

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



2024-1015

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 100 Block 8th Street, N.E. New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 Tuscarawas, County

Investigative Activity: Review of Records

Date of Activity: 05/02/2024

Author: SA Tiffany Najmulski, #49

Narrative:

On Thursday May 2, 2024, Special Agent (SA) Tiffany Najmulski (Najmulski) reviewed social media posts and news coverage in an attempt to identify possible witnesses and information helpful to the case. The following is a summary of information SA Najmulski found to be of interest.

WJER radio post – Wayne Webber commented that he could give the radio station a story that has not been seen on tv. Webber said he had already reported it to the police. Anna Fisher commented she has outdoor cameras that captured it all.

News 5 article – Neighbor, Kirk Norris, checked on his neighbor who had the vehicle in their house while Norris' nephew and "others" chased the suspect into the alley. Neighbor, Tina Smith, heard a large crash.

WKYC Channel 3 news clip – In the comment section @izzy said she saw "it" happen and thought the guy was drunk. She has pictures of the crash. @rossauce12 said he knew the guy and he was an awesome dude.

WKYC news clip - Cindy Abel heard squealing and a crash into her neighbor's house. She said a pickup truck went in the side of the house and a kid jumped out of the vehicle and ran between 2 houses.

Ohio Guardian Facebook post- Posted pictures of the scene afterwards.

19 News – Neighbor, Kirk Norris, said the man in the truck tried to reverse then got out and went to the passenger side of the police car and a struggle ensued. Kirk said the deputy gave the man fair warning, numerous times, to get out of the vehicle and warned he was going to shoot the man. Kirk heard 3 shots fired and then the "car" took off. Kirk said it was pretty chaotic and he did not if the sheriff was chasing the man or what happened. Kirk said he then saw the deputy laying in the road. Kirk said he ran to the deputy's aid and saw he had been shot and the deputy said he shot himself in the finger.

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Facebook post by Jordan Miller- Jordan posted a news article about the shooting and people responded to the post. Username, "Kick Stephanie", said she watched the whole thing. She said the man stole the sheriff's car and hit her neighbor's house. She said she does not think the man "made it" because "they" were doing chest compressions on him for 10 minutes. She went on to say it was very unpleasant to see. She saw a "Phila" cop pull him out of the car and give him chest compressions. She then made a comment "...the only innocent I knew that got hurt was the cop..."

A poster by the username Kiris R Murray said their husband was walking and heard gunshots.

Username, Adam Ankrom, said he was sitting on the couch and heard a vehicle go speeding past at "like 100 mph or more" then he heard a loud boom and heard shots.

Username Jasmine Wooten said the incident occurred down the street from her house. they said it was scary, "especially the shooting".

Username Skylier Milligan went to go check on family and said she and her boyfriend were held at gunpoint by police.

Facebook post by Karen.Kosegi- Karen posted there was a truck in her neighbor's living room and the guy took off running. She went on to say there were shots fired, the guy fled in a police car and ran the officer over. Karen said the man wrecked into another house. Karen added that "this may not be accurate".

Attached to this report and to the case file are the articles, posts, and news videos of which the information was found.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Facebook Comment (karen.kosegi.3)

Attachment # 02: Jordan Miller New Facebook Comment Video

Attachment # 03: Jordan Miller New Facebook Post

Attachment # 04: Ohio Guardian Facebook Post

Attachment # 05: www.facebook.com 1450WJER

Attachment # 06: 19 News Clip (video)

Attachment # 07: 19 News Clip

Attachment # 08: WKYC News Clip (Video)

Attachment # 09: WKYC News Clip Attachment # 10: News5 Article

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This is happening on our street ,truck in this neighbors living room, guy took off running, police everywhere fire trucks ,shots fired , guy fled in police car, runs over police officer wrecks into another house on east high ,I think maybe the guy who fled is shot but transported to hospital, what in world is going on 🤬 🤬 🤬 🤬 This may not be an accurate account .Im rather in awe and disbelief.











Jordan Miller - News's Post





UPDATE: The suspect is dead - https://www.jordanmiller.news/.../sheriff-suspect-dead.../

There's a heavy police presence in New Philadelphia in the areas of 8th St NE and E High St. I'm working to confirm information at this time.

Photo: Cait Wallick.







