



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



2024-3413
Officer Involved Critical Incident - Bernard Park - 1105
Bernard Ave., Findlay, OH 45840

Investigative Activity: Interview with Carson Blackburn
Involves: Carson Blackburn
Activity Date: 11/07/2024
Activity Location: 925 McManness Ave., Findlay, Ohio
Authoring Agent: SA Tiffany Najmulski

Narrative:

On Thursday, November 07, 2024, at 1600 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Tiffany Najmulski (SA Najmulski) and SA Ryan Emahiser (SA Emahiser) interviewed Carson Blackburn (Blackburn), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Monday, October 28, 2024. The interview took place at 925 McManness Ave., Findlay, Ohio. Also present during the interview was Carrie Sparks (Sparks), Blackburn's grandmother. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

Sparks had called SA Najmulski the previous week verbally upset that no one had come talk to her grandson, Blackburn, who had been in the park that day. SA Najmulski and Sparks set up a time for SA Najmulski to speak with Blackburn.

When agents arrived, Sparks brought Blackburn out to speak to agents on the porch. Agents introduced themselves and why they were there. On October 28, 2024, Blackburn was at the west end of the park on his bike talking to his friends before the incident occurred.

Blackburn said he was in the park when the police were talking to the three older kids at the picnic table. Blackburn has seen the older teenagers hanging out in the park on previous occasions. Blackburn said he never saw any of the teenagers with a gun that night.

Blackburn saw the subject, Calvin Darapheth (Darapheth), whom he knows by name, run away from the cops towards the railroad tracks. Blackburn said he did not see Darapheth with a gun but did see the police officer shoot at Calvin and then Calvin run over the tracks.

Blackburn did not see what happened on the other side of tracks. Blackburn said he took two pictures of the police talking to Darapheth and the other two teenagers,

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which he provided to SA Najmulski (attached). He was unable to provide any other details pertinent to the shooting.

The interview concluded at approximately 1430 hours.

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

Attachments:

- 1. Photographs (Case Documents) Pic1 from Blackburn**
- 2. Photographs (Case Documents) Pic 2 from Blackburn**
- 3. Audio Interview (Case Documents) Carson Blackburn**

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