



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



2023-3023

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 6235 Hathaway Rd.,
Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio 44125

Investigative Activity: Prior Law Enforcement Contact and CCH

Activity Date: 01-02-2024

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Joseph Goudy #83

Narrative:

On Tuesday, January 2, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) compiled background information on Benard Russell (Russell), the subject involved in the officer involved shooting incident that occurred on November 14, 2023. The information included researching past police reports involving the subject, searching criminal history records, court records (if applicable), open/closed-source database inquiries, and social media posts. The information gathered was obtained from the BCI Criminal Intelligence Unit and the Garfield Heights Police Department.

SA Goudy reviewed the information and noted the following:

Prior Police Encounters

Date: 05/12/2022

Call ID: 2221320093

Type: Noise Complaint

-On the listed date, a caller reported loud music coming from the area. When the officers arrived on scene, they advised Russell of the complaint. Russell complied with the officers and turned the music down for the night.

Date: 08/06/2022

Call ID: 2222180058

Type: Noise Complaint

-On the listed date, a caller stated someone in the area is playing very loud music. When officers arrived in the area, they determined the music was not excessive. Nothing further reported.

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Computerized Criminal History (CCH) and/ or Court Records:

-Russell did not have a CCH to review.

Database Searches:

A CLEAR report, LexisNexis report and OHLEG was obtained and reviewed. There was nothing relevant to the investigation.

Social Media:

Upon receiving the information from the BCI criminal intelligence unit, there was no social media found under Benard Russell's name.

The documents received relative to Benard Russell are attached to this report for further review, except for any prohibited LEADS/CCH reports which were disposed of according to applicable policies and procedures.

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GARFIELD HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Call Summary Report

Printed on 11/15/2023

CallID 2221320093 Date Taken 05/12/2022 Time Taken 20:54:51 Method Received E-911

Call Dispo: ADVISED

Code	5481B	Type	NOISE		Citation
Street Info	6235	HATHAWAY RD		Apt	PNum
Location					FNum
City/State/Zip	GARFIELD HTS	OH	44125		ENum
County	CUYAHOGA				Entry ID 121

Caller Information

Caller Name

Caller Address 0

Apt

Caller City

Caller Phone

Comments

(5/12/2022 20:55:11 By: 121) CALLER REPORTING LOUD MUSIC COMING FROM THE AREA
 (5/12/2022 21:12:10 By: 121) PTL LEE SPOKE WITH RESIDENT BERNARD RUSSELL. HE WAS ADVISED OF THE COMPLAINT AND WILL TURN IT DOWN FOR THE NIGHT.
 (5/12/2022 21:12:10 By: 121) dm
 (5/13/2022 04:36:44 By: S20) Sgt. Baon

Unit Times

<u>Unit Id</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Disp</u>	<u>Enroute</u>	<u>Onscene</u>	<u>IN SERVICI</u>	<u>TO HOSPIT</u>	<u>AT HOSPIT</u>	<u>BELL OUT</u>	<u>TO JAIL</u>	<u>IN QTRS</u>	<u>Cleared</u>
002	05/12/22	20:56:03		21:09:03							21:12:17
3412											
038	05/12/22	20:56:00									21:12:17
3420											

GARFIELD HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Call Summary Report

Printed on 11/15/2023

CallID 2222180058 Date Taken 08/06/2022 Time Taken 15:59:43 Method Received TELEPHONE

Call Dispo: CHECKS OK

Code	5481B	Type	NOISE	Citation
Street Info	6235	HATHAWAY RD	Apt	PNum
Location				FNum
City/State/Zip	GARFIELD HTS	OH	44125	ENum
County	CUYAHOGA			Entry ID 105GH

Caller Information

Caller Name	OKUROWSKI	FRANK	
Caller Address	0		Apt Caller City
Caller Phone	[REDACTED]		

Comments

(8/6/2022 16:00:17 By: 105GH) CALLER STATES SOMEONE, WHO HE THINKS LIVES ON SHADYWAY NEAR HATHAWAY, IS PLAYING VERY LOUD MUSIC.
 (8/6/2022 16:54:33 By: 104GH) MUSIC WAS NOT EXCESSIVE. COMP WAS ADVISED.
 (8/6/2022 16:54:38 By: 104GH) (MM)
 (8/6/2022 18:13:39 By: L07) LT. BAILEY

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055	08/06/22	16:18:05		16:21:44							16:54:34
3412											

Call MNI

<u>EntryCode</u>	<u>Lname</u>	<u>Fname</u>	<u>MI</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Lic Num</u>
COM	OKUROWSKI	FRANK			01/01/00		

