



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



2022-1139
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 947 SR-28 Business, Milford,
Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Camille Artice Weems (S)
Date of Activity: 05/24/2022
Activity Location: Harky's Motorsports – 944 OH-28, Milford, OH 45150, Clermont County
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On May 24, 2022, at 1047 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) interviewed Paul Burgio, Jr. (Mr. Burgio) regarding information he had as a witness to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident that occurred on May 20, 2022, involving the Miami Township Police Department (MTPD). On May 20, 2022, MTPD Sergeant Josh Bail informed SA Seitzman that Mr. Burgio witnessed a portion of the Officer-Involved Critical Incident and provided a written statement to MTPD. SA Seitzman was further informed that Mr. Burgio is the manager of Harky's Motorsports, which is located on the north side of SR-28 Business across the street from the Berry Lane Apartments. The parking lot of the Berry Lane Apartments was the location of the Officer-Involved Critical Incident.

The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device. The details below summarize the pertinent portions of the recorded interview and are not a verbatim account. 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 audio recording be reviewed to clarify the content of the interview.

Mr. Burgio advised SA Seitzman of the following information:

Mr. Burgio confirmed he completed a written statement and provided it to MTPD. He said he never saw anyone firing a weapon during the Officer-Involved Critical Incident, but he heard the shots. He stated he was helping a customer in the center of the showroom. While assisting the customer, he heard three or four "pops." He initially assumed the "pops" were from firecrackers; however, after approximately a minute to a minute and a half, several police cruisers arrived at the apartment complex across the street. After the officers arrived, he heard two more shots that were "staggered from each other." Immediately after hearing those shots, he heard glass

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shattering inside the business. He also heard a "zip noise" going past his head. At around the same time, he saw officers duck and then saw the officers with their weapons drawn. He instructed his employees and a customer to seek shelter at the back of the business. At that time, he heard six or seven shots in rapid succession.

Once the shooting stopped, Mr. Burgio examined the showroom. He believed he had found a projectile underneath the hole in the window. He also found what he believed to be a fragment near a bike in the center of the showroom. He did not touch any of the potential evidence.

Mr. Burgio stated his employee, Jake Harkleroad, contacted 9-1-1 to advise the store was shot.

The interview was concluded at 1034 hours. The audio recording is attached below. Also attached is the written statement Mr. Burgio provided to MTPD.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-05-24 / Interview with Paul Burgio Jr

Attachment # 02: Paul Burgio Jr. Written Statement (MTPD)

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.

Exhibit 2

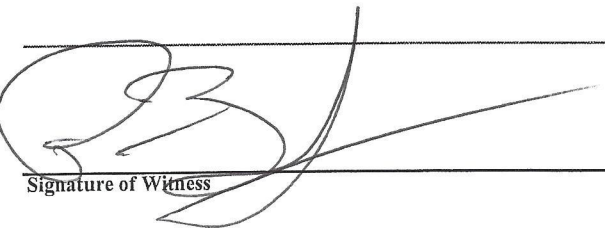


Miami Township Police Department WITNESS STATEMENT

Date 05/20/2022 Time 6:00 pm Case # _____
 Name Paul Burgio Jr DOB 07/21/1984 Social Security # [REDACTED]
PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME
 Address 4479 Eva Lane Batavia Phone Number 301 399 8768
NUMBER STREET CITY

THIS STATEMENT IS IN REFERENCE TO:

I was in the showroom speaking w/ a customer when we heard 3 or 4 "pops". Maybe a minute later, police presence was very heavy and we heard more "pops" Now realizing it was gun shots, we heard a loud pop followed by glass breaking and hitting us. We took cover until shots stopped. I told the customer to stay while we checked the damage to the building. We found two pieces of bullet remains. We called 911 to inform them of the bullet. Briefly checked our inventory before being informed our building was a crime scene, and we had to leave



Signature of Witness

Signature of Officer