

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



2022-1139 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 947 SR-28 Business, Milford, Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity:	Interview with Witness
Involves:	Trevor Smalls-Miller (W)
Date of Activity:	05/20/2022
Activity Location:	Smalls-Miller, Trevor - Home - 947 SR 28 #22, Milford, OH 45150, Clermont County
Author:	SA Douglas Eveslage, #66

Narrative:

On May 20, 2022, Special Agents Doug Eveslage and Kenneth Smith with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation responded to an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at 947 Business State Route 28, Milford, Clermont County, Ohio, involving the Miami Township Police Department and Camille Weems. SA's Eveslage and Smith interviewed Trevor Smalls-Miller (Trevor) about witnessing the OICI in the parking lot of his apartment complex.

SA Eveslage asked Trevor to explain what he witnessed and to start from the beginning. Trevor stated that "the beginning started last night" when Camille Weems (Weems) came to his apartment because she purchased a firearm and thought there was something wrong with it. Trevor stated that he inspected the firearm for Weems and told her that there was an "inline safety" on the handgun and you have to "press the whole thing if you want to fire." Trevor stated that he and Weems had further discussion, but it was all related to the firearm's safety, storage, and care.

On May 20, 2022, Trevor told agents that he was in his apartment when he heard the first gunshot at the entrance door to his apartment building. Trevor described the first gunshot as "right below my computer window," and further explained that he used to work at a gun range and was familiar with what a gunshot sounds like. At first, Trevor explained that he did not see anything, but he was focused on telling his child to stay low and get to the back bedroom.

Trevor stated that when he looked out the window and saw Weems with a gun in her hand, shirtless, walking towards the red Chevrolet Impala in the parking lot which was occupied by two adults and an infant. Trevor describes Weems' behavior as "excitable" and stated that she was walking around with one hand behind her back. SA Eveslage asked Trevor to describe the handgun, and he stated her gun was a "black and silver Taurus G2C." Trevor stated that Weems fired the gun again while pointing the gun away from his apartment building.

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Trevor explained that as he was walking from his living room to his bedroom, he heard a third gunshot, but could not tell what distance it was from or the direction the firearm was pointed. After he heard the third gunshot, there was a "hailstorm of gunfire" and he watched Weems "drop right there." SA Eveslage asked Trevor to describe what he means as a hailstorm of gunfire, and Trevor explained that there were four officers and each fired at least five or six times, so approximately he heard twenty shots that all overlapped.

SA Eveslage asked how certain Trevor was that he heard Weems fire three times and he stated he was one hundred percent certain and thought that at least one shot was fired at the officers. SA Eveslage asked if Trevor saw Weems fire the handgun towards the officers, but Trevor stated, "No." Trevor said that he saw Weems point the gun at the people in the Impala, and also fire the gun while pointing it away from his apartment building. SA Eveslage asked if Trevor saw where the officers were standing when they fired, but Trevor said he could not see the officers' locations.

SA Eveslage asked what Trevor saw after Weems fell to the ground, and Trevor said, "After she fell and they assessed the situation and saw that she was no longer a threat, they immediately went to try and help her." "So I can say one hundred percent they did their jobs," explained Trevor. SA Eveslage asked if Trevor knew it was the police shooting or if he heard their sirens when they were approaching, but Trevor said he assumed it was the police but only heard the sirens of the Fire Department and EMT vehicles. SA Eveslage asked Trevor if he heard any announcements by the police before the gunfire, but Trevor said no he did not hear anything.

Trevor explained that he talked to a few people in the apartment complex that said they heard the police say, "Drop the gun and get on the ground;" however, he did not hear those statements, but his air conditioning was on and his windows were closed. SA Eveslage asked Trevor to describe Weems' behavior prior to the incident, and Trevor said, "She was not in her right mind, clearly, obviously." Trevor told agents that Weems told him she purchased the firearm from Range USA and he believes it was the day after she was released from the hospital for mental health issues. Trevor also stated that the police have dealt with Weems on two occasions over the last week.

SA Eveslage asked Trevor if he knew the license plate on his Dodge Ram that was hit by projectiles in the parking lot, but he was not sure and guessed the license plate was "JDM1882 or something like that." SA Smith asked Trevor if he knew Weems' phone number, and Trevor provided 313-926-7823.

The interview was concluded at approximately 1918 hours. This interview was audio recorded and the audio recording is attached to this report. See attachment #01 for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-05-20 / Trevor Smalls-Miller Interview

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Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.