



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: Telephone Interview
Involves: Kristina Lovely (W)
Date of Activity: 03/22/2023
Author: SA James Poole

Narrative:

On March 22, 2023 at approximately 1119 hours, BCI Special Agents James Poole (SA Poole) interviewed Kristina Lovely (Lovely) over the phone. The purpose of the interview was to obtain information which may be relevant to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which occurred during an encounter between Pamela Croston (Croston) and officers from the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office (PCSO). On February 25, 2023 Circleville PD requested the assistance of BCI to investigate an OICI which occurred near 23897 US Route 23 in Circleville, OH. Circleville PD and PCSO were dispatched to locate a suicidal female with a gun. When deputies and officers arrived they located the female, Croston, who brandished a firearm. Two deputies discharged their firearms striking Croston, who was transported to Grant and later died from her injuries.

This interview was audio recorded, but the recording stopped un-expectedly and did not record a majority of the interview. The following is a summation of the interview.

Lovely stated she has known Croston since the the seventh grade and that they were more like sisters than anything else. Lovely explained ever since she has known Croston she has dealt with depression issues and later found out from her that she was diagnosed with Bi-polar around 2013. Lovely also explained that Croston has attempted suicide several times in the past to include overdosing on pills and cutting. Throughout many conversations with Croston, Lovely stated Croston always said they were cries for help during a "Manic episode" and that she never wanted to actually kill herself.

Lovely stated Croston was doing really good with managing her depression for the last decade and went to lunch with her at Bob Evans on February 24, 2023. During their meal, Lovely said Croston was completely normal as they talked about issues she was having with her husband Jerry and work problems. Nothing out of the ordinary that Lovely could remember. Croston did state to Lovely that she took one of her depression medications and was feeling very relaxed that day. Lovely explained after their lunch Croston left and went shopping in Chillicothe.

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At around 6PM Croston called Lovely and asked how she was doing, which Lovely thought was odd. Croston told her she was going out and Lovely told her to have fun and she knew that Lovely didn't like to hang at the bar and drink. A little later at 1922 hours that night, Croston texted Lovely saying she was at the Eagles Bar and Pub and said she was "Manic." Lovely responded stating she was awake and if Croston needed anything to call her. These texts were screen saved, saved electronically, and attached to the report.

Around 0100 hours Croston then video called Lovely. Lovely explained when she answered the phone Croston had a gun to her head crying. Lovely said she tried to stay calm and talk her out of killing herself. Lovely stated this was not the first time she has been in this situation with Croston and did not believe she would actually harm herself. Lovely explained that she took a screenshot of Croston with the gun to her head to be able to show her the next day how ridiculous that was. The screenshots were saved electronically and attached to Jerry's interview report. Lovely also said Croston showed her a bottle of alcohol and said she had been drinking all night. Croston had calmed down, thanked Lovely for always being there for her, but said she was done. Lovely tried to get her location to go and pick her up, but Croston would not give it. Croston then ended the phone call.

Lovely said she tried texting and calling back, but Croston would not answer. Lovely then called 911 and explained the situation and believed she was in a local hotel. Lovely explained how she tried to text Jerry, but he was not responding that late at night.

Lovely stated when she woke up the next morning Jerry called and told her Croston was involved in a shoot out with the police.

SA Poole asked if Agents could contact her if their were any further questions. Lovely stated yes that would be ok.

The interview concluded at 1006 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Kristina TXT Screen Shot 1

Attachment # 02: Kristina TXT Screen Shot 2

Attachment # 03: 2023-22-03 Kristina lovely interview

P I'm out. Having manic episode 7:22 PM

7:22 PM Where are you?

7:23 PM I just got into bed but I'll be awake for awhile. Call me

P Eagles 7:28 PM

7:30 PM Are you going to be okay? Does Jerry know you're out? Did you guys get into a fight?

P He knows I'm out

Fuck him 7:31 PM

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Are you going to be okay? Does Jerry know you're out? Did you guys get into a fight?

7:30 PM

P He knows I'm out

Fuck him

7:31 PM

Oh snap.. dang. Well be safe! Call me if you need anything!!

7:32 PM

P Okay

7:32 PM

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Please call me!! I love you

1:31 AM

