



**Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report**



2024-1219

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4632 East Main Street,
Whitehall

Investigative Activity: Neighborhood Canvass
Involves: Demark Wilson; Area businesses
Activity Date: 04/19/2024
Activity Location: 4632 E. Main St, Whitehall, OH
Authoring Agent: SA Matt Collins #151

Narrative:

On April 19, 2024 at approximately 0500 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Matt Collins (SA Collins) and Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) conducted a neighborhood canvass in the area of 4632 E. Main St, Whitehall, OH. The purpose for the canvass was to identify and interview potential witnesses to the officer-involved shooting that occurred at 4632 E. Main St, Whitehall, Ohio on April 19, 2024. During the neighborhood canvass, Special Agents Collins and Douglass made contact or attempted contact with the following individuals:

It should be noted, the area is primarily a business area and the canvass involved more so a search for possible surveillance cameras which would have possibly captured the incident.

Demark Wilson- SA Collins was directed to a semi-tractor (Ozark) and trailer in the eastern area of the parking lot. SA Collins was told, responding officers had spoken with the driver/occupant, who was sleeping at the time. SA Collins and Douglass again, made contact with the driver, Demark Wilson (Wilson), who lives in Georgia, [REDACTED] Wilson stated he was awoken by officers, asking him if he'd seen or heard anything. Wilson said he told them he had not seen or heard anything because he was sleeping in the rear of his cab.

Roses Discount Store- SA Collins and Douglass noticed cameras under the front (south) overhang which were a great distance away from the reported shooting scene. Later, agents were told the cameras were non-functional.

Unknown Black Male- Agents happened upon a male subject who was sleeping under the west side of the overhang of Roses Discount Store. The male refused to speak with agents and would not identify himself.

4638 E. Main St- Laundromat. There were no cameras located.

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882 S. Hamilton Rd- Vacant property but appeared to have newer style cameras on the east side (rear) of the building. SA Collins spoke with building managers and was told there were no working cameras managed by them, however, the individual business owners may own and operate cameras (see attached email).

888 S. Hamilton Rd- SA Collins spoke with two female employees who showed SA Collins their cameras only depict the interior and front of the business and provided SA Collins with the building manager's contact information (see info from 882 and the attached email).

4660 E. Main St- Chase Bank- When the business opened, SA Collins made contact with the on-duty manager of the bank. She directed SA Collins to the cameras she was aware of which primarily captured the interior of the bank. She advised SA Collins would need to contact the corporate office to obtain camera footage. SA Collins was told Whitehall PD Detective Willis, or another member of WPD was already in contact with a manager, who was contacting corporate with the request. Det. Willis advised he would provide a copy of the video once received.

4628 E. Main St- Long John Silver's-The business was closed. WPD Detective Jason Kubinski advised he was told there was no working DVR to record video. Based on the position of the camera/s, it was not believed there would be a clear path to where the police-involved shooting incident occurred.

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Below is an overhead "Google Maps" view of the area, not depicting the scene as it was found.



 = Area of the OICI

 = Approximately where cameras referenced were positioned (rear of the building in question).

 = Approximate area where truck driver was parked (stated did not see/hear anything, truck running).

References: None

Attachments: The audio recording of Wilson's interview is attached to this report as well as the email communications related to the S. Hamilton properties.

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Matthew Collins

From: Megan Ellingson <mellingson@paradigmohio.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 11:01 AM
To: Matthew Collins
Subject: Re: [External] RE: Whitehall Town & Country Shopping Center - camera surveillance inquiry

Hi!

The cameras on this vacant space aren't working. If necessary, I can reach out to some of the other tenants there who have cameras and see what I can find out.

Please let me know what you would need from me, I'd be more than happy to help!

Thank you,

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From: Matthew Collins <Matthew.Collins@OhioAGO.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 8:48 AM
To: Megan Ellingson <mellingson@paradigmohio.com>
Subject: FW: [External] RE: Whitehall Town & Country Shopping Center - camera surveillance inquiry

Mrs. Ellingson,
Please see the correspondence below...I am looking to see if any video exists for April 18th and 19th 2024. Thank you in advance for any assistance.

Thank you,
SA Collins



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From: Beth VanderPol <BVanderPol@castoinfo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 3:18 PM
To: Matthew Collins <Matthew.Collins@OhioAGO.gov>
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Subject: RE: [External] RE: Whitehall Town & Country Shopping Center - camera surveillance inquiry

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882 S. Hamilton Rd is part of Great Eastern shopping center, not Town & Country. Casto sold this property 10/20/2023. This space was vacant when we sold the center, and the cameras were not working (they were left in the space from a previous tenant).

Please reach out to the new property management company to confirm nothing has changed. I have attached the property manager's contact information below. Thank you.

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Mrs. VanderPol,

Thank you for helping me with this. We've been in contact with Whitehall PD, due to them being involved in the incident. Do you have contact with the previous tenant of 882 S. Hamilton (empty; has realtor lock on front doors), as the cameras are in the rear of where that business would have been. The question is whether those cameras are still operational and recorded.

Thank you,
SA Collins



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Thank you for forwarding the information, Mitchell.

The cameras in the rear do not belong to Casto. Some of the tenants provide them, monitor and control them. We work with City of Whitehall PD for special duty hours during the week at different hours. Have you tried reaching out to them? Sgt. Earl handles the coordination and schedule of the officers that work for us.



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Beth,
I received this voicemail and had a follow up call with Matthew Collins with the Ohio AGO about a police shooting behind the McDonald's on East Broad Street last night.
Where the McDonald's is not on CASTO's T&C property he is asking for help with any surveillance camera records behind Town & Country that might help with his investigation.
I advised him you would be the best person at CASTO to help out. He did stop in and speak with the Rainbow tenant, but their cameras cover the front and interior of their premises.
He observed other cameras along the rear of the center and was looking for help to get access to other possible footage.
Matt's phone number is 216-218-2380 and I've copied him on this email with your contact information below.
Thanks...

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