



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



2025-3290
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 3810 Louise Ct., Grove
City, OH 43123 (L)

Investigative Activity: Witness Interview
Involves: Thomas McLean (O)
Activity Date: 10/08/2025
Activity Location: 3810 Louise Ct., Grove City, OH 43123
Authoring Agent: SA James H Gore

Narrative:

On Wednesday, October 08, 2025, at approximately 2345 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents James Gore (SA Gore) and Richard Ward (SA Ward) interviewed Thomas McLean (McLean) in front of 3810 Louise Court in Grove City. Mr. McLean was identified as the property owner of said location. The purpose of the interview was to determine Mr. McLean's involvement in the events leading up to the officer-involved shooting which took place earlier the same evening.

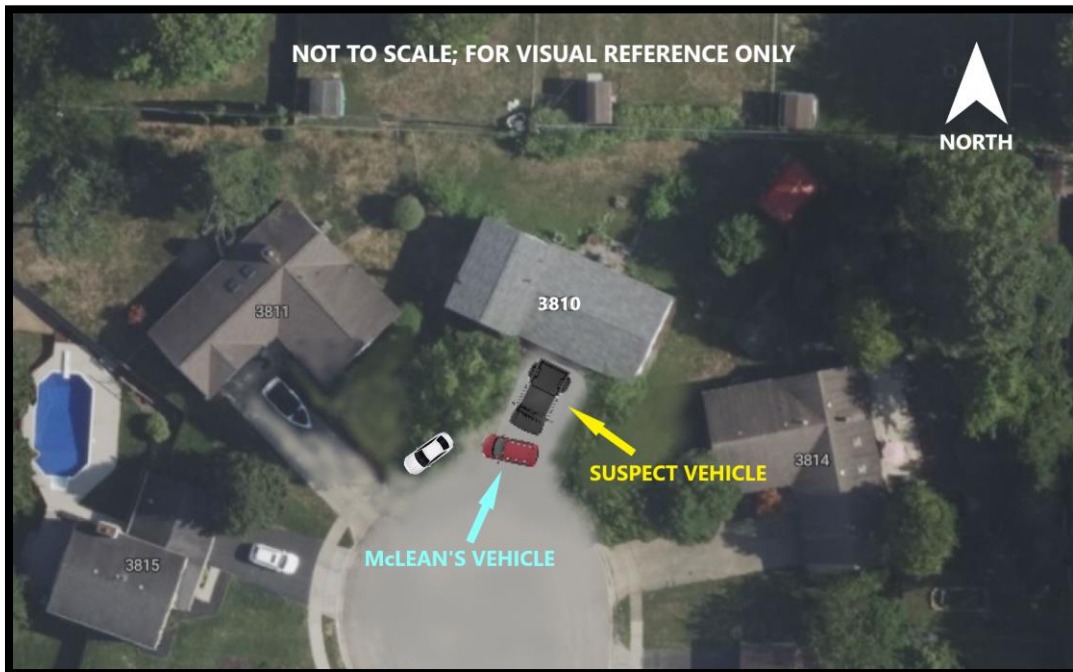


Figure 1: Reference map

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McLean explained that 3810 Louise Court is an uninhabited property, and he actually resides elsewhere in Grove City. McLean stated earlier, at approximately 1645 hours, he arrived at the property to check the mail. He observed a large, black truck backed up into the driveway. McLean said he did not recognize the truck, and he thought perhaps that it may have belonged to one of his son's friends. McLean said that he text messaged his wife to ask if she knew about the truck, then went inside the house after he checked the mail.

McLean stated that as he entered, he observed an unidentified male (later identified as Dominique Byrdsong). According to McLean, the male asked him what he was doing at the house. The male reportedly told McLean that it was "Christy's house." McLean said he told the man that Christy is his wife. The male reportedly then claimed that he was Christy's nephew. McLean said he called his wife, and while doing so, he observed the male bend over and place random items from the house into a duffle bag. McLean stated that he observed a firearm in the male's waistband as he stood up, so he walked out of the house and called police. McLean later confirmed with his wife that the subject was not her nephew.

McLean speculated that the subject may have learned his wife's name from articles of mail or other documents in the house. He recalled that the male also addressed him by his first name, Thomas, and he thought the suspect may have learned his name through similar means (*Note: SA Gore later observed an expired driver's license for Thomas McLean on a countertop during a search of the house*). Mr. McLean recalled that the items which he saw the suspect put into the duffle bag included a used container of deodorant, a carved wooden cross, and one of his wife's jackets.

McLean said his interaction with the suspect only lasted two to three minutes. He said he thought the male may have been under the influence of drugs, or perhaps mentally unstable. McLean also suspected the male may have been homeless. He said the male did not threaten him at any time, and he believed the gun was exposed incidentally as it was caught on the suspect's shirt as he stood up.

McLean did not notice any signs of forced entry to the house. McLean said it was his understanding that a neighbor named Jonathan called Grove City Police on the previous evening regarding the suspicious truck on the property.

The interview concluded at approximately 2355 hours.

An audio copy of Mr. McLean's interview is available for review as an attachment to this report.

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References:

No references.

Attachments:

1. 2025-10-08 Thomas McLean Interview SA Gore, SA Ward

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