



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



2024-3996
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 780 Taylor Road,
Gahanna, OH

Investigative Activity: Interview with civilian witness
Involves: Carey Williams
Activity Date: 12/19/2024
Activity Location: 735 Taylor Rd., Gahanna, OH
Authoring Agent: SA Aja Chung

Narrative:

On Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 1302 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Aja Chung (SA Chung) and SA Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) interviewed Carey Williams (Williams), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place earlier that day. The interview took place at 735 Taylor Rd., Doyle Human Capital Management (HCM) (Doyle HCM), where Williams is an employee. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by Williams.

Gahanna Police Department (GPD) attempted to make contact with Alex Russell (Russell) at SpringHill Suite at 665 Taylor Road regarding a fraud complaint. Russell fled his room through the room window and walked in an easterly direction. GPD officers followed Russell on foot to 780 Taylor Rd., where Russell reportedly aimed a gun at GPD officers. GPD officers discharged their weapons, striking Russell, who later died from his injuries.

Williams told agents around 0950 hours, she was in her first-floor office when she observed Russell walking through the parking lot. Williams described Russell as wearing sweatpants, T-shirt and holding a black handgun in his right hand. Williams saw police officers following Russell and maintaining a safe distance. Williams stated while Russell was walking away from the officers, he would occasionally look over his shoulder back at the officers.

Williams went on saying she went to the second-floor corner office to further observe what was unfolding. Williams said she saw Russell walking eastbound and cross the street. Once Russell crossed the street, she saw the officers at the end of the driveway of 780 Taylor Rd., observed Russell run eastbound and then she heard fifteen to twenty (15-20) gunshots.

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Williams confirmed she did not see Russell point the gun he was holding at the officers however after Russell crossed the street, she could see Russell making more movements. Williams did not describe those movements.

Williams said she could hear officers saying things to Russell, however what the officers were saying was indistinguishable. Williams described Russell as "in a trance" and ignoring the officers.

Williams lastly stated that she did not video record or photograph the incident, however some employees sent her what they recorded. Williams provided four (4) videos and/or photographs that were uploaded to Evidence.com.

The interview concluded at approximately 1309 hours.

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

References:

A - Civilian Witness Videos & Photos (Evidence.com)

Attachments:

- 1-Carey Williams vantage point
- 2-Carey Williams vantage point 2
- 3-Carey Williams interview

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