



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



2022-1139  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 947 SR-28 Business, Milford,  
Ohio (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Camille Artice Weems (S)  
**Date of Activity:** 05/27/2022  
**Activity Location:** Miami Twp. (Clermont County) Police Department – Business –  
5900 McPicken Drive, Milford, OH 45150  
**Author:** SA Steven Seitzman

**Narrative:**

On May 27, 2022, at 1401 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) met with Stephanie Messer (Ms. Messer) and her son, Cole Messer (Cole), at the Miami Township Police Department (MTPD). Ms. Messer and Cole were identified as witnesses to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident on May 20, 2022, involving MTPD police officers. Ms. Messer's husband, Spencer Brown (Mr. Brown), contacted the Clermont County Communications Center on May 20, 2022, to report he witnessed the Officer-Involved Critical Incident and that his son had cell phone video of it. SA Seitzman interviewed Mr. Brown on May 23, 2022. During that interview, Mr. Brown advised Ms. Messer also witnessed the incident. SA Seitzman arranged to meet with Ms. Messer and Cole at MTPD on May 27, 2022. The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device.

The details below summarize the pertinent portions of the recorded interview and are not a verbatim account. 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 audio recording be reviewed to clarify the content of the interview.

Ms. Messer and Cole were interviewed together but on separate audio recordings. Prior to the interview, Ms. Messer signed a BCI Permission to Cooperate form, as Cole was a juvenile.

Ms. Messer advised SA Seitzman of the following information:

Ms. Messer was driving eastbound on SR-28 Business with her family. She was driving a white Honda Civic, which she advised she saw in the body camera footage on television. As she was driving, she saw several police cruisers westbound on SR-28 Business with emergency lights

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on. Some of the police cruisers turned right into the Berry Lane Apartments, while the others blocked her lane of travel.

Ms. Messer looked to her right and saw what she believed to be a shirtless African American male "coming at" the police officers with a black pistol in their right hand. She later found out the subject was a female. She said the female subject raised the gun as she walked toward the officers. She backed her car to get away from the area. She saw the female subject fire a shot at the police officers. Eight to ten seconds later, the female subject then knelt on the ground, stood up, and fired a second shot. She then heard "several closer fires" and the female subject dropped to the ground. She assumed the closer shots she heard were from police officers, but she never saw an officer shoot. After the shots stopped, the officers approached the female and rendered medical aid. She saw the female subject attempt to sit up at one point, but that was the last time she saw the female move.

Ms. Messer advised she discovered Cole captured the incident on video with his cell phone. She instructed him to keep it running to capture the officers rendering aid.

Ms. Messer stated that the officers appeared to be in distress after the incident. She recalled seeing one officer having his hands on his head. She said she felt that the officers were "doing their job with good intent."

Ms. Messer's interview was concluded at 1409 hours. The audio recording is attached below.

At 1409 hours, SA Seitzman interviewed Cole. Cole confirmed he captured the incident with his Apple iPhone. Cole sent the video to SA Seitzman via Airdrop. Cole said he saw the female subject yelling at the officers. He saw a gun in her hand, though he was uncertain which hand the gun was in. He saw the subject fire two shots at the police officers. He said there was ten seconds between her shots. After her second shot, he heard police officers return fire. He did not actually see a police officer shoot. The subject then dropped to the ground. He saw police officers running toward her with medical supplies.

The interview was concluded at 1413 hours. The audio recording is attached below. SA Seitzman placed the cell phone video on a thumb drive to be added to the permanent case file.

#### **Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2022-05-27 / Interview with Stephanie Messer

Attachment # 02: 2022-05-27 / Interview with Cole Messer

Attachment # 03: BCI Permission to Cooperate

#### **References:**

USB Thumbdrive

# **Exhibit 1**

**Included as a separate file.**

## **Exhibit 2**

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## **Exhibit 3**

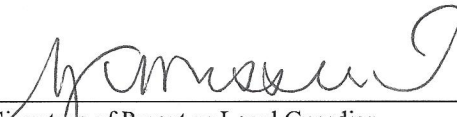


**PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN**

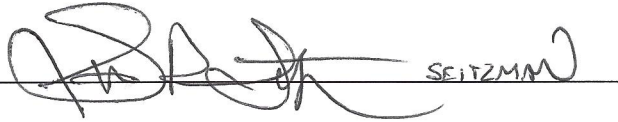
**PERMISSION TO COOPERATE**

**Date:** 05/27/22

I am the parent/legal guardian of Bob Messer who is under eighteen (18) years of age, and I hereby give my permission for him/her to cooperate with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation by providing assistance or information concerning criminal activities.

  
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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

**Witness:**

  
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