



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



2023-0556
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 23897 US Rt 23, Circleville
43113 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Jose Luis Garcia (W)
Date of Activity: 02/25/2023
Activity Location: Rodeway Inn – 23897 US Route 23, Circleville, OH 43113,
Pickaway County
Author: SA Andrew Russell

Narrative:

On Saturday, February 25, 2023, 05:34 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Jose Luis Garcia (Garcia), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on Saturday, February 25, 2023. The interview took place at the Roadway Inn, 23897 US Route 23, Circleville, Ohio 43113. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

Garcia stated that he has been staying at the Roadway Inn, Circleville, for two weeks as he is currently employed with construction of the solar panel farm. Garcia stated he met an unknown female, later identified as Pamela Croston (Croston) in a bar in the downtown of Circleville while out with three other coworkers. Garcia advised that Croston told him that she had no place to live as her husband had kicked her out. Garcia added that he rented a room for her at the Roadway Inn where he was staying to help her out as it was so cold out. Garcia stated that Croston only had her purse and a few beers with her. Garcia added that he had a beer with her in her room when she went to the bathroom and came out without pants. Garcia added that she left the room and was calling out to one of his friends, so he left. Garcia stated about fifteen minutes later his friend returned and told him that she was “Coo Coo” and didn’t want him to leave the room.

Garcia added that he and his friend (Unknown) attempted to advise the front desk of the hotel, but could not get them to open the front door.

Garcia advised that he was unsure if Croston was intoxicated, but that she had been drinking. Garcia stated that he and his friend returned to their rooms and decided to let her be and not interact with her anymore. Garcia added that he was awoken by police in the morning and questioned about the unknown (Croston) female as the room was rented to him. Garcia advised

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he knew nothing about the shooting incident as his room was on the other side of the hotel complex.

Garcia stated at no time did Croston show any signs of suicide or aggression, she had been very friendly in the bar and appeared to have friends there. Garcia advised he never saw Croston in possession of a firearm.

Garcia advised his cellular phone number is [REDACTED] cell, date of birth is 05/12/1976 and he resides at 3116 Cleveland Street, Laredo Texas, 78043.

The interview was audio recorded and ended at 05:40 hours. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-02-25 Jose Garcia Interview