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Officer-Involved Critical Incident- 2469 Kimberly Pkwy. E., Columbus,
OH 43232

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Ruth M. Middlebrooks

Activity Date: 9/29/2021

Activity Location: The intersection of Kimberly Parkway East and Macsway

Authoring Agent: SA John Butterworth

Narrative:

On Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 1155 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Butterworth (SA Butterworth) interviewed Ruth M. Middlebrooks (Middlebrooks), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. The interview took place near the intersection of Kimberly Parkway East and Macsway. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

According to Middlebrooks, she was sitting in her vehicle talking on her cell phone when she observed police cruisers parked along the roadway. Middlebrooks was on the phone with her niece, Kelly Dalton. Middlebrooks said she was headed home and getting ready to turn left at that intersection. Middlebrooks observed someone running, a young lady, and who she initially thought was a man, but wasn't 100% sure at the time if it was a man or not. The people were running toward the hill that was located off to her left. Middlebrooks said she saw police officers with their guns out chasing after the man. Middlebrooks panicked as she wasn't sure where they were going to run, possibly toward her. Middlebrooks saw a man on the ground, but she heard several shots, and described it as "pop, pop, pop, pop." Middlebrooks began yelling that he was running away. She also observed the officers immediately attempt to revive the man. Middlebrooks thought there may have been four police officers, three in blue uniforms and one in white. She indicated she saw two police cruisers parked along the right side of the roadway.

Middlebrooks explained she saw who she described as the girlfriend, continue to run through the apartment buildings and away from her. The woman had on gray according to Middlebrooks. Middlebrooks thought they were both running from the police and she couldn't tell what she had in her hands. When the woman returned, Middlebrooks thought she had a bag in her hand, but it looked like a food bag. Middlebrooks was asked if she heard anything being said during the incident and stated she did not. She only saw the people running during the incident and the police officers.



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SA Butterworth asked about what time the incident happened and Middlebrooks said it was around 0945 hours. SA Butterworth also asked if Middlebrooks observed anything in the man's hands, or the police officers' hands. Middlebrooks said she only saw the police officers have their guns in their hands. Middlebrooks again stated she saw the police officers begin CPR on the man. According to Middlebrooks, she saw the man and officers running toward the hill off to her left. Middlebrooks was asked if she had any further information she wanted to provide, and she said she did not. She did state that she wasn't sure if it was a man or woman, because she saw a lot of hair and thought the person was overweight. She also said she couldn't say anything about a knife or anything about if the man fell on the ground as she wasn't sure if the shots were fired after he was on the ground. During the moment, Middlebrooks said she was scared and wasn't paying as much attention. Middlebrooks did state that she doesn't hear or see very well and wears a hearing aid. Middlebrooks did not provide any further detail about the incident and was allowed to leave the area, but did say she was on the phone with Kelly starting at 0931 and was on the phone with her while driving home.

The interview concluded at approximately 1209 hours.

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