



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



2022-0535

Officer Involved Critical Incident – I-71 N. Mile Marker 123, Lewis Center, Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity: Telephone Interview
Involves: Lisa K Awwiller (W)
Date of Activity: 03/15/2022
Author: SA Todd Fortner, #93

Narrative:

On March 15, 2022, BCI Special Agent Todd Fortner (SA Fortner) followed up on tips of possible witnesses to the Officer Involved Critical incident that occurred on I-71 northbound at mile marker 123. One of the possible witnesses identified was Lisa Awwiller (Lisa). SA Fortner contacted Lisa by phone at 1426 hours. This interview was audio recorded and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview.

Lisa advised she and her husband, Todd Awwiller (Todd), were in their Jeep on March 11, 2022, and were southbound on I-71. She said they noticed traffic was slowing but there was no traffic in the northbound lanes. They saw police lights in the roadway. She said they then saw a man in jeans and a hoodie walking, then running northbound in the middle of the northbound lanes with the police behind him. Lisa advised she and Todd, who had also joined the conversation, both got their phones out and began video recording the incident. Todd said they were still moving slowly southbound but both were able to record. They advised they saw the male subject turn and fire, what they believed to be two shots toward the police officers. They said the police immediately fired back.

Lisa said the subject then kept running and may have put his arms up. They both said at that time, because they were still travelling southbound and police vehicles blocked their view, they could not see anything else that occurred. Lisa advised they would send the video they took to SA Fortner electronically.

The interview concluded at 1433 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Lisa – Todd Awwiller 3-15-22
Attachment # 02: Lisa Awwiller video
Attachment # 03: Todd Awwiller video

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