



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



2024-1219
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4632 East Main Street,
Whitehall

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Travon A Black (W)
Date of Activity: 04/19/2024
Activity Location: McDonald's – Business – 4640 E Main St, Whitehall, OH 43236
Author: SA Kyle Douglass, #126

Narrative:

On April 19, 2024 at approximately 0644 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) conducted an interview with McDonald's employee Travon Black (Black) as a potential witness to an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which occurred earlier that morning involving Whitehall Police Department (WPD) in the parking lot of 4632 East Main Street in Whitehall, OH.

Black agreed to provide a voluntary statement to BCI and answer questions regarding the incident. The following is a summation of the interview, specific details can be found in the attached audio recording.

Black confirmed he was working at the McDonald's restaurant located at 4640 East Main Street. Black reported he had been working since 1000 hours the previous day (April 18, 2024). Black was scheduled to end his shift at 0600 hours.

Black recalled having the drive-thru headset on and heard people outside yelling in Spanish, then heard several gunshots. Black estimated hearing approximately six (6) to eight (8) total gunshots. Black did not see or hear police arrive on scene before the shooting occurred. Black estimated the shooting incident occurred sometime around 0200 hours.

Black ran to the front to check on another employee who was working that night, who said that somebody had been shot. Black identified this employee as David (LNU), and recalled David had left the restaurant approximately ten minutes after the incident occurred. Black believed David might have seen the incident on the McDonald's drive-thru cameras. Black recalled David also said a customer in the drive-thru reported someone had been shot.

Black did not recall hearing any gunshots prior to the OICI involving WPD. Black denied having any problems with drive-thru customers in the hours leading to the OICI. Black recalled having another McDonald's employee take a drive-thru order for a Spanish speaking customer earlier

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that night, possibly around 2200 hours. Black said he did not see any civilian vehicles which may have been involved in the shooting incident.

Interview concluded at 0652 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-04-19 – Travon Black Interview Audio