



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



2024-4082

Officer Involved Critical Incident – (L) 303 S. Main St., Celina,
Ohio

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Samuel Thorpe, Jr. (W)
Date of Activity: 01/09/2025
Activity Location: Thorpe, Samuel, Jr. – Home – 126 W. Logan, Celina, OH 45822
Author: SA Douglas Burke

Narrative:

On January 9, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Douglas Burke (Burke) interviewed Samuel Thorpe Jr. (Sam) at his residence in Celina, OH. The purpose of this interview was to obtain any relevant information from Sam pertaining to the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which involved Moses Alik (Moses). The interview with Sam was digitally recorded and is attached to this report, along with home surveillance video from an alleyway which runs parallel with Sam's house.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the audio recording. 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 or responses. It is suggested that the reader refer to the audio recording in its entirety.

SA Burke introduced himself to Sam and explained the reason this Agent wanted to speak with him. Sam stated in the early morning hours of the OICI, December 31, 2024, he believed he had surveillance video from his home system security showing the subject, later identified as Moses Alik (Moses) going onto his neighbor's porch and may have attempted to go into their residence. Sam explained he could not capture on the video whether Moses actually tried to get inside either of the two (2) houses next to his (east of Sam's house); however, it was clearly observed where Moses went onto the porches and then left walking north across the street (Logan St. Celina, OH). It could be observed Moses was wearing the same type of "puffer coat" during this time as he had been during the OICI.

SA Burke asked Sam if he knew of Moses attempting to get inside of his house at any point during this same time frame. Sam stated Moses never attempted to get inside of his house and Sam would have known because of the security and camera system he has attached to his

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house. In looking at the video, SA Burke asked Sam if he knew of Moses and Sam stated he did not.

Sam was able to email a copy of his surveillance to SA Burke for review. Sam had no other relevant information to add to this interview and the interview concluded.

All video footage mentioned above has been placed into Axon Evidence.com and is available for review upon request.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Interview with Samuel Thorpe Jr.