



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



2024-3996  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 780 Taylor Road,  
Gahanna, OH

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with civilian witness  
**Involves:** Denny Murray  
**Activity Date:** 12/19/2024  
**Activity Location:** 780 Taylor Rd., Gahanna, OH 43230  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Aja Chung

**Narrative:**

On Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 1221 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Aja Chung (SA Chung) and SA Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) interviewed Denny Murray (Murray), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place earlier that day. The interview took place at 780 Taylor Rd. Also present during the interview was Jamie Schoelkopf, who did not witness the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by Murray.

Gahanna Police Department (GPD) attempted to make contact with Alex Russell (Russell) at SpringHill Suite at 665 Taylor Road regarding a fraud complaint. Russell fled his room through the room window and walked in an easterly direction. GPD officers followed Russell on foot to 780 Taylor Rd., where Russell reportedly aimed a gun at GPD officers who, in turn, discharged their weapons, striking Russell. Russell died from his injuries.

Murray told agents he came out to his garage to leave for work when he saw Russell at the end of his driveway. Murray could not provide a description of what Russell was wearing or if he was holding anything. Murray said he could hear the police officers giving Russell orders to get down.

Murray indicated he saw Russell take off running eastbound and five or six police officers got into a line near the edge of the bushes. Murray said he heard one gunshot and then a volley of gunfire. Murray stated he saw Russell fall to the ground near the pine tree.

Murray confirmed the police officers were obvious law enforcement by their uniforms, the orders he heard being given to Russell, and the police cruisers with the emergency lights activated that were parked near his driveway and the driveway of 820 Taylor Rd.

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Murray stated the cameras affixed to his house were not working nor aimed in the direction of the shooting.

The interview concluded at approximately 1227 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

- 1-Denny Murray vantage point photo
- 2-Denny Murray audio interview

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