



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



2023-0408

Officer-Involved Critical Incident- 1680 Stringtown Rd, Grove City

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Shawn Griffey  
Activity Date: 2/11/2023  
Activity Location: 1680 Stringtown Rd  
Authoring Agent: SA Matt Collins, #151

**Narrative:**

On Saturday, February 11, 2023, at 2328 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Collins (SA Collins) and SA Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) interviewed Shawn Griffey (Griffey), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on Saturday, February 11, 2023. The interview took place at 1680 Stringtown Rd., Grove City, OH. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual. Prior to the interview agents were made aware Griffey was the driver of the subject vehicle, which the involved-subject, Bret Andrews (Andrews), was a front passenger.

In the onset of the interview, SA Collins introduced himself and SA Douglass. SA Collins explained to Griffey he was not under arrest but due to the fact he was secured, in handcuffs, in the rear of a police cruiser and SA Collins unaware of any circumstances where Griffey could face charges, SA Collins advised Griffey of his Miranda Rights. Griffey agreed to speak with agents.

SA Collins asked Griffey, who was the subject in his vehicle during the time of the incident. Griffey stated it was Bret Andrews. Griffey further stated, he'd known Andrews since he was 20 years old. Griffey explained, he (Griffey) had gone to prison for 12 years and has not seen Andrews for at least 14 years.

SA Collins asked Griffey how they knew each other, recently or had otherwise ended up here together. Griffey stated he has a business partner, Zach James (James). Griffey said he and James have a renovation home improvement business. Griffey said Andrews located him and told him he was homeless and had no place to go. Griffey said he'd introduced Andrews to James but Griffey said the situation felt odd. Griffey said he felt it odd that he'd not seen Andrews for some time and he "all-of-the sudden you pop up." Griffey said Andrews had helped Griffey move into this new place (off Hudson/Homecroft). Griffey said it was yesterday (day before the shooting incident) where he called James and told him something just didn't feel right. Griffey asked James, "can you run a check on him? And see if he's wanted for anything?" SA Douglass asked Griffey how James would be able to do that and Griffey said James has attorneys as he's been in business for a long time. Griffey said he knew Andrews was from Athens County, Ohio. Griffey

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said he received a call from James today (February 11, 2023). James asked Griffey where Andrews was. Griffey told him Andrews was inside. According to Griffey, James said Andrews had two active warrants. Griffey said he was told the warrants were for child molestation and rape (active). James suggested Griffey drop James off somewhere.

With that information, Griffey said he planned to take Andrews back to his house, gather his bags and take him somewhere else. According to Griffey, Andrews was on the phone with a female by the name of Brittany while Griffey was speaking with James. Griffey was told by Andrews, he was supposed to meet this female at the Hyatt. Griffey stated Andrews was texting the female. Griffey said he needed to get items from Home Depot anyway so he parked there. Griffey said they were there approximately fifteen minutes prior to police arriving.

Griffey then described the incident involving law enforcement. Griffey stated there was a vehicle with its emergency lights activated which pulled up directly in front of Griffey's vehicle, a white 2002 Nissan Maxima. Griffey said, "when you guys pulled up in front, ta-, hit the lights, he immediately went towards the center of his lap and reached into a bag. I threw my hands up." SA Collins clarified with Griffey about the movement and Griffey again described Andrews leaning straight down to a bag, or backpack that was between his legs. Griffey said he heard the officer say, "put your hands up." Griffey again, stated he had stuck his hands up immediately. Griffey said his wallet and cellphone dropped to the floor between his legs. Griffey said the officer continued saying, "put your hands up. Put your hands up. Put your hands up. He's reachin' for somethin'. He's reachin' for somethin'." Griffey said he then saw the glass breaking, "from the gunshots." SA Collins asked Griffey who was shooting, to which Griffey stated the police were shooting. SA Collins asked Griffey if Andrews fired a weapon and he stated he did not know. SA Collins asked Griffey if Andrews had anything in his hands and he stated, "I don't have any clue. I know he was reaching down inside of a bag. But I heard the officer say 'he had a thirty-three'. Which everybody knows, you know's a thirty-three is a pi--, a uh, a uh gun. A weapon." Griffey explained, the reason he did not know if Andrews had a gun, was because he was looking forward the whole time.

Griffey stated a majority of agent's questions related to the time-line of events leading up to the shooting incident would be better explained from texts and calls on his phone. Griffey verbally consented to agents looking at this phone [REDACTED]

The interview concluded at approximately 2350 hours.



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

mind right

I'll let you know what I find

Ok thanks

Yesterday 4:38 PM

Hit me up

Yesterday 6:35 PM



**Warrant 12-2-22**  
**ATHENS.pdf**  
PDF Document · 67 KB

I need 10 minutes to get back to my computer

Okay

I'm going to take him to the house and let him get his stuff then I'm taking the bus station

Okay . Please call me once you've dropped him off .

