



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, Ohio

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Billy Wadley (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 12/22/2020  
**Activity Location:** – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, OH 43221, Franklin County  
**Author:** SA Perry K. Roeser, #114

**Narrative:**

On December 22, 2020, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was asked to investigate an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI), which involved the Columbus Division of Police (CPD). BCI was notified CPD responded to a suspicious person/vehicle complaint in the area of 1062 Oberlin Dr., Columbus, Ohio. When officer(s) arrived on the scene, they encountered Andre Hill in the garage of the above residence. During the contact, a CPD officer discharged his firearm at Mr. Hill, who later died from the gunshot injuries. Special Agent (SA) Perry Roeser was contacted and asked to assist with the OICI. Special Agent (SA) Richard Ward was assigned as the lead investigator from BCI.

SA Ward asked SA Roeser to interview Billy Wadley, who was inside the residence listed above when the shooting occurred. Mr. Wadley was located inside a marked Columbus police cruiser on the roadway. SA Roeser correctly identified himself to Mr. Wadley and asked him if he would cooperate with a voluntary interview. Mr. Wadley agreed to the request. SA Roeser and Special Agent Jon Scale interviewed Mr. Wadley in SA Roeser's unmarked vehicle.

After SA Roeser gained general information from Mr. Wadley, the following was learned. Mr. Wadley said he was retired and had owned the listed property for 31 years. Mr. Wadley said he lived there with Dystanie Lydelle, who he considers a non-biological niece. SA Roeser asked Mr. Wadley if he knew Andre Hill. Mr. Wadley said no, he did not know the man. Mr. Wadley said he had no idea who Mr. Hill was, and to his knowledge, he had never been to his house.

Mr. Wadley noted that he was asleep during the encounter and only discovered the shooting when Dystanie awoke him. Mr. Wadley said after he was told of the shooting, Dystanie told him that Andre was coming over to drop off Christmas money for her kids.

Mr. Wadley said he looked out the window and saw a person down on the ground. Mr. Wadley said he told Dystanie to go outside and explain to the police why Andre was there. Mr. Wadley said when Dystanie went outside, she was told to stay in the house by law enforcement.

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SA Roeser asked Mr. Wadley if he heard the gunfire. He explained no and he was in bed asleep. Mr. Wadley said at approximately 0200 hours, he was separated from Dystanie and placed in a patrol cruiser's back seat.

Mr. Wadley said he had no surveillance cameras on his property and his vehicle, a Nissan Altima, was parked in the garage.

SA Roeser asked Mr. Wadley if he would consent to his cell phone being viewed to verify that he had no contact information with Andre Hill. Mr. Wadley agreed to the request. After SA Roeser reviewed the phone's contact and message areas, it was determined that no contact information was located for Andre Hill.

For additional details of the conversation, see the attached audio recording.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01:2020-12-22-02-45-41-Billy Wadley