I watched the whole thing , you took a picture of my house it wasn't pleasant to see the man stole the sheriffs car and hit my neighbors house and there was two other cars involved but idk how many people I don't think the man made it because they were doing chest compressions for like ten minutes after they pulled him out of the sheriffs car

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Jess Marie

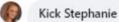
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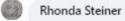




Margaret Morris very much so yes . He stole the sheriff's car , I do believe he had died due to the incident though . I watched the whole thing it was very unpleasant to see . I couldn't imagine what he was being pulled over for was worth all what he caused as well as his life being taken at his expense but my kids were terrified. I locked my doors because I had no idea if it was someone on the loose or what until I saw the Phila cop pull him out of the cop car and rip his shirt off and start compressions

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O well, he caused his own death! so glad the cops nor ppl in the home was hurt badly, Im so sick of crime, the perp cared about NOBODY's life

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Helen Sommers

Margaret Morris good question



Reply to Margaret Morris...









Kick Stephanie good as long as no innocent were hurt.



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Kick Stephanie

Josh Manley the only innocent I knew that got hurt was the cop

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Josh Manley

Kick Stephanie hand injury from what someone else said, hope he didn't lose anything.

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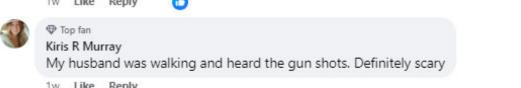


Kick Stephanie

Josh Manley I hope that is all that happened, cops are so brave.. I bet that cops family is traumatized... especially on Easter smh

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Adam Ankrom

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I was sitting on my couch and heard a vehicle speeding past my house. He had to be

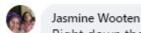
going 100 mph or more then I heard a loud boom when he went into the house then

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walked down and heard shots. Some wild stuff. It was on fair Ave past East school







Right down the road from my house. It was very scary especially the shooting. But I'm glad people in house was not hurt.

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Brandon Kemp

Brandon Kemp Looks like the sheriff hit someome

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The comment Brandon Kemp is replying to has been deleted.



Top fan

Brandon Kemp Ruthie Hershberger on okay

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Chad Renicker Brandon Kemp did you read the story

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Skylier Milligan

Was near our house we went to to check to see if was our family members heard gun
shot so ran back towards house a cop stopped us and held me and my bf at gun point



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Skylier Milligan Jordan Miller - News

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Nathan McGee Skylier Milligan wonder why.

Like Reply



Skylier Milligan

Nathan McGee we wasn't only ones running either a group of people was then when he did everyone was yelling at him saying how we didn't do anything

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Reply to Nathan McGee...









Susan Brindley Burdette

Skylier Milligan well you were running away from a crime scene . Seems pretty (98)

obvious why they would stop you

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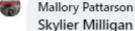


Skylier Milligan

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Susan Brindley Burdette we wasn't even close the crime seen we and everyone was running their was gun shots so it's not like we was the only two people running





Skylier Milligan I suppose your gonna sue the police dept for illegally holding you & your bf for no reason

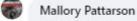
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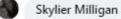
Mallory Pattarson I didn't know we could do that because he was just doing his job but it was still traumatizing I was told could for emotional distress if I wanted to I haven't been able to get much to little sleep because I keep having flash backs of everything and bad anxiety

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Skylier Milligan not surprised you would do it, anything for a quick buck. They were doing their job. Then maybe you should have stayed in your house instead of going outside & being nosy ...

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Mallory Pattarson did you not see what I said never once said I was going to plus I also stated I knew he was doing his job

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Alexandra Elaine Vaca

Kaitlyn Nykole if I had left 5 minutes earlier, I could've been in front of him.. I got home

just after it happened. I literally couldn't believe what I saw when I looked down the

road and saw a truck in a house 🥵



Kim Varney

Car ran into a house then stole a cop car and ran into another house. I heard there were some shots fired but unsure who got hurt

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Bobbie Jo Eichel Kugler

The guy that took the cop car is dead. Cop was rush to the hospital

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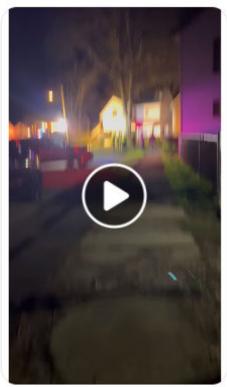




Kim Varney the man who stole the cop car did . I watched him die I do believe because he was pulled out of the cop car and they were doing chest compressions on him for like ten minutes but I never seen him move after they ripped his shirt off of him



Lisa Wills Wilson



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Tealia Gaumer Heather Streeter

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Skylier Milligan

Tealia Gaumer happened down our road was so scary a cop held us at gun point





Tealia Gaumer Skylier Milligan goodness gracious!