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Call Summary Report

Printed on 11/15/2023

CallID [REDACTED] Date Taken 11/14/2023 Time Taken 12:25:17 Method Received E-911

Call Dispo: SEE REPORT

Code	8977A	Type	PERSONAL WELFARE		Citation	
Street Info	6235	HATHAWAY RD		Apt	PNum	[REDACTED]
Location					FNum	
City/State/Zip	GARFIELD HTS	OH	44125		ENum	
County	CUYAHOGA				Entry ID	105GH

Caller Information

Caller Name		
Caller Address	0	Apt Caller City
Caller Phone	2163949455	

Comments

(11/14/2023 12:25:47 By: 105GH) MALE CALLER ASKED FOR THE SUICIDE HOTLINE AND THEN HUNG UP ON DISPATCH WHEN QUESTIONED FURTHER, NO ANSWER WHEN CALLING BACK. CALLERS CELLPHONE IS TRACKING TO THIS RESIDENCE.

(11/14/2023 12:40:13 By: 106GH) MALE LOCATED SITTING ON A COUCH IN THE BASEMENT WITH A GUN TO HIS HEAD. ENTER THRU 3 SIDE LOWER DOOR.

(11/14/2023 12:42:07 By: 106GH) PTL R CRAMER CLOSING ROAD OFF HATHAWAY AT TURNEY.

(11/14/2023 12:44:28 By: 106GH) LT VARGO ENRT

(11/14/2023 12:45:44 By: 106GH) EMS REQUESTED AND STAGING AT THE BACK PARKING LOT OF MARC'S, TURNEY/HATHAWAY.

(11/14/2023 12:49:20 By: 106GH) PER SGT [REDACTED] SHOTS FIRED.

(11/14/2023 12:49:37 By: 106GH) EMS RESPONDING.

(11/14/2023 12:52:27 By: 106GH) DET BUR NEEDED TO RESPOND PER SGT [REDACTED]

(11/14/2023 12:53:19 By: 106GH) PER SGT [REDACTED] PAGE OUT ANY AVAIL OFF DUTY OFFICERS REF: 2233180031.

(11/14/2023 12:54:40 By: 106GH) PTL CWIKLINSKI FOLLOWING RESCUE SQUAD TO MMER.

(11/14/2023 13:02:27 By: 106GH) PER DC MERCHANT, PROTECTIVE SWEEP DONE BY HIM, PTLs ZUPANCIC, FALZINI, AND SIMIA

(11/14/2023 13:04:35 By: 106GH) PTL CWIKLINSKI OUT AT MMER WITH THE SQUAD.

(11/14/2023 13:16:56 By: 106GH) VALLEY VIEW ADVISED TO CLOSE HATHAWAY AT THE GARFIELD HTS/VALLEY VIEW BORDER.

(11/14/2023 13:26:21 By: 106GH) LT BERDYSZ ENRT TO MMER WITH PTL [REDACTED]

(11/14/2023 13:26:30 By: 106GH) CHIEF KAYE ENRT TO MMER WITH SGT [REDACTED]

(11/14/2023 13:54:31 By: 106GH) DET SEAWRIGHT AND DET CORNELL OUT AT MMER.

(11/14/2023 16:42:27 By: 106GH) SEE REPORT

(11/14/2023 17:07:58 By: 106GH) (PT)

Call Numbers

Time Stamp	Number Type	Call Number	Number Reason	Created By
11/15/23 08:30:08	PNUM	[REDACTED]	GARFIELD	tvargo

CallID [REDACTED]

Date Taken 11/14/2023

Time Taken 12:25:17

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002	11/14/23	12:41:25		12:43:23							16:42:11
23											
009	11/14/23	12:40:34		12:45:51							15:33:32
37											
018	11/14/23	12:41:28		12:43:25							13:37:43
23											
029	11/14/23	13:29:47		13:29:52							13:37:45
030	11/14/23	12:40:26		12:41:44							14:06:44
06											
[REDACTED]	11/14/23	12:27:17		12:34:22							15:16:16
01											
037	11/14/23	12:40:31		12:42:10							13:34:24
36											
049	11/14/23	12:40:47		12:45:53							15:10:52
19											
L11	11/15/23	08:28:31		08:28:38							08:35:24
L14	11/14/23	12:39:45		12:45:56							15:45:19
12											
[REDACTED]	11/14/23	12:27:24		12:32:24							15:27:29
25											
S19	11/14/23	12:41:31		12:43:20							13:25:59
S19	11/14/23	13:29:49		13:29:54							13:38:06

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SUB	RUSSELL	BENARD			08/10/56	6235 HATHAWAY RD	[REDACTED]
NOK	RUSSELL	WILMA	JE		11/03/57	6235 HATHAWAY RD	[REDACTED]

