

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



2022-1726 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 15266 Gilchrist Rd., Mt. Vernon (L)

Investigative Activity: Information Provided/Obtained

Date of Activity: 09/22/2022

Activity Location: Knox County Sheriffs Office – Business – 11540 Upper Gilchrist

Road, Mt Vernon, OH 43050, Knox County

Author: SA John P. Tingley, #154

Narrative:

On Thursday, September 22, 2022, at approximately 0900 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) met with Lieutenant (Lt.) Craig Feeney (Feeney) of the Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) at the KCSO, which is located at 11540 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Lt. Feeney, in a conversation with SA Tingley on September 19, 2022, advised that on Saturday, August 20, 2022, he contacted Saundra Wilhelm in the back of a Fredericktown EMS ambulance, in order to make a next of kin notification regarding the deaths of Randy Wilhelm and Bradley Wilhelm. He advised that Fredericktown EMS Paramedic Alexa Haught (Haught) was also present in the ambulance. He stated that Saundra Wilhelm had made some unexpected statements while being notified of the deaths of her sons. During this conversation, SA Tingley had asked Lt. Feeney to get a written statement from Haught and to type a short statement from him explaining the nature of the conversation.

Accordingly, on September 19, 2022, Lt. Feeney contacted Haught and requested a written and signed statement from her. Haught complied; and, on September 19, 2022, at approximately 1600 hours, Lt. Feeney picked up the written and signed statement from Haught, with this statement being given to SA Tingley on September 22, 2022.

The following is a synopsis of both statements and does not include all of the information contained in the statements and is not a word-for-word translation of the entire statement. Those statements that are direct quotes are so documented as such. It is suggested that the full statements be reviewed to clarify any questions the reader may have.

In her written statement, Haught advised that Mrs. Wilhelm [Saundra Wilhelm (Wilhelm)] was retrieved from her home at 15266 Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and placed into the rear of the Fredericktown EMS ambulance. While in the back of the ambulance, Wilhelm was contacted by KCSO Lt. Feeney and Chaplain Marvin Haught, who entered the ambulance and

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did an official death notification to Wilhelm of the death of her sons, Bradley Wilhelm and Randy Wilhelm.

Haught continued by stating, "After the detective told her the news, Mrs. Wilhelm expressed that she 'knew they were dead,' and that the deceased had told her early that morning that they would not go down without a fight, and would not be coming home alive. She expressed the boys and her said their goodbyes at that time."

Lt. Feeney then prepared a written statement on September 23, 2022, which he emailed to SA Tingley.

In his statement, Lt. Feeney stated, "On Saturday 8/20/2022, I met with Saundra Wilhelm in the back of the Fredericktown Medic to deliver a death notification. Immediately after introducing myself Saundra stated 'I know what you are going to tell me.' I asked Saundra what that was and she said, 'I know that Brad and Randy are dead,' I asked her why she would say that and Saundra said they wanted to die. I asked her to repeat what she just said again and she again said that they wanted to die."

Copies of both of the written statements are attached to this report.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-1726 KCSO LT. FEENEY WRITTEN STATEMENT

Attachment # 02: 2022-1726 EMS WITNESS HAUGHT WRITTEN STATEMENT

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Case Narrative for S-P2201647 (09/23/22 09:03)

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Supplement Report By Craig Feeney, 09/23/22 09:03

Case #S-P2201647 Typed By Craig Feeney

On Saturday 8/20/2022, I met with Saundra Wilhelm in the back of the Fredericktown Medic to deliver a death notification. Immediately after introducing myself Saundra stated "I know what you're going to tell me". I asked Saundra what that was and she said, "that Brad and Randy are dead". I asked her why she would say that and Saundra said they wanted to die. I asked her to repeat what she just said and she again said that they wanted to die. Sandra went on to explain that the charges against Randy were not valid.

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I, Alexa Haught am a Paramedic with Fredericktown EMS, and state the following as true for the events that happened 8/20/2022.

Our unit retrieved Mrs. Wilhelm from her home shortly after the officer exchange of gunfire and SWAT team were clearing homes on the property. After retrieving the mother of Randy and Bradley Wilhelm from her home, Mrs. Wilhelm stayed in the back of our unit for the remainder of the time on scene. Mrs. Wilhelm was placed in the back of our unit in the CPR seat and transported up to the Gas Company where we staged prior to retrieving her. Mrs. Wilhelm was very upset that she was being asked to leave her home, and was very argumentative initially about leaving. Mrs. Wilhelm appeared to be confused as to why she had to leave the home, but due to the nature of the call, we were told not to disclose the events that happened prior to us retrieving her. While in the back of the unit, Det. Feeney and Chaplin Marvin Haught did an official notice to her of the death of her two sons, Randy and Bradley. After the Detective told her the news, Mrs. Wilhelm expressed that she "knew they were dead", and that the deceased had told her early that morning that they would not go down without a fight, and would not be coming home alive. She expressed the boys and her said their goodbyes at that time. Mrs. Wilhelm stated that Randy was wrongfully accused of all charges and arrested previously on false charges to her knowledge, and that was the reason "they were fighting back".

Below is my initial EMS run report from the incident copy and pasted:

Medic 441 dispatched for an active shooter situation at the listed address. LE advised to stage at the area of the gas station on Danville Amity road. The crew of Holley and N. Gerhart responded to staging. Staging with LE on stand by, no patients at this time. At 08:45, M442 with the crew of Carey and A. Haught arrived on scene to stage with M441 and assumed the call sign of M441 due to shift change. While staging around 09:05, SO broadcasted "shots fired" and EMS was advised to don protective PPE and stage in truck for the "go in". Medic 441 requested Medflight on standby. Confirmed with a 15 minute ETA from Coshocton.

EMS staging with both medic crews. LE advised that both LE response vehicles had paramedics on them as well. Several minutes later, LE advised that there was no response needed from 440 units to the location, that the medic with the LE team had confirmed death on two subjects at the scene. EMS back to staging. LE requested one medic and fire standby on scene while the bomb squad cleared the scene and they cleared other buildings on the property. M442, crew of Holley and Gerhart in service.

While in staging around 12:00, LE advised that M441 was needed at the scene on Gilcrest Road to get the mother from the house. M441 responding to the area. Once on scene, staged with LE. Command there advised that he didn't know anything about EMS and didn't know where mom was. EMS staging at truck. SWAT to truck and advised that the mother was sitting on the porch, unaware of what was going on but that they needed her taken away from the scene. They advised that that she was not hurt but that she was older and her heart was racing and they thought the medic was the best way to get her away from the area. They advised to stage while bomb squad secured a propane truck in the driveway and then proceed.

Once cleared, M441 entered the driveway, driving around the propane truck and entering the upper drive. Truck turned around and backed beside the house to the front door. The female advised that she was not hurt, did not want EMS and was NOT going to the hospital. It was explained that we were just going to drive her down the road to the gas company where she would stay. She agreed to get in the back of the truck and was secured in the CPR seat. Medic Haught with the mother. M441 proceeded down the drive and dispatch was advised on OPS 1 that we were transporting a female to command.

Once at command, female declined EMS assistance, evaluation and declined care. Chaplin and DCSO negotiators stayed with the female in the back of the truck. After several hours, transport from M441 was established. Per LE and the on scene Chaplin, the female was going to be transported with the Chaplin to a friends house to stay. On scene KCSO deputy given this information and M441 returned to service. No EMS patient contact or transport for either crew.

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