



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



2023-2730
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4312 Helena Avenue,
Youngstown, OH 44512, Mahoning County

Investigative Activity: Neighborhood Canvass Interview
Involves: Dani Jo Morrison (O), BCI (O)
Activity Date: 10/12/2023
Activity Location: Dani Jo Morrison Residence –
4241 Helena Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44512
Authoring Agent: SA Charles Moran #67

Narrative:

On October 12, 2023, at 1358 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chuck Moran (Moran) and SA Eric Lehnhart (Lehnhart) conducted a neighborhood canvass in the 4200-4300 blocks of Helena Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44512. The neighborhood canvass was conducted in reference to an officer-involved shooting that occurred at 4312 Helena Avenue.

SA Moran and SA Lehnhart went to 4241 Helena Avenue and interviewed Dani Jo Morrison (Morrison). Morrison said she was not home at the time of the incident. Morrison said her aunt, Teri Ross (Ross), was home at the time of the incident. Morrison said Ross recently left to go to work and was not currently home.

Morrison said Ross told her that she was inside the house when she heard “three gunshots.” Morrison told agents that Ross explained that she was “scared” to go outside and was going to call 911, but she already heard sirens in the area. Ross looked outside and saw the lights from the police car(s).

SA Moran asked Morrison if she knew anyone or saw anyone at 4312 Helena Avenue. Morrison explained that a male named “Ernie” lived there, but he was currently incarcerated. Morrison saw people at the residence when Ernie initially went to jail. Another neighbor told her that Ernie’s mother was at the residence cleaning it. Morrison said she has observed activity at the residence and assumed it was Ernie’s mother cleaning the residence.

Morrison said she saw a “truck” last night that Ernie’s mother claimed was “stolen” or “missing.” The truck left the residence and returned to the residence with a white colored, panel van. Morrison provided directions to agents to Pinehurst Avenue where she has observed Ernie’s truck parked during the past two weeks. She did not know the truck’s license plate and did not know the van’s license plate.

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Morrison explained that Ernie had multiple vehicles and had them parked at multiple locations in the area. She said the police came to the area and towed many of the vehicles in the recent past.

Morrison said she is an online student and has observed activity at the residence late at night.

Morrison said Ernie went to jail after an incident with his mother, possibly an assault. Ernie allegedly went to a gas station and threatened to kill officers. Ernie was arrested on September 17-18, 2023. Morrison told agents that Ernie had mental health issues.

At 1409 hours, the interview ended.

The interview with Morrison was video recorded with SA Moran's Axon body-worn camera. The video was automatically uploaded to Evidence.com. The video was downloaded from Evidence.com and was copied to a DVD-R. The DVD-R was placed in the BCI SIU case file as part of Reference Item A.

Reference Item:

- A. DVD: Neighborhood Canvass BWC Video Interviews

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