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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 2307 10th Street SW, Canton, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Witness Interview
Involved: Jermal Monday (W)
Activity Date: January 1, 2022
Activity Location: Canton Police Department – 221 3rd Street SW, Canton, OH 44701
Authoring Agent: SA Matthew Armstrong #146

Narrative:

On January 1, 2022, at 0402 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Armstrong (Armstrong) and SA Chuck Moran (Moran) interviewed Jermal Monday (Jermal) at the Canton Police Department (CPD). Jermal was identified as a subject who was present at 2307 10th Street SW, Canton, Ohio, during the January 1, 2022, officer-involved shooting incident.

The following is a summary of the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Throughout the interview, Jermal provided the following information:

Jermal told agents he lived at the residence with James Williams (James) and Marquetta Williams (Marquetta). Marquetta and James were married and have three juvenile daughters that live with them. Jermal has lived there for the about six months.

Jermal said he was on the “couch” when the incident happened and the “girls” (juvenile females) were on the other side of the couch. Jermal remembered someone, either James or Marquetta, saying that “somebody got shot.” Jermal said he was half awake and half asleep when the incident occurred. SA Armstrong asked Jermal if he heard any gunshots. Jermal answered, “Just what was going off and that’s it.” SA Armstrong asked, “Do you know who was shooting?” Jermal responded, “No. I was in the house on the couch.”

SA Armstrong asked Jermal about what happened before the incident. Jermal said, “We was all sitting there and um, yeah, just sitting there drinking a little bit that’s it.” SA Armstrong asked if James was inside or outside. Jermal replied, “He was uh, he was out, when I uh, heard that he was, they both was coming around the corner and I seen the blood on his shirt.” Jermal

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confirmed that he saw blood on James' shirt. He said the next thing he remembered was seeing police lights "shining on the house."

SA Moran asked Jermal if James was holding or carrying anything when he came back in the house with the blood on his shirt. Jermal said James was "holding his chest." SA Moran asked Jermal if James said anything at that time. Jermal stated, "He said, 'I got shot.' "

SA Armstrong asked Jermal if he knew why James went outside. Jermal said, "I pass out sometimes." And he was tired. He said he was "going in and out on the couch." Jermal said he arrived at the residence shortly before 2300 hours.

SA Armstrong asked, "Did James have any guns in the house with him?" Jermal answered, "Yeah." SA Armstrong asked, "Was he shooting any of those guns tonight?" Jermal replied, "Not in the house." SA Armstrong asked, "Did he shoot any of them outside?" Jermal responded, "It was a lot of people shooting outside. It was a lot of gunshots though so I, like I said, I was in and out." Jermal added that he "passed out" and went to sleep.

SA Armstrong asked Jermal if Marquetta said anything. Jermal stated, "That was basically it. 'He got shot. Call 911.'" Jermal said he tried to grab his first phone, but he left it near a table and it was hooked up to a charger. He tried to grab his second phone, but the police were already there. Jermal said the police told them to get out of the house. Jermal left the house with Marquetta and the children. James stayed inside the house. The police put everyone in separate police vehicles. He did not see any other activity inside the house.

SA Armstrong asked, "Did you see James with a gun at all tonight?" Jermal replied, "No, we was all just sitting there uh, [unintelligible] everybody was just on their phone, the part that I remember. I was just sitting there with my phone in my hand, was going in and out. I was texting somebody, but I don't remember who I was texting." Jermal said both of his phones were still inside the house.

Jermal said he walked to the house shortly before 2300 hours. SA Armstrong asked Jermal if any of the guns inside the residence belonged to him. Jermal answered, "No uh, they're not mine." SA Armstrong asked, "Do you know who they belong to?" Jermal stated, "Some of them belong to him or Quetta." Jermal said he has a "CCW" but does not own a gun.

Jermal said Marquetta is his cousin. He has known James since he married Marquetta. SA Moran asked Jermal if he knows if James has done anything like this before and fired guns outside the

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house. Jermal responded, "No. Not that I know of." SA Moran asked Jermal if James consumed any alcohol, narcotics, or pills. Jermal stated, "It was just a little bit of alcohol, but everybody, me, my cousin has some..." Jermal said it was not to the point that James was visibly drunk. SA Moran asked Jermal if James has had any mental health issues recently. Jermal stated, "No. Not really."

Jermal said his cousin and James' nephew, Janairul Williams (Janairul), were also in the house. Jermal said he did not know what Marquetta did after the incident. Jermal said Janairul was also on the couch and was not shooting guns.

SA Moran asked Jermal about his prior statement about hearing gunshots. Jermal said, "It was a lot of people. We heard a lot of gunshots. Everybody. So, it wasn't just, it was gunshots in the area." SA Moran asked Jermal specifically about any gunfire in the moments immediately before James came in the house and was holding his chest with blood on his shirt. Jermal stated, "I heard uh, a couple of different guns going off within that time period of..." SA Moran asked, "That close time period?" Jermal continued, "Yeah."

SA Moran asked Jermal how he could tell that different guns were being fired. Jermal said he used to shoot and sometimes shoots at American Sports. He said he has shot most of James and Marquetta's guns in the past and can tell the difference between the sounds of the different calibers. Jermal said, "When everybody's shooting at, when everybody around that time was shooting at once, 'cause it was different guns, it could have been some fireworks though going off for the New Year." He said with different sounds being heard it was "kind of hard to tell, but it's not hard to tell." Jermal added, "But, like I said, I was in and out asleep so, but what I heard when I was sleeping, I said, 'of course you're going to hear that. It's New Year's Eve."

SA Moran asked Jermal if he recalled the "pace" of the gunshots immediately before he saw James and Marquetta. Jermal stated, "No, I woke up to uh, him and her coming around the corner um, he had blood on his shirt in two areas and they, the kids crying, yelling, and he's saying he got shot."

The interview with Jermal ended at about 0427 hours. The interview was audio recorded.

Attachments:

2022-01-01 Witness Interview Jermal Monday

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