

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



2023–1809 Officer Involved Critical Incident – 3110 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43227 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Steven Franklin Nida (W)

Date of Activity: 07/08/2023

Activity Location: - 3110 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, OH 43227, Franklin

County

Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On Saturday, July 8, 2023, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) and Columbus Division of Police (CPD) requested the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding a shooting incident between Antwan M. Lindsey (Lindsey) and law enforcement officers from both agencies. The incident occurred at an apartment building located at 3110 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio (Franklin County). Lindsey was transported by ambulance to the Grant Medical Center, where he was pronounced deceased.

At 2249 hours, BCI Special Agent Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) interviewed Steven Franklin Nida (Mr. Nida). Mr. Nida was identified as a witness and the person who notified Franklin County Sheriff's Office about Lindsey's actions prior to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI). The interview was audio recorded.

The information provided below summarizes key points from the recorded interview and is not a verbatim account. 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. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed.

Mr. Nida advised SA Seitzman of the following information:

He and his girlfriend, Toni "Summer" Kiser (Ms. Kiser), were visiting their friend "Shawn" at apartment 22 at some point during the late afternoon. He was uncertain about Shawn's full name and said that he had known him for eight to nine months. He said that he knew Shawn from when they both stayed at a Budgetel motel. The purpose of their visit was to check on Shawn due to him having a recent surgery.

While Mr. Nida and Ms. Kiser were at Shawn's apartment, Ms. Kiser received a call from Lindsey, whom she knew as "Red." According to Mr. Nida, Ms. Kiser met Lindsey at a "carry-out." He said

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that Lindsey told her if she ever needed a ride anywhere, he had a vehicle. They exchanged phone numbers. SA Seitzman asked if July 8 was the first time he met Lindsey, and he looked away and said, "Umm, yeah." When questioned further, he said that Lindsey "may have" come over to Shawn's apartment on July 6. When Lindsey called Ms. Kiser, he asked if they had an identification he could use to purchase a motel room for the night because he had a warrant for his arrest for a missed court date. Lindsey then came over to Shawn's apartment to meet them.

While Lindsey was inside Shawn's apartment, he was arguing on the phone with someone who Mr. Nida believed was his girlfriend. When Mr. Nida and Ms. Kiser left the apartment to help Lindsey, Lindsey discovered that his car was missing. Lindsey became irate and immediately accused Mr. Nida and Ms. Kiser of stealing his vehicle. Mr. Nida advised that Lindsey said, "I'll fucking kill people about my car." Mr. Nida told SA Seitzman that he believed Lindsey was on drugs.

Mr. Nida said that he confirmed the towing company for the apartment complex towed Lindsey's car. He then went back to Shawn's apartment where Ms. Kiser and Lindsey were. He advised Lindsey that the car had been towed, at which point Lindsey brandished a black and red handgun with an extended magazine. He said that Lindsey pointed the gun at him and Ms. Kiser. Lindsey said that he would "kill everybody" if he did not get his car back. He said Shawn had previously left for the store and was not present.

Mr. Nida was able to leave the apartment and ran to Walgreens down the street (3015 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, OH 43209). There, he located a Franklin County Sheriff's Office Ms. Kiser remained at the apartment with Lindsey to attempt to calm him. At the time Mr. Nida left, Lindsey still had the gun out. While Mr. Nida was talking to , he heard two gunshots from the area of the apartment complex.

Mr. Nida said that got in his marked cruiser and responded to the scene. Mr. Nida advised that he went to the area of a bus stop near TAT Ristorante Di Famiglia, where he watched the law enforcement response. [Agent's note: SA Seitzman took a photograph of Mr. Nida's point of view]. Mr. Nida heard giving Lindsey commands to the effect of "Drop the weapon! Come out with your hands up!" He then heard two more shots, which he believed were fired by Lindsey. When asked if he could see Lindsey, he said it appeared that Lindsey was on the ground and periodically pushed the front door of the apartment complex open, at which point he could see his arm. When asked if he saw Lindsey with the gun at this point during the incident, he said he occasionally got a glimpse of it when Lindsey pushed the door open. He said that he never actually saw Lindsey fire the gun. He said that gave more commands, at which point he heard another round or two. He estimated that, in total, he heard five or six rounds. He said that several additional police cruisers arrived after that point.

Mr. Nida said that he saw officers run around the west side of the apartment building. He said that he might have heard an additional shot or two after that point. He said it sounded like the shots were fired from outside the building.

SA Seitzman asked Mr. Nida if anyone had seen Ms. Kiser since the incident occurred. He said that he called her from a bystander's phone. He said that Ms. Kiser answered and said that he

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ran around the back of the building after the incident. He said he was uncertain where she went afterward.

SA Seitzman asked Mr. Nida where he presently resides. He said for the past couple of weeks he has been staying at a house on Harlow Road. He was uncertain of the house numbers but said they were "something like 5148." He said he has been staying there with a childhood friend, "Mike." When asked for Mike's last name, he said he could not remember it.

Mr. Nida said that he did not observe any law enforcement officers discharge their weapons during the incident.

The interview was concluded at 2315 hours. The audio recording is attached. Also attached is an image depicting Mr. Nida's point of view when he witnessed the incident.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-7-8/ Interview with Steven Franklin Nida

Attachment # 02: Nida Point-of-View Image

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