



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



2024-1015  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 100 Block 8th Street, N.E. New  
Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** Officer Richard Kelley (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 04/01/2024  
**Activity Location:** Kelley, Officer Richard – Business – 122 2nd Street, New  
Philadelphia, OH 44663  
**Author:** SA Charles H. Snyder, #90

**Narrative:**

**Background:**

On Sunday March 31, 2024, at 2221 hours, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was dispatched through Who's Responding notification system to an officer-involved critical incident at 834 East High Street and Tell Avenue SE, in New Philadelphia (Tuscarawas County) Ohio. Personnel from the Tuscarawas County Sheriff Office (TCSO) were reported to be involved. Initial reporting indicated at least one citizen and one law enforcement officer were injured and enroute to hospital(s) for treatment. BCI Special Agent Charlie Snyder (Snyder) was dispatched to assist the on-call team at 2224 hours.

**Action Taken:**

On April 1, 2024, at 0035 hours, Snyder conducted an audio-recorded interview with New Philadelphia Police Department (NPPD) Officer Richard Kelley at the NPPD, located at 122 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663. During this interview, Kelley provided the following information.

Kelley provided his personal identification information and advised being employed by NPPD for almost twelve years, currently assigned to the 1400-2200 hours afternoon shift as a patrolman. Kelley confirmed he was on duty and responded to the incident.

Kelley indicated NPPD received multiple notifications through NPPD non-emergency and emergency telephone lines that a vehicle was inside a house at 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE and Fair Avenue. The call had originally been dispatched as "code 2" (non-injury accident). Personnel from NPPD responded to the scene and while enroute, information was updated, indicating a subject was running from the scene and a TCSO personnel was on scene and gunshots had

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been fired.

Kelley indicated as he neared 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE, he observed two TCSO vehicles on either 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Drive SE, driving to the southern side of East High Avenue. Kelley indicated continuing to the 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE location and turned northbound off East High Street, when he observed a TCSO deputy, laying in the middle of the roadway. Kelley advised that NPPD Officer Porter arrived at scene, followed by NPPD Sergeant Goble. Kelley advised that they all ran towards the downed TCSO deputy at this time.

The TCSO deputy advised Kelley and others that he had been “hit in the hand”. NPPD Officer Porter began medically assisting the deputy. Kelley advised that he provided his unit’s medical kit to Officer Porter.

Kelley indicated that he then learned from the TCSO deputy the suspect had taken his police vehicle during the incident. Kelley now realized that the Deputy’s stolen vehicle was one of those he had seen earlier, headed south across East High Avenue.

Kelley was advised by NPPD dispatcher they were then needed at East High Avenue and Tell Street, approximately one block away from their current location. Kelley indicated he then responded to that location. Kelley advised that when he arrived at the location, the New Philadelphia Fire Department (NPPFD) heavy rescue unit had also arrived there. Kelley indicated that he observed a TCSO cruiser parked on Tell Street at East High Avenue and another TCSO cruiser parked against or near a house, in a wrecked condition and with all airbags deployed. This TCSO vehicle had heavy front-end damage, according to Kelley.

Kelley advised that TCSO Deputy Donnelly came from the rear of the wrecked TCSO vehicle, advising that the suspect was still inside the vehicle. Kelley advised that he learned it was TCSO Deputy Donnelly’s cruiser that was parked at East High Avenue.

Kelley advised going with NPPD Sergeant Goble to the driver-side of the wrecked TCSO cruiser, where Kelley began to remove the deployed airbags to access the suspect. Kelley advised that Sergeant Goble covered his efforts with lethal force during this time.

Kelley indicated he attempted to grab the suspect’s arm and noticed he was moving at this time but then learned an Ohio State Patrol Trooper was on the other side of the vehicle, trying to pull the subject out as well. Kelley advised that he was able to eventually remove the subject from the driver side of the wrecked TCSO vehicle. As Kelley was trying to apply handcuffs to the suspect, Sergeant Goble pointed out to Kelley that there was a possible wound to the upper right shoulder. Kelley reported the subject was unresponsive and limp during the time he worked on removing him from the vehicle.

Kelley advised that the on-scene emergency medical personnel began working on the subject. Kelley then assisted in turning off the TCSO wrecked cruiser’s emergency lights and siren.

Snyder asked Kelley if there was anything important that he was aware of that had not been asked or responded to in the interview at this point. Kelley indicated he had no additional information.

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Kelley agreed to continued cooperation in this matter and the interview was concluded at approximately 0045 hours.

Note: This report summarizes information deemed by the author of the most relevance to the investigation and does not contain all questions and answers from the interview. This report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2024-04-01 – NPPD Officer Richard Kelley – Interview 240401\_0321