



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:** Richard L Shope (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 05/24/2024  
**Author:** SA Jason A. Snyder, #176

**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. Richard Shope (Richard) contacted SA Snyder, by phone, due to SA Snyder's business card being left at his door. Richard lives at 27695 Tracy Rd. Lot 561, Walbridge, Oh. 43465. SA Snyder conducted a recorded interview with Richard by phone at that time.

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

Richard advised that he was home with his wife Allecia Shope (Allecia) during the time of the incident. At about 2300, Allecia woke Richard up. She told him that she heard gunshots outside. Richard walked out to his kitchen and told his son, who was in the bedroom on the east side of the house, to move to the west side of the trailer for his safety.

Richard went to his front door, which faces south, and looked out the window of the door. He saw a law enforcement officer near a tree. The officer looked like he was taking cover behind the tree. He then heard three (3) loud gunshots. A moment later, Richard heard more gunshots which sounded near the trailer and further away.

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While looking out the door window, Richard believes he saw the officer, who was taking cover behind the tree, "return fire". He believes the officer fired twice (2). Richard could not tell visually if the officer's firearm was a rifle or handgun. But based on the sound, Richard believes the officer fired a rifle from the tree.

When hearing the gunshots, some of the sounds came from near the front side of his trailer (east side). Other gunshot sounds were further away. Richard did not hear anyone say anything during or after the incident.

After the interview, SA Snyder thanked Richard 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 Richard Shope