



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 16178 SR 160, Vinton 45686
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Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Roger Meade (S), Erin McMillin (W)
Date of Activity: 10/22/2023
Activity Location: Gallia County Sheriff's Office – Business – 18 Locust Street,
Gallipolis, OH 45631
Author: SA Craig Call

Narrative:

On October 22, 2023, Gallia County Sheriff Matt Champlin (Sheriff Champlin) requested Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Crime Scene (CSU) and Special Investigations (SIU) units respond to the 16000 block of State Route 160, Vinton, Ohio, in reference to an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (shooting) involving Gallia County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) deputies and Roger Meade (Meade). The incident occurred in a pull behind style camper parked near the border of two properties identified on the Gallia County Auditor's website as parcel numbers 01500140501 and 01500140301. There does not appear to be a residential address associated with either parcel.

BCI Special Agent Craig Call (SA Call) was informed Erin McMillin (McMillin) was located inside the camper immediately after the shooting. It was reported McMillin was initially detained in handcuffs and placed in a cruiser, however was not in custody or facing criminal charges as a result of the incident. It was reported McMillin was willing to cooperate with BCI and currently awaiting an interview in an area at the Gallia County Jail (Jail).

The interview was audio recorded and began at approximately 1417 hours.

SA Call arrived at the Jail and was provided an interview room to speak with McMillin. McMillin was escorted into the interview room by a GCSO corrections officer and SA Call observed her to be dressed in an inmate uniform. McMillin confirmed she was not facing criminal charges and was unsure why Jail staff dressed her out in a jail uniform. SA Call informed McMillin the purpose of the interview was to provide a voluntary witness statement about the above event. McMillin acknowledged she understood and SA Call asked her to confirm she would be giving the statement voluntarily. McMillin confirmed her statement was completely voluntary.

McMillin explained she and Meade have been in an on-again, off-again style romantic

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relationship over the past several years. McMillin indicated they were not currently romantically involved and explained she was only at the camper on today's date due to helping Meade pickup a vehicle the previous evening. The only property McMillin claimed at the camper was a black Android cell phone (██████ passcode), ██████████ one change of clothes, and the black Honda Civic parked in the front yard. McMillin believed the property the camper was parked on to be owned by Meade's cousin, Bryan Marcum, who she believed to be living in the nearby trailer.

McMillin repeatedly described Meade as being physically abusive towards her on several occasions over the years and believed Meade to have served multiple prison terms for drug related offenses. McMillin indicated she had knowledge of Meade being abusive towards other women in his previous relationships. McMillin said she has previously observed Meade in possession of a handgun.

McMillin explained to SA Call that she is extremely near sighted and was wearing no corrective eye wear during the incident. McMillin even noted SA Call appeared blurry to her as they were seated at the table only approximately two feet apart.

McMillin explained the above incident began when she heard loud knocking on the camper door. McMillin explained she and Meade were asleep in the bed along the south wall of the camper with Meade positioned closest to the wall. McMillin described seeing a face look through the camper window located near the foot of the bed and a voice yell "It's Holdren. Get your ass out here Roger and tell her to get her ass out here too." McMillin indicated she asked Meade who it was and Meade responded, "I don't know, but I'm about to shoot this motherfucker." McMillin described observing Meade retrieve what appeared to be a handgun from the area between the bed and the south wall then proceed towards the door. McMillin described Meade appeared to move some kind of obstruction blocking the front door. McMillin said Meade appeared to stumble during this process and observed him shoot a round in what appeared to be the floor area in front of the door just prior to opening the outward opening door. As the door opened, McMillin described hearing gunshots and observing Meade fall backwards into the bathroom area near the north wall of the camper. McMillin believed Meade to have been shot. McMillin said she was ordered to show her hands and exit the camper. McMillin indicated she believed it to be the police when she was ordered to show her hands. McMillin said she was placed on the ground, handcuffed, and placed into cruiser, however the handcuffs were taken off after she was identified.

McMillin said officers repeatedly referred to her as "Nancy" before she was identified. McMillin confirmed there was a female she was familiar with named "Nancy" that has previously been at the camper. McMillin appeared to believe "Nancy" was currently residing somewhere nearby off of State Route 160.

Just prior to being placed into a cruiser, McMillin said she audibly heard officers counting out loud as they were administering what she believed to be CPR on Meade. McMillin described the officers she observed on scene as wearing blue uniforms with patches on the shoulders, blue cargo pants, and appeared to have "bulky" items around their waists. McMillin reiterated her vision issues several times as she was attempting to describe the officers.

McMillin noted there was a surveillance video system viewing the front door area with a screen

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to view near the bed. McMillin was under the impression the system did not record. Prior to Meade opening the door, McMillin said she could see someone standing near the camper door, but could not make out any features once again referring to her vision issues.

SA Call asked McMillin if she ever heard the officers announce themselves as law enforcement while they were knocking on the door and she did not recall hearing any such announcement. McMillin indicated her belief at the time was someone was coming to the camper to confront Meade about being "ripped off" during some kind of illegal transaction.

McMillian was provided with SA Call's contact information and asked to contact SA Call should she recall any additional information.

The interview concluded at approximately 1510 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Erin McMillin Interview

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