



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



2022-2918

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 500 West Hopocan, Barberton, OH
44203

Investigative Activity: Interview of Other Person
Involves: Jim Greathouse (O)
Activity Date: December 28, 2022
Activity Location: 921 Nathan Avenue, Akron, Ohio
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Todd A. Clark #139

Narrative:

On Wednesday, December 28, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Todd Clark (Clark) and SA Chuck Moran (Moran) interviewed Jim Greathouse