



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



2022-2085

Officer-Involved Critical Incident - 2347 East Waterloo Road, Akron, Ohio 44312, Summit County

Investigative Activity: Next-of-Kin Notification; Attempted Phone Interview  
 Involves: Josh McCracken (O), BCI (O),  
 Springfield Township Police Department (O)  
 Activity Date: 10/5/2022  
 Activity Location: Josh McCracken Residence –  
 4672 Mogadore Road, Kent, Ohio 44240  
 Authoring Agent: SA Charles Moran #67

**Narrative:**

On Wednesday, October 5, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chuck Moran (Moran) spoke with Springfield Township Police Department (STPD) Detective (Det.) Robert Scherer (Scherer) about attempting to locate a next-of-kin for the deceased subject, Jeremy McCracken, who was shot and killed by STPD officers during an incident and officer-involved shooting earlier that day.

Previously, information was received by SA Charlie Snyder from Summa Health System – Akron Campus that the deceased individual was “Josh McCracken.” When BCI agents served a search warrant at the residence, located at 2347 Waterloo Road, Akron, Ohio 44312, they discovered a wallet with the driver’s license belonging to Jeremy McCracken in a bedroom. BCI agents believed that Jeremy McCracken was the deceased individual based upon the driver’s license photo. Josh McCracken’s driver’s license photo did not appear to look like the deceased individual.

SA Moran and Det. Scherer began driving to 417 Edith Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44312, because it was the last known address for Larry McCracken, the registered owner of the 1985 Ford Crown Victoria with attached Ohio registration FKA2945, that was parked in the yard at Jeremy McCracken’s residence. Det. Scherer received information from another STPD officer that the residence at 417 Edith Avenue was no longer there and it was an empty lot.

Det. Scherer obtained a phone number from past STPD records for Joanne McCracken. The number was [REDACTED] Det. Scherer called the phone number and left a voicemail. Det. Scherer informed SA Moran that Jeremy McCracken’s brother, Josh McCracken, possibly lived at 4672 Mogadore Road, Kent, Ohio 44240.

At about 1748 hours, SA Moran and SA Armstrong went to Josh McCracken’s residence. Agents knocked on the front door and the back door of the residence, but no one answered the door.

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There was a Dodge Ram truck, silver colored, with Ohio registration HFS9236 attached, parked in the driveway near the back door. SA Moran left a business card on the driver's side window of the truck. Agents noted that the front screen door of the residence was off the hinges and was resting on the wall and door frame of the front door. The rear second floor window of the residence appeared to have aluminum foil covering the inside of it. Agents decided to wait down the road to see if Josh McCracken left his residence.

At about 1825 hours, SA Moran received a phone call from Josh McCracken. The phone number he called from was [REDACTED] SA Moran asked Josh McCracken if he was related to Jeremy McCracken. Josh McCracken responded, "Uh, yeah. What about him?" SA Moran explained that Jeremy McCracken was involved in an incident in Springfield Township earlier that day. SA Moran asked Josh McCracken if BCI agents could come to his residence to speak with him in person. Josh McCracken replied, "Well, I need to get to work. Is he ok?" SA Moran told Josh McCracken that Jeremy McCracken was involved in an incident where he was shot, transported to a hospital, and later died. SA Moran apologized to Josh McCracken for having to tell him that information by phone.

Josh McCracken stated, "Ok. Is that all you need to tell me?" SA Moran explained that BCI agents tried to call Joanne McCracken. Josh McCracken said Joanne was his stepmother, and the phone number that agents called was her "old number."

SA Moran explained that BCI was involved because the incident involved an officer-involved shooting. SA Moran told Josh McCracken that he would like to talk to him about his brother to get more background information about him. Josh McCracken stated, "Yeah, I can talk to you about all that, but I've got to um, I've got to make some calls now." SA Moran told Josh McCracken to contact him by any of the numbers listed on the business card. Josh McCracken responded, "Ok, yeah, thanks." The brief phone call with Josh McCracken was audio recorded.

A few minutes later, agents observed Josh McCracken driving his truck south on Mogadore Road at a high rate of speed.

SA Moran contacted Det. Scherer by phone and told him that the next-of-kin notification had been made and about the brief conversation with Josh McCracken and agents saw him drive south on Mogadore Road. Det. Scherer asked SA Moran if he believed Josh McCracken was driving to Springfield Township. SA Moran told Det. Scherer that he was not sure. Det. Scherer said he was going to notify STPD officers about the situation for their safety.

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At about 1940 hours, SA Moran was driving on East Waterloo Road, after conducting a separate interview, when he observed Josh McCracken's truck parked on the street in front of the residence where the incident occurred. A small Volkswagen car was parked in front of Josh McCracken's truck.

Attachment:

The brief phone call with Josh McCracken was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report.