I'm still going to send him the letter

Subject

Paddy Wagon >

I'm still going to send him the letter the lawyer suggested .  
but you can let him know it's just to remove liability from our end.

What is the code for the house

I didnt change the house code

I I'm just making it like you did

I sent you money for hours. Give me a buzz after you drop him off

He said that the time wasn't right he had fours the first day flash started at your house

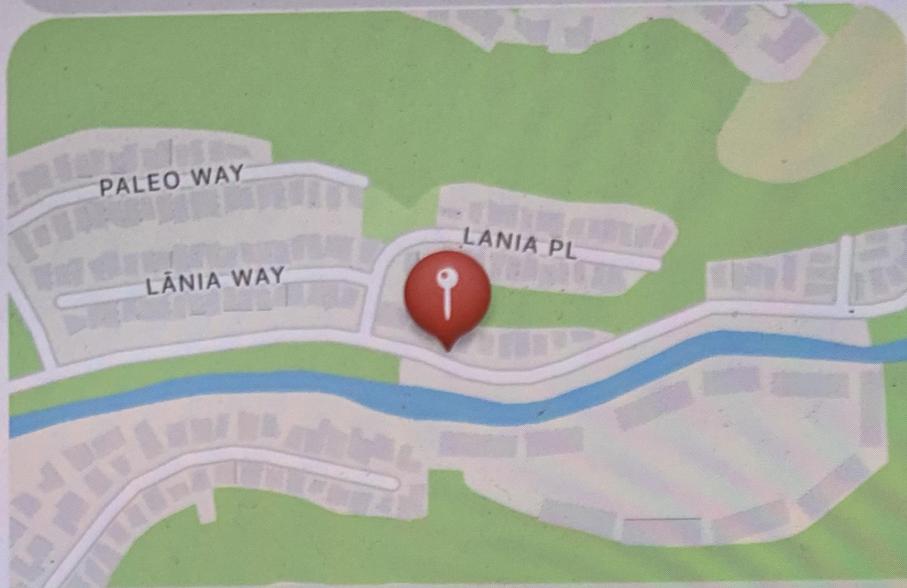
One hour that was it it

Sorry shits confusing right now so there should have been 14 hours total

Never mind he said it's fine so don't worry about it

It shows 13.28hrs okay.  
I'll talk to you in a bit, be careful

It shows 15 zones okay.  
I'll talk to you in a bit, be careful



Location from 2/11/23

Ok give me a few minutes I'm on the highway heading to Home Depot to grab a few things. I dropped him off on high street some dude was picking him up so give me a few minutes and I'll call you once I leave the store.

Delivered

Yesterday 10:05 PM

Everything alright ?

I know you're probably upset, I just want to go through how things went and we can talk next steps tomorrow or whatever

Subject

Warrant 12-2-22 ATHENS

Done

COMPLAINT CHARGING VIOLATION OF STATE LAW

Rev. Gen'l Code, Secs. 2935-10, 11, 19.

Case No. 2022CR A01560

Docket Page

The State of Ohio, Athens County, ss. Athens, Ohio

The Athens County Municipal Court of Athens, Ohio

Before me, Cpt. B. Cooper #509

Clerk of said Municipal Court

personally came Det. B. Goodrich #550

who, being duly sworn to law, deposes and says that on or about the 15th

day of October, 2021, at the County of Athens, and in the State of Ohio, one

(Name) Bret J. Andrews (Date of Birth) 9-10-1976

address 11776 Pleasonton Street, Athens, OH 45701

unlawfully:

(A)(1) No person shall engage in sexual conduct with another who is not the spouse of the offender or who is the spouse of the offender but is living separate and apart from the offender, when any of the following applies: (a) For the purpose of preventing resistance, the offender substantially impairs the other person's judgment or control by administering any drug, intoxicant, or controlled substance to the other person surreptitiously or by force, or deception. (b) The other person is less than thirteen years of age, whether or not the offender knows the age of the other person.

To Wit:

On or about mid October, 2021, [redacted] disclosed, in a forensic interview, Bret J. Andrews forcibly penetrated, digitally, the victim, who is under the age of 13.

FILED ATHENS COUNTY MUN. COURT

DEC 09 2022

CLERKS OFFICE ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO

This incident occurred within the jurisdiction of the: Athens County Prosecutor's Office.

In violation of the Ohio Revised Code Section:

: a felony of the first degree.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 9 day of December, 2022

Det. B. Goodrich #550

[Signature] Clerk Deputy Clerk

Municipal Court

9:00 a.m. Second Floor

Date Court

PEACE OFFICER Authorized to Administer Oaths Pursuant to R.C. 2935.081

ATHENS COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT ATHENS, OHIO

State of Ohio, City of Athens,

REQUEST AND AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT

The undersigned being first duly sworn according to law says:

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The affiant believes that a summons is not sufficient because:

Mr. Andrews left the area when he was notified he was accused of the sexual assault. He stated in a message he feared spending the rest of his life in prison. The victim and her mother are in fear of Mr. Andrews recourse. We feel an immediate apprehension is required.

