



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – (L) 303 S. Main St., Celina,  
Ohio

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness

**Involves:** Matthew J. Schwieterman (W)

**Date of Activity:** 01/09/2025

**Activity Location:** Schwieterman, Matthew J. – Home – 127 W. Logan St., Celina, OH 45822

**Author:** SA Douglas Burke

**Narrative:**

On January 9, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Douglas Burke (Burke) and SA Ryan Emahiser (Emahiser) interviewed Matt Schweiterman (Matt) at his residence in Celina, OH about his knowledge of the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which had involved Moses Alik (Moses). The purpose of this interview was to obtain relevant information from Matt about the incident, and also to obtain information whether Matt's vehicle had been entered by Moses prior to the OICI. This interview with Matt was digitally recorded and is attached to this report.

*This report only summarizes 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 audio recording. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions or responses. It is suggested that the reader refer to the audio recording in its entirety.*

SA Burke and SA Emahiser introduced themselves to Matt and explained the reason for speaking with him. Matt willingly agreed to speak with Agents. SA Burke asked Matt if he heard or saw anything in the early morning hours of December 31, 2024. Matt told Agents he was "out cold" and did not know about anything until he woke up around 7:30a.m.–8:00a.m. Matt became emotional and told Agents if further information was needed, Agents should speak with his neighbor, Chad Mabry (Chad). It was explained to Matt that Agents had already spoken with Chad the day of the incident. Matt stated he saw a photograph Chad had taken on Chad's phone. SA Burke explained to Matt the photograph in question had been observed by Agents. Matt settled down and told Agents he did not know anything further about the incident other than what Chad had showed Matt from Chad's phone. It should be noted, the photograph from Chad's phone was a photograph which Chad had taken of the officers in the

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gas station (Docksider's) parking lot dealing with Moses.

Agents asked Matt if he had been familiar or if he knew who Moses was. Matt told Agents, there were numerous "kids" in the area who were of the same decent (Marshallese) as Moses, but he did not know him specifically.

Agents explained to Matt; other neighbors had been interviewed who had also interacted with Moses prior to the OICI. SA Burke further explained to Matt, Agents were informed Moses was observed possibly trying to get into an orange in color vehicle prior to the OICI and there was an orange vehicle at Matt's residence. The orange vehicle was a Grand Prix and Matt stated this was his vehicle but is broken down and the doors were always unlocked. Matt also stated the backdoor to his house is always unlocked. Matt emphatically stated nothing appeared to have been taken from his vehicle. Matt again explained to Agents, his vehicle is always unlocked, nothing was taken from his car and Matt again added that he leaves his back door to his house unlocked all the time. Agents asked Matt if anyone had tried to come in his back door early in the morning on this particular date and Matt again stated absolutely not. Matt reiterated nothing happened to his car and no one came into his house.

Matt explained to Agents he heard the male who was "shot" had a knife, but Matt stated this was all rumors. Matt was extremely emotional throughout this interview stating the Marshallese were peaceful, but he knew if the male subject had a knife and was being aggressive towards the officers, the officers needed to do what they needed to do. SA Emahiser asked Matt if he would have had a "steak knife" sitting or lying in his backyard somewhere. Matt said there could have been a possibility of a knife in his backyard but was not certain and truly would not know if there was. Matt stated he has a variety of items and a workbench in the backyard so he would not know if there could have been a knife lying around somewhere. Matt then stated he knew for sure he did not have a "steak knife" in his car.

Matt told Agents he knew the Marshallese people liked to drink alcohol and will "smoke" on occasion. Agents asked Matt what he meant by "smoke", and he stated just "weed" nothing major.

Matt had no other relevant information to add to this interview and the interview concluded.

#### **Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: Interview with Matt Schweiterman