an EMS cot and CPR was being performed by a mechanical device. Ousley stated that she did not look out because she was nervous about what was going on.

300 Wood Street, Apt. B-5, Mansfield, Ohio

Sondra Wertenberger (Wertenberger) advised that she was in the bathroom of her apartment with a loud fan running when she heard four or five gunshots. By the time she looked out, multiple Mansfield Police and Fire Department vehicles were in the parking lot.

300 Wood Street, Apt. B-6, Mansfield, Ohio

On August 9, 2021, SA Tingley contacted Tashawnda Clark (Clark) at this residence. Clark advised that she was not home at the time of the officer-involved critical incident.

300 Wood Street, Apt. B-7, Mansfield, Ohio

Vacant apartment.

The interviews conducted, with the exception of Eric Sackman, were not recorded. Eric Sackman's interview was recorded and is attached to this Investigative Report.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2021-1772 WITNESS INTERVIEW 7-29-2021