

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



2024–1584 Officer Involved Critical Incident, 27695 Tracy Road, Walbridge, OH 43465, (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Mark N Telles (W)

Date of Activity: 05/24/2024

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Narrative:

On May 24, 2024, the Perrysburg Township Police Department (PTPD), contacted the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). PTPD requested BCI to investigate an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) in their jurisdiction.

Due to the nature of the investigation, Special Agent (SA) Jason Snyder (Snyder) was requested to assist the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) with the OICI.

During a search for witnesses, SA Snyder left his business card at several locations near the OICI incident. Mark Telles (Telles) contacted SA Snyder, by phone, due to SA Snyder's business card being left at his door. Telles lives at 27695 Tracy Rd. Lot 330, Walbridge, Oh. 43465. SA Snyder conducted a recorded interview with Telles by phone at that time.

SA Snyder asked Telles what he heard and saw the night before, concerning an incident with PTPD.

Telles advised that he was home with his wife around 2300. He was watching T.V. and heard a single gunshot come from the east, from Tracy Road direction. A few seconds later, he heard a police siren driving down Tracy Road.

Shortly after, Telles heard a second set of gunshots. Telles called PTPD and was placed on hold.

Next, he heard a third set of gunfire. Telles wanted to see what was going on and opened his door, which faces the west. When he opened the door, he saw a white male who was wearing a light-colored shirt. The male was standing in his yard near his porch. The male stated, "there you are mother fucker".

Telles closed his door and called 911 since, he had not gotten through to PTPD.

SA Snyder asked Telles if he was certain that when he opened his door and saw the male, it

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was during the time after the third set of gunshots. Telles was not positive on the time he saw the male and when the sets of gunfire were heard.

SA Snyder asked Telles how many gunshots he heard for each volley of gunshots. Telles estimated that there were two (2) to five (5) gunshots per volley, after the single shot, he first heard.

SA Snyder asked Telles if he had anything else to add concerning the incident. Telles explained that he did follow a dark in color Ford Taurus in the park, earlier that day. At around 2100, he drove into the park from Tracy Road and saw the Taurus near where the incident occurred. Due to the floodlight and other markings on the Taurus, Telles suspected that the Taurus was a former police car. The Taurus was stationary, and the driver was scanning the area with the "floodlight" on.

When Telles approached the Taurus, the floodlight was turned off and then all the lights on the vehicle were turned off and then back on. The Taurus then started to drive west, further into the park.

Telles followed the Taurus for a moment but, returned to his home after the Taurus turned onto a side street.

After the interview, SA Snyder thanked Telles for contacting him and ended the call.

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 interview. 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.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-05-24, Interview of Mark Telles

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