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March 31 at 10:45 PM - @

Heavy police presence in New Philadelphia in the areas of 8th St NE and E High St. It was a pickup truck that hit a house.

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WJER Radio's Post



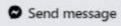


We are gathering information, but so far the sheriff says a suspect was killed and a deputy injured. He is not sure at this time what caused the suspect's death - gunfire, a car crash or something else. He referred questions about the cause and manner of death to the coroner.



WJFR.COM

Suspect killed, deputy injured in chaotic scene in New Philadelphia - WJER Radio 100.9FM & 1450AM





WJER Radio's Post



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I messaged you guys we can give you story about this that hasn't been on TV

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Anna Fisher

Wayne Webber and you live on 8th street?

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Wayne Webber

Anna Fisher what about it

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Anna Fisher

Wayne Webber you don't live on 8th, I know because I do, never seen you before, and I have lived here for years. If you have a story, rather than gossip about it to whomever will listen, how about you call the Sheriff's Office and share it with them. My outdoor camera tells it all, but seeing as

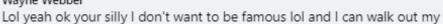
how it's an ongoing investigation, any information you have should

probably not be made Facebook Famous!!

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Wayne Webber



house right now if you want me to wave to you

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Wayne Webber



Anna Fisher I was just trying to help the ppl.get the Story out is all don't want to tell or talk to everyone don't know why your in your feelings for

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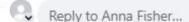
Anna Fisher

Wayne Webber not in my "feelings", I hate when people act like they know something they don't, and thrive on spreading gossip!

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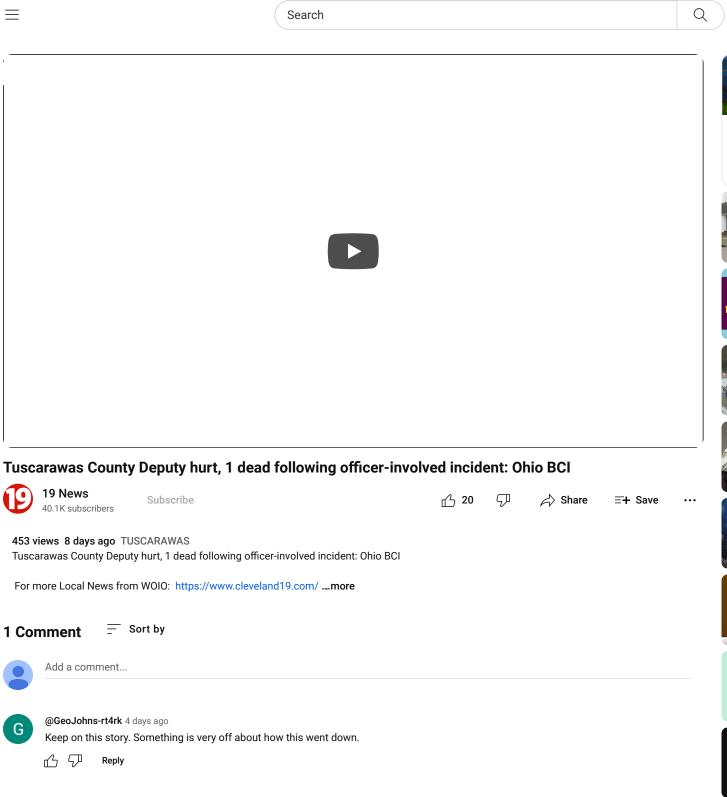




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Anna Fisher
Wayne Webber you do realize this is an on going investigation don't you!!

