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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4802 James Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio

**Investigative Activity:** Radio Traffic and Call Audio Received and Reviewed  
**Involves:** North Ridgeville Police Department (O)  
**Activity Date:** 05/22/2024  
**Activity Location:** BCI, 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Nicholas Valente #139

**Narrative:**

On May 22, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente received a copy of the North Ridgeville Police Department (NRPD) radio traffic and phone calls associated with the officer-involved shooting of Jason Norris (Norris). The radio traffic and phone call audio files were received from North Ridgeville Police Records Clerk Brenda Girgash. The audio recordings were attached to this report.

SA Valente reviewed the radio traffic and phone call recordings and noted the following:

There were 36 audio recordings in total. This included both police radio traffic and various telephone calls.

1. 063\_NRPD\_2024\_05\_08\_19\_06\_51\_by\_Start\_Time\_asc([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. A NRPD officer reported the front door of the subject residence was opening.
2. 064\_NRPD\_2024\_05\_08\_19\_07\_01\_by\_Start\_Time\_asc([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. A male voice (known to be that of North Ridgeville Police Lieutenant Pat West based on other records) stated: "Block that car in. Block that car in. That car does not leave."
3. 065\_NRPD\_2024\_05\_08\_19\_07\_20\_by\_Start\_Time\_asc([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. Voice one: "Shots fired! Shots fired!"
  - b. Voice two "Get us EMS down here. Subject down. Shots fired by police."
  - c. Voice three: "Watch cross."
4. 066\_NRPD\_2024\_05\_08\_19\_07\_38\_by\_Start\_Time\_asc([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. Voice one: "We got one subject down in the front yard in the driveway."
5. 067\_NRPD\_2024\_05\_08\_19\_07\_58\_by\_Start\_Time\_asc([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. A short radio traffic clip that was partially unintelligible. Possibly an officer requesting mutual aid.
6. 068\_NRPD\_2024\_05\_08\_19\_08\_19\_by\_Start\_Time\_asc([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))

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- a. Voice one: "Theres a White male in a white t-shirt in the front yard by the front door."
7. 069\_NRPD\_2024\_05\_08\_19\_08\_41\_by\_Start\_Time\_asc([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. Voice one: "Send 29."
  - b. Voice two: "En route."
8. 1801 Call 1 - White County SO TN([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. A person who identified themselves as "Brandon, White County Sheriff's Department" of Tennessee called the NRPD and reported deputies in Tennessee were actively working a homicide in their jurisdiction and noted the subject of their investigation was Jason Norris (Norris). Norris had shot the victim of the homicide in the face. Norris should be considered armed and dangerous. A warrant had not yet been entered for the arrest of Norris. Further, the vehicle Norris was driving was picked up on Flock cameras in North Ridgeville six minutes prior to placing the call. The caller provided the North Ridgeville Police dispatcher with the license plate number of the vehicle Norris was driving.
9. 1807 Call 2 - White County SO TN([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. The previous caller again called NRPD to pass along the subject vehicle was again picked up on Flock cameras in the city of North Ridgeville. The NRPD dispatcher advised the caller NRPD was aware of the second Flock capture and were monitoring for additional Flock hits.
- 10.1808 Dispatch call to Westlake([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. The NRPD dispatcher called Westlake Police Department and advised them the subject vehicle may be entering their jurisdiction.
- 11.1812 Call from Lt. Lee([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. NRPD Lieutenant Lee called NRPD regarding new Flock hits and possible ties between the subject to specific areas in Tennessee.
- 12.1825 Call from Avon PD([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. Avon Police Department called NRPD and advised they located the subject vehicle on a Flock camera and were also looking for it.
- 13.1846 Call 3 - White County SO TN([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. The White County Sheriff's Office employee noted in the earlier calls again called NRPD for an update and was advised NRPD officers were still actively searching for the subject vehicle.
- 14.1900 Call 4 to White County SO([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. NRPD called White County Sheriff's Office and advised NRPD located the subject vehicle and were setting up a perimeter. A Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) agent advised they were in the process of obtaining an arrest warrant and provided a better description of the subject's physical

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appearance. During the call the NRPD dispatcher advised the TBI agent he would call back later because shots had just been fired and the call was abruptly ended.

- 15.1907 Call to Westcom([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. NRPD called Westcom/NRFD and requested they respond to the scene because a person had been shot.
- 16.1909 Call from Westcom([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. Westcom/NRFD called NRPD and reported two squads were en route to the scene of the shooting.
- 17.1911 Call from Westcom([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. Westcom/NRFD called NRPD inquiring if it was safe to approach the subject residence.
- 18.1914 Call to Westcom([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. NRPD called Westcom/NRFD back and advised it was safe to pull up to the subject residence.
- 19.1919 Call from Lt Petek([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. NRPD Lieutenant Petek called NRPD dispatch inquiring about what happened.
- 20.1919 Call to Chief([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. NRPD dispatch called and left a voicemail with the NRPD Chief of Police advising him of the officer-involved shooting.
- 21.1921 Call to Chief's Wife([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. NRPD dispatch called the wife of NRPD Chief of Police attempting to reach him.
- 22.1922 Call from Avon Manpower([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. Avon PD called NRPD and advised they had police manpower available if need to assist NRPD.
- 23.1922 Voicemail for Chief([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. NRPD called and left a voicemail with the NRPD Chief of Police.
- 24.1923 Contact with 41 via phone([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. NRPD Dispatch received a call from the Chief of Police who was advised of the officer-involved shooting.
- 25.1929 Call from Lt Petek 2([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. NRPD Lieutenant Petak called and inquired if the Chief of Police had been notified.
- 26.1936 Call to BCI([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
  - a. NRPD called BCI, reported the officer-involved shooting and requested BCI respond to investigate.
- 27.1937 Call from 43([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))

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- a. An unknown individual asked NRPD dispatch if they called the SWAT team.
- 28.1949 Call from Parker #80([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
- a. NRPD Officer Parker called NRPD dispatch and obtained a social security number and possible address for Norris. The officer advised dispatch a pistol was found in Norris's pants pocket while at the hospital and the weapon had been secured.
- 29.1955 Call 43 to 48([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
- a. NRPD transferred a call between NRPD officers where one advised the other the Chief of Police requested all detectives be called in to service.
- 30.2009 Call 5 - White County SO TN([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
- a. White County Sheriff's Department called NRPD requesting an update on the incident.
- 31.2010 43 call to ■([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
- a. An unknown NRPD member called NRPD dispatch and asked to speak with the involved officers. SA Valente promptly stopped the review of this audio call to avoid any possible Garrity issues prior to the caller being transferred to the involved officers.
- 32.2024-7562 All Radio Traffic([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
- a. This recording was 36:53 in length and included all radio traffic relative to the officer-involved shooting. The radio traffic most noteworthy to this investigation was snipped out of this larger recording and detailed above in recordings one through seven already detailed above.
- 33.2030 Call from 69 from SJWS([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
- a. NRPD dispatch received a call from NRPD Detective Neff who notified them at 2028 hours Norris was pronounced deceased.
- 34.2051 Cuy M.E.'s Office([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
- a. NRPD called the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office and reported Norris's death.
- 35.2128 Call 6 - White County SO TN([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
- a. White County Sheriff's Office called NRPD and requested an update and were identified the subject was pronounced deceased after the officer-involved shooting.
- 36.2145 Call 7 - TN Investigations([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
- a. A TBI agent called NRPD requesting further information and was advised the subject was now deceased, possessed two firearms and fired at an NRPD officer.

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14. 1900 Call 4 to White County SO([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
15. 1907 Call to Westcom([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
16. 1909 Call from Westcom([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
17. 1911 Call from Westcom([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
18. 1914 Call to Westcom([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
19. 1919 Call to Chief([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
20. 1919 Call from Lt Petek([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
21. 1921 Call to Chief's Wife([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
22. 1922 Voicemail for Chief([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
23. 1922 Call from Avon Manpower([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
24. 1923 Contact with 41 via phone([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
25. 1929 Call from Lt Petek 2([bgirgash@nridgeville.org](mailto:bgirgash@nridgeville.org))
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