

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



2024-1433 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4802 James Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Review of News Articles and Social Media

Involves: Mr. Jason Norris (S)

**Activity Date:** 05/16/2024

Activity Location: BCI, 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Nicholas Valente #139

### Narrative:

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente reviewed various news media coverage of the officer-involved shooting and subsequent death of Jason Norris (Norris). The officer-involved shooting garnered significant media attention and for that reason not all news coverage could reasonably be saved and reviewed.

On May 9, 2024, the North Ridgeville Police Department (NRPD) held a press conference lasting approximately 25 minutes. During the press conference NRPD provided information to the public regarding this incident. During the press conference, members of NRPD described receiving information from the White County, Tennessee Sheriff's Office advising NRPD a vehicle wanted in connection with a homicide in White County, Tennessee, was located on FLOCK cameras within the city of North Ridgeville. Members of NRPD were aware of

a home on James Drive where police responded on a regular basis and knew the occupants had ties to Tennessee. Based on this history, members of NRPD responded to the area and found the vehicle in question parked in the driveway of 4802 James Drive. NRPD began to set a perimeter around the home. While setting up a perimeter, Norris and another individual emerged from the home. Norris fired at NRPD officers who were outside the residence. Two NRPD officers returned fire and Norris was struck. Norris was given medical attention by NRPD and EMS, transported to Saint John's West Shore Hospital, and succumbed to his wounds. The press conference video

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was saved as Reference Item D. The press conference video and accompanying article were located on 19 News' website, https://www.cleveland19.com/2024/05/09/north-

ridgeville-police-discuss-officer-involvedshooting/. The 19 News article included a second shorter follow-up news video clip in which a 19 News reporter spoke with Ethel Cantley (Cantley). Cantley resides at 4802 James Drive, North Ridgeville, Ohio. Cantley was the grandmother of Norris. This video recording included comments made by Cantley to 19 News. This video was saved as Reference Item E. Cantley's statements to the news reporter were consistent with what



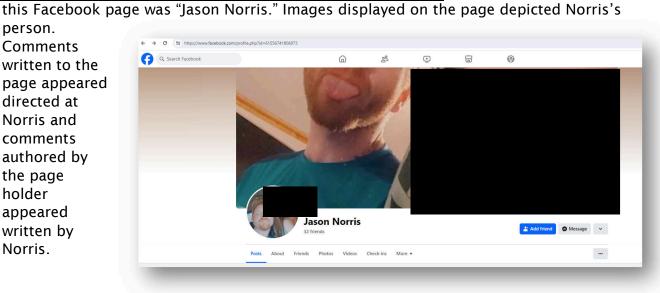
Cantley previously told SA Armstrong when interviewed shortly after the officerinvolved shooting on May 8, 2024.

SA Valente located a Facebook account that appeared to be utilized by Norris. The address for this Facebook account was

The display name on

person.

Comments written to the page appeared directed at Norris and comments authored by the page holder appeared written by Norris.



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Note, on April 12, 2024, the page holder posted to this account the following:



, is the female Norris was wanted in connection with murdering in Tennessee preceding the officer-involved shooting.

No additional social media or news articles that were reviewed contained information not previously noted above or already known to investigators.

#### References:

D: DVD - NRPD Press Conference Video

E: DVD - 19 News Interview of Ethel Cantley

### Attachments:

None

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