



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



2022-2121  
Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 6463 Tara Brooke Court,  
Hamilton, OH 45011 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Jeffrey Black (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 10/12/2022  
**Author:** SA Lauren Frazier, #129

**Narrative:**

On October 12, 2022 at 1026 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Lauren Frazier contacted Jeff Black (Black), via phone call, reference his involvement in possibly witnessing the homicide that occurred in the City of Hamilton, Butler County on October 8, 2022, and the events that followed.

Black said that on October 8, 2022 around 1900 hours, he was on his way home from work, heading east, near the Butler County Fairgrounds on Fairgrove Avenue in Hamilton, Ohio. Black observed a car mid-way into the road near the Marathon gas station and another vehicle in the road sideways, with the "back-end mangled." Black stated that he saw a male pulling another person out of the driver's side of the vehicle, onto the street. The subject was attempting to close the driver's door, but Black stated that the other person's leg was stuck in the door. Black described that the person on the ground was "lifeless" and he thought he might be unconscious.

Black stated that he called 911 to get help. At this time, the subject drove away from the scene, heading east on Route 4. Black stated that he originally believed the male had been involved in a hit and run auto accident and followed the driver to help police identify him. Black stated he was driving his black Toyota Tundra to follow the subject.

Black said that he did not see the original incident where shots were fired nor did he hear any gunshots prior to following the subject's vehicle. Black said that the subject turned onto Millikin Road then Morris Road where he pulled into a driveway. Black stated he stopped two driveways away from the subject's vehicle, when police arrived on scene, which he believed were Fairfield Township police officers.

Black stated that the officers located the subject walking away from his vehicle, towards the house, when he heard officers say "drop the gun, drop the gun." He said that the subject went into the woods and that's when Black heard 2 shots fired, which he described as a "pop pop" noise that were close together. Black was unsure if the suspect or officers had fired but stated

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the shots "sounded like a small caliber handgun." After shots were fired, Black saw the suspect come out of the woods and head east towards the house and Tara Brooke Court.

Black heard later in reports that officers had fired a Taser, but was unsure what a Taser would sound like. The initial interview concluded at 1035 hours. Black called SA Frazier back to clarify additional details regarding the commands and shots he heard; therefore, there is an additional audio recording attached.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2022-10-12 Witness Jeff Black Audio Interview Part 1

Attachment # 02: 2022-10-12 Witness Jeff Black Audio Interview Part 2

# **Exhibit 1**

**Included as a separate file.**

## **Exhibit 2**

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