Approved by:

Kellen J. Blodgett  
Prosecutor

Sgt. B. Goodin #550  
Affiant

Detective ACSO  
Title/Agency

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this 9th day of December, 2022.

Thomas J. Gordon  
Clerk/Notary Public  
Lifeline  
Commission  
Vivian Judge  
PEACE OFFICER  
Authorized to Administer Oaths  
Pursuant to R.C. 2935.081

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ARREST WARRANT  
PROBABLE CAUSE CHECKLIST

**Jurisdiction:** Does the complaint allege the offense was committed within the jurisdiction of the Athens County Municipal Court?

**Identity:** Does the complaint allege the name, date of birth, and sex of the defendant?

*Commission*

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- Statute:** Does the complaint allege the code or ordinance section of the applicable statute?
- Facts:** Does the complaint contain a statement of facts indicating the defendant violated the Statute/Ordinance cited?
- Reason:** Does the statement of facts indicate how the complainant/officer obtained the facts recited either from personal knowledge, knowledge gained from other officers, or knowledge gained from a reliable informant or citizen?
- Question:** Does the statement of facts contain the complainant/officer's answer to this question: "What makes you think the defendant committed the offense charged?"

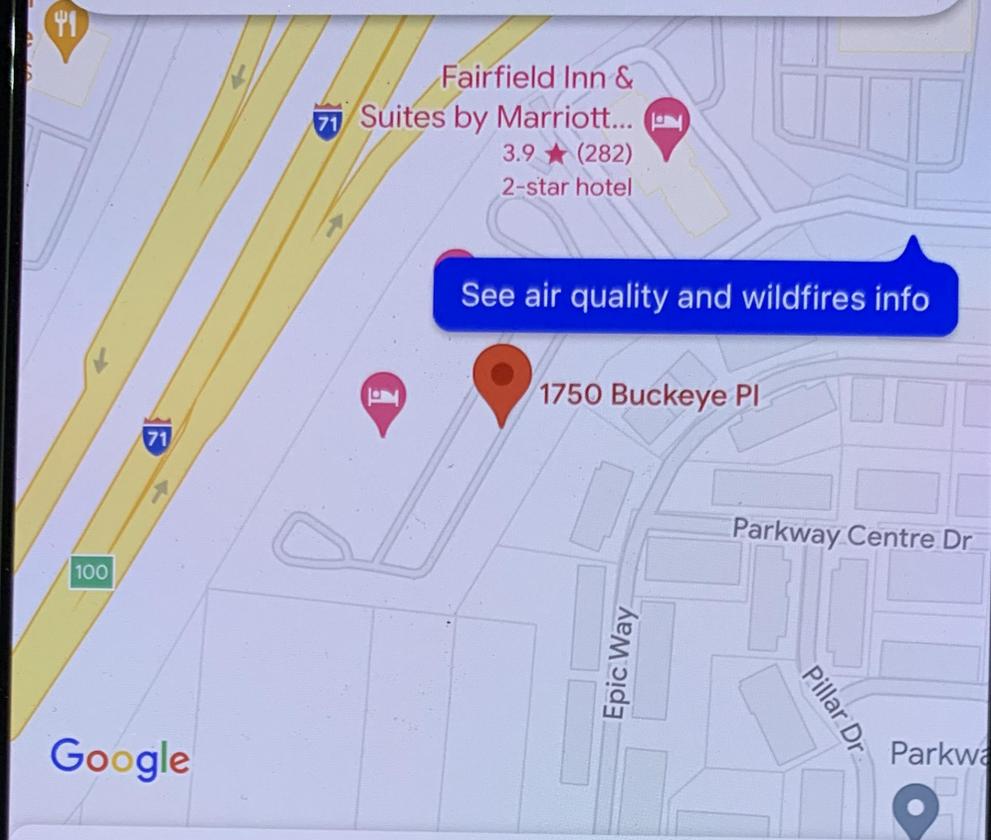
*Thomas J. Hodson*  
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 JUDGE *Visiting Judge*

*December 9, 2022*  
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 DATE

*Initial Bond \$250,000  
 with no 10% allowed.  
 Thomas J. Hodson  
 Visiting Judge  
 12-09-2022*



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### 1750 Buckeye Pl

1750 Buckeye Pl, Grove City, OH 43123

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 3.9 ★★★★★  
 Hotel



Home2  
 4.0 ★★  
 Hotel

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Parkway Centre Dr & Strin...  
 0.3 mi



Stringtown Rd & Jack...  
 0.4 mi