

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: Interview with Saundra Wilhelm

Activity Date: August 20, 2022

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

Narrative:

On Saturday, August 20, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) was on scene of an officer-involved shooting that occurred at 15266 Gilchrist Road, Mount Vernon, Ohio. While on scene, SA Momchilov was requested to go to 206 Rodgers Street, Mount Vernon, to assist with interviewing family members of Randy and Bradley Wilhelm, who may have been present and/or witnessed portions of the incident.

SA Momchilov, SA Joseph Goudy (Goudy) and SA John Tingley (Tingley) traveled to 206 Rodgers Street. SA Momchilov was advised that Bradley Wilhelm's girlfriend, Jackie, was at that location, along with Bradley and Randy's mother, Saundra. It was decided that SA Momchilov and SA Goudy would interview Saundra, while SA Tingley interviewed Jackie.

Upon arrival, agents knocked on the door and a female, later identified as Chrystal Hager (Chrystal), greeted agents and exited the house. Chrystal stated that she is Jackie's sister. SA Momchilov explained to Chrystal that we were investigating the officer-involved shooting incident and wished to speak with Jackie and Saundra.

Chrystal explained that Jackie was very distraught at the moment, and Jackie would be very cautious about what she would tell investigators. Chrystal described Jackie and Saundra as "very private people" and "they knew something was going to happen. They were prepared for it."

SA Momchilov responded, "So, they kind of expected something like this to happen?" Chrystal replied, "They knew that they would die, staying on that property, Brad and his brother." Chrystal then stated, "So, last night they were probably prepared for that." SA Momchilov asked Chrystal how she knew this information. Chrystal stated she was told this information by Jackie, in private. Chrystal also advised that Jackie would probably not "come forward and say that, I'm telling you in advance. So, if she doesn't know that in the back of your head, they were prepared to go down."

SA Momchilov then asked Chrystal if she ever had contact with them (Randy and Bradley). Chrystal stated that she has had prior, casual contact with Brad but not Randy.

At this point, SA Momchilov and SA Goudy went inside the residence and made contact with Saundra, and SA Tingley made contact with Jackie, outside the residence. Also present with Saundra was Jack Hager, Jackie Hager's father.

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SA Momchilov explained to Saundra that he works for the Ohio Attorney General and we are investigating the incident that occurred. SA Momchilov asked Saundra if she lived at the property where this incident occurred. Saundra stated that she lives at that property and has been living there a long time. SA Momchilov then asked when Saundra left the property. Saundra replied, "I didn't leave until they brought me here."

SA Momchilov asked Saundra if Brad and Randy were doing anything unusual at the property last night. Saundra replied, "All I know, this airplane flew over and over and over and over for hours and this morning, my son got up and said he was going to go feed the dog, which maybe he did feed the dog. He dislikes my son Brad and Randy, he's a dog you have to be careful with. He's actually my son Randy's dog but Randy was afraid of it, and he knew it. So Brad was the only one who could handle him."

Saundra then advised that she does not lie because she was not brought up that way. Saundra then stated that her sons were not brought up that way either and "never told no lies." Saundra advised that Randy has had a gun in his hand since he was four years old and has always been big for his age.

SA Momchilov then attempted to direct the conversation back to the incident and stated, "So with what happened last night, you said you saw like a helicopter flying over or something like that." Saundra responded that she was in the house, upstairs, in bed and, "it flew over and drove me crazy all night. All night this plane went over and over the house. It was flying real high, is all I know."

SA Momchilov asked Saundra if she heard anything else and Saundra replied, "No."

Saundra explained that her son, Randy, got accused of domestic violence by his girlfriend, Michelle. Saundra stated that Michelle "Runs a crooked gaming room and they cheat everybody" and nobody will do anything about it.

SA Goudy asked Saundra if she remembered anything else besides the helicopter and the dog. Saundra stated, "Just that helicopter, airplane, whatever it was flying around at night. I think it flew all night long." SA Goudy then asked Saundra if she heard any shots being fired. Saundra replied, "Wanna know the truth, sometime this morning I heard the shots." SA Goudy then asked if she knew where they were coming from. Saundra replied, "No, not exactly." SA Goudy asked if she knew who was firing. Saundra replied, "I don't know none of the answers, they're dead. Both my boys aren't with me. I'm left alone, I don't have no family, no grandchildren."

Saundra then began on a tirade about a bail bondsman who damaged their property and left a note on a camper.

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During the interview, Saundra would continually go off topic and discuss matters that did not pertain to this incident.

The interview was audio recorded; the recording is attached to this Investigative Report.