



Ohio Attorney General's Office
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Investigative Report



2024-1385

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 121 W. Perry St., Tiffin, OH,
44883 (L)

Date of Activity: 05/03/2024
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Narrative:

On May 3, 2024, Special Agent (SA) Josh Rammel (Rammel) conducted a canvass interview with Joseph Yates (Yates) and Harvest Wasson (Wasson) regarding the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which occurred at 121 West Perry Street, Tiffin, Ohio, on May 3, 2024.

The interview was conducted at Yates and Wasson's address of 113 West Perry Street, Tiffin, Ohio near the location of the OICI. The interview was recorded using a digital audio recorder. A copy of the interview was attached to this investigation.

SA Rammel identified himself and provided the reason for the contact. Yates and Wasson provided basic identification information such as their dates of birth, phone number, and confirmed their address as 113 West Perry Street.

Wasson advised she was inside her residence watching television when she heard gunshots coming from outside. Wasson stated she did not hear any shouting or other sounds coming from outside until she heard the gunshots. Wasson described the gunshots as "bang bang" and confirmed that she heard two shots. Wasson indicated she came running outside to check on Yates, who was in the garage and saw the Tiffin Police Officer standing over a guy on the road, as the guy was bleeding. Wasson mentioned that a "lady" came out of her car in front Wasson's residence shouting "no no". Wasson told SA Rammel at that time she went back inside and locked her front door and called her mother to come over. Wasson and Yates both indicated they did not have any cameras out of the residence that would have picked up the OICI. Wasson mentioned she did not see any weapon being held by the individual who was shot. Yates confirmed that he did not either.

Yates stated he was in the garage cleaning it out in order to have people over later in the day. Yates stated he heard someone yelling "shoot me, shoot me" outside and then heard three gunshots. Yates indicated that he did not hear any other yelling, nor did he hear any commands given by the Tiffin Police Officer. Yates said he entered the house from the back door to check on Wasson after he heard the gunshots and saw the same thing Wasson saw as they exited their residence.

Wasson indicated she saw another Tiffin Police Officer take possession of the gun from the initial officer responsible for the shooting, and also saw the responsible officer appearing to

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Neither Wasson or Yates had any additional information to provide at this time, but agreed to contact SA Rammel in the event something comes to mind, or they have additional questions.

SA Rammel thanked Yates and Wasson for speaking with him and the interview was concluded.

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

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: joseph yates and harvest wasson 2024-05-03

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