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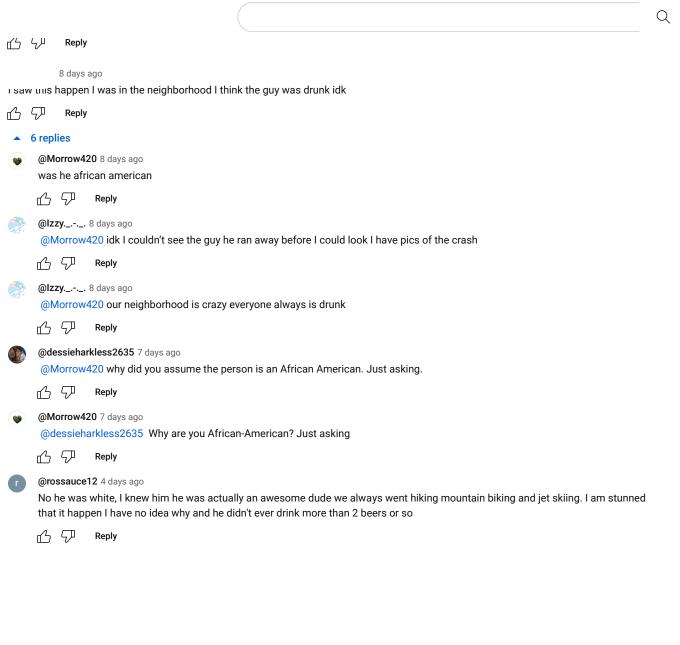


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'Confusing scene': Man involved in police shooting dies after stealing sheriff's office cruiser, crashing it





The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation is looking into a police shooting involving a Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office deputy and a turbulent series of events that left a man dead Sunday night.











By: Drew Scofield , Catherine Ross

Posted at 12:30 PM, Apr 01, 2024 and last updated 6:39 PM, Apr 01, 2024

NEW PHILADELPHIA, Ohio — The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation is investigating a police shooting involving a Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office deputy and a turbulent series of events that left a man dead Sunday night.

According to the sheriff's office, deputies responded to 8th Street Northeast and Fair Avenue in New Philadelphia after someone called 911 regarding a Car Watch Now that crashed into a house.

Neighbors told News 5 they heard squealing tires and a loud boom when the pickup truck barreled into the home.

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"I scanned around and seen the truck parked in the neighbor's house, ran down the steps, come outside and the suspect was trying to back out of the house," said Kirk Norris, who lives down the street.

He said when it became apparent the truck was stuck, the suspect got out and ran. Norris' nephew and others chased him between houses and into an alley.

Meanwhile, Norris said he rushed into the house to make sure no one was injured. A Tuscarawas County Sheriff's deputy was arriving when the neighbor inside the home said he was uninjured.

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Upon arriving, a deputy located a man walking nearby. When the deputy got out of the cruiser to speak with the man, the man jumped inside the police vehicle's passenger door, authorities said.

"The suspect came running out of the alley, jumped into the passenger side of the sheriff's car," Norris recalled. "There was a struggle to get him out of the Watch Now car. The deputy fired 3 shots and then the car sped off."

The sheriff's office confirms shots were fired, and the deputy was hurt in the hand and leg. It's unclear from the information provided how exactly the deputy was injured during the struggle, but Norris said he and others rushed to help.

"I offered my shirt for his wound because he said he shot himself in the finger and he was bleeding," he said.

Investigators said the suspect sped off in the cruiser only to crash into a parked car near Tell Street and East High Avenue.

Neighbors there said the noise startled them.

"It was a loud [crash]. It shook the whole house. So I knew something had to have happened," said Tina Smith.

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Smith pointed out her neighbor's damaged front porch where she said the parked car flipped after impact. She said the cruiser bounced off the car, nearly crashing into the house across the street.

The man was extricated from the cruiser and taken to a nearby hospital, where he later died. The sheriff's office said it's unclear if the man died from a gunshot wound or injuries sustained in either of the crashes.

"This was an extremely confusing scene that encompassed three crime scenes," Sheriff Orvis Campbell said, referring to the initial scene where a car crashed into a house, the second scene where the shooting occurred and the third being where the cruiser crashed into the vehicle. "Details are sketchy at this time."

Neighbors said they're grateful others in the neighborhood were safe.

"We're pretty fortunate," said Smith. "We're glad no one else got hurt."

Norris added, "I'm glad there was no family sitting in their living room watching TV with kids or anything... it could've been worse."





Sheriff Campbell asked Ohio BCI to investigate the matter because it involved a sheriff's deputy. Members of the New Philadelphia Police Department and the Tuscarawas County Coroner's Office also contributed to the initial investigation.

The sheriff said he will release more information as it becomes available.

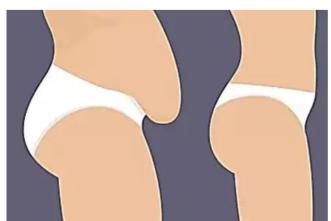
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