

Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Investigative Report

2024-3413 Officer Involved Critical Incident - Bernard Park - 1105 Bernard Ave., Findlay, OH 45840



Investigative Activity: Neighborhood Canvass

Involves: Danielle Weber, Diane Myers, Jacob Morrison, Nancy

Gearhart, Holly Wortman

Activity Date: 10/28/2024

Activity Location: 1105 Bernard Park Ave, Findlay, Ohio

Authoring Agent: SA Tiffany Najmulski

Narrative:

On Monday, October 28, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Tiffany Najmulski (SA Najmulski) and Doug Burke (SA Burke) conducted a neighborhood canvass around Bernard Park, Findlay, Ohio. The purpose for the canvass was to identify and interview potential witnesses to the officer-involved critical incident that occurred at Bernard Park, Findlay, Ohio on Monday, October 28, 2024. During the neighborhood canvass, Special Agents Najmulski and Burke made or attempted contact with the residents at the following addresses:

805 Winfield

Agents were unable to reach the resident during the neighborhood canvass on 10/28/2024. SA Najmulski went back to the residence on November 4, 2024, to speak to the resident. SA Najmulski spoke to Holly Wortman (Wortman) who said she saw officers speaking with kids at the picnic table. Wortman went about her business in the house. Later, she heard two gunshots but did not see what happened. Wortman said she did not want to keep watching because she did not want the kids to see her and think she called on them. She said she has seen the same kids hanging out at the park a few times over the past couple months. Wortman had nothing else to add and the conversation ended regarding the incident.

801 Winfield

Agents spoke to Diana Myers (Myers) at the listed address. Myers told agents she thought she heard what sounded like fireworks and then saw police vehicles arrive. Myers told agents there was a viral video going around of someone's door camera video. Myers told agents, when she watched the video, she thought someone in a white vehicle was shooting before the incident occurred involving the police officers. SA

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Najmulski obtained the video (attached), and the video shows a white vehicle approaching the intersection of Parkside and Bernard. The vehicle is seen stopping at the intersection, gunshots can be heard, and the vehicle quickly leaves. The time on the video is approximately the same time the incident occurred with the police. Myers had nothing else to add and the conversation ended.

731 Winfield

Agents spoke to Jacob Morrison (Morrison) at the listed address. He advised he heard what sounded like fireworks but did not see what happened. When he did look out, he saw several police cars in the park. Morrison had nothing else to add and the conversation ended.

728 Winfield

Agents were unable to reach the resident and left a business card. Later that week, the resident, Nancy Gearhart (Gearhart), called and spoke to SA Najmulski. She advised she heard what sounded like fireworks but did not look outside. SA Najmulski asked Gearhart if her ring doorbell caught what happened. Gearhart said since her camera does not face the park it did not turn on to record. Gearhart had nothing else to add and the conversation ended. SA Najmulski did not have her recorder immediately available when Gearhart called, therefore, no recording was made.

1000 Parkside Place

SA Najmulski spoke with the resident, Danielle Weber (Weber), regarding her ring video that she had made public (attached). Weber showed SA Najmulski where the camera was located, which was on the south side of her house and faced the intersection of Parkside and Bernard. Weber said she heard gunshots in the area and looked out the window and saw the police lights. Weber said she heard two shots then a break then eight shots then one or two more shots. Weber had nothing else to add and the conversation ended regarding the incident.

Most of the interviews were recorded except where noted. A copy of the recordings are attached to this investigative report.

Attachments:

- 1. Surveillance (Case Documents) Video from 1000 Parkside
- 2. Audio Interview (Case Documents) 1000 Parkside Place
- 3. Audio Interview (Case Documents) 1000 Parkside Place

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- 4. Audio Interview (Case Documents) 805 Winfield
- 5. Audio Interview (Case Documents) 801 Winfield
- 6. Audio Interview (Case Documents) 731 Winfield