



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



2023-2639

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 7498 Van Ness Avenue,  
Hubbard, Ohio 44425, Trumbull County

**Investigative Activity:** Phone Interview; Neighborhood Canvass  
**Involves:** Michael Bayus (O)  
**Activity Date:** 10/17/2023  
**Activity Location:** Phone Call  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Charles Moran #67

**Narrative:**

On October 17, 2023, at 1519 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chuck Moran (Moran) spoke with Michael Bayus (Bayus) by phone. SA Moran explained BCI's role in the investigation and that he received Bayus' information from Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Trooper Brian DePizzo (DePizzo).

Bayus said the incident occurred across the street and diagonal from his residence at 7545 Van Ness Avenue. On the night of the incident, Bayus received a phone call from his neighbors, who were not home at the time, and they wanted to know what was "going on." Bayus said another neighbor, Thomas Delfratte (Delfratte), has a police "scanner" and was posting updates to Facebook. Bayus checked Delfratte's Facebook page and learned that there was a person in the neighborhood with "two loaded shotguns" and the neighborhood was on "lockdown." Bayus called other neighbors and warned them.

Bayus saw the police cars outside and turned all of his lights on at his residence. He saw law enforcement officers walk by the front of his house. He was certain that no one was in his back yard because his motion detector lights were not activated. Bayus continued checking Delfratte's Facebook page for updates. Bayus was concerned because his wife had not returned home from work yet. Bayus learned from Delfratte's Facebook page that the subject involved in the incident had tried to "get in somebody's back door."

At about 2230 hours, Bayus heard, "Put the gun down! Put it down!" Bayus said he moved toward the back of his residence. He said the law enforcement officers were in his yard and in the street. Bayus heard two gunshots. Bayus confirmed that he did not see the shooting and only heard the gunshots. Bayus said Delfratte possibly heard both gunshots too. SA Moran asked Bayus to provide Delfratte with SA Moran's contact information and request Delfratte to contact SA Moran.

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SA Moran asked Bayus if he had any exterior surveillance cameras or video(s) of the incident. Bayus said he did not have any surveillance cameras nor video(s) of the incident.

SA Moran asked Bayus if he knew the male subject that was involved in the incident. Bayus said he did not know the subject. He said he has walked by the subject's house in the neighborhood and noted flags with various slogans at the house. Bayus said his wife knew someone that worked with the male subject. The person told his wife that the male subject frequented a bar while on his breaks at work. Bayus heard that the male subject was "under the influence" of an unknown substance. Bayus was thankful that the male subject could not enter his elderly neighbor's (Delaine Koelliker) residence and he was grateful for the police response.

The phone interview ended at about 1532 hours. The phone interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was placed in Matrix and was attached to this report.

**Attachment:**

1. Phone Interview - Michael Bayus - 2023-10-17 at 1519 hours - 803\_0774

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