



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: Interview with Witness
Involves: Jodi Lynn Girod (W)
Date of Activity: 11/15/2024
Activity Location: Girod, Jodi Lynn – Home – 912 Parkside Place, Findlay, OH 45840
Author: SA Joshua S. Rammel, #175

Narrative:

On November 15, 2024, at 1400 hours Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Josh Rammel (Rammel) and SA Jason Snyder (Snyder) interviewed Jodi Lynn Girod (Girod), relative to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which took place on October 28, 2024. The interview took place at 912 Parkside Place, Findlay, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the OICI known or observed by this individual.

SA Rammel and SA Snyder made contact with Girod at her front door. Girod agreed to speak with SA Rammel and Snyder and came outside in order for the baby to sleep in the living room.

SA Rammel informed Girod that her name was brought to the attention of BCI due to Facebook posts where Girod mentioned that she saw the shooting involving the Findlay Police Department and juvenile Calvin Darapheth (Calvin). Girod confirmed that she saw the "whole thing from my (Girod) couch". Girod clarified that she was watching the three juveniles over at Bernard Park prior to the arrival of FPD. Girod advised that the three juveniles were at Bernard Park on a regular basis and that Girod's juvenile son knows them. Girod stated that her son is no longer allowed to go to Bernard Park anymore and has told Girod that Calvin would always smoke and drink alcohol.

Girod stated that the night of the OICI she just got home from the store and saw the FPD pull up to the juveniles sitting at a picnic table in Bernard Park. Girod indicated that she had since heard that the FPD was called for the juvenile's drinking alcohol, but Girod stated that she did not see any alcohol and did not know for sure if that was why the FPD were initially called.

Girod advised that she eventually saw Calvin running away from the FPD towards the railroad tracks. Girod said that was when she heard "pop, pop, pop". Girod told SA Rammel that she

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did not see Calvin shooting as he was running away from her view, but Girod saw the FPD Officer return fire. Girod mentioned that she did not know who fired the first couple of "pops" that she heard but assumed that Calvin fired at the police as well because there "were so many pops". Girod stated that she thinks there was "seven or eight" shots, but Girod was unable to provide an exact amount.

Girod showed SA Rammel where she was sitting in her living room, and SA Rammel could see the view and confirmed that Girod would have had a clear direct view to where the juveniles were sitting when interacting with the FPD. Girod advised that the bench the juveniles were sitting at had since been moved and that it was near a yellow wire by the playset in Bernard Park.

Girod mentioned that she never met Calvin, but that her son knew a little about him. Girod provided a story where another juvenile pulled a BB gun on her son once at Bernard Park and that Girod initially thought it was Calvin, but Girod's son clarified that it was not Calvin.

Girod stated that she had lived in her house for the past seven years and that this was the first time there were any gun shots. Girod confirmed that Bernard Park is a high drug area though.

Girod confirmed that her husband and kids were in the kitchen during the shooting and none of them saw anything.

SA Rammel inquired if there were any details that SA Rammel had not specifically asked that may be important. Girod stated that she did not think there was anything else to say regarding the shooting, but Girod mentioned that she spoke with ABC 13 News the day after the shooting and that this was the first time any law enforcement attempted to speak with her. Girod stated that she had not seen any form of law enforcement canvassing the area since the shooting.

Girod confirmed her date of birth as December 21, 1983, and provided her cell phone number [REDACTED].

Girod asked SA Rammel about how the court process would work and if she may get called to court. SA Rammel explained how the process would work and that since this was like any other criminal investigation there was a chance that Girod could get called to court in the event that trial proceedings occur. SA Rammel provided his contact information in the event that Girod had any additional questions or concerns moving forward.

At that time SA Rammel and SA Snyder thanked Girod for speaking with them and the interview was concluded.

As SA Rammel was clearing the area, he observed that Girod had a Ring camera outside of her residence. SA Rammel contacted Girod and inquired about the footage. Girod informed SA Rammel that the Ring is not active and that it did not take any footage the night of the OICI. Girod explained that they were going to activate the Ring soon just in case something like this happened again.

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The interview concluded at approximately 1412 hours.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. 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 recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

The interview was recorded using a digital audio recorder. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: jodi lynn interview 2024-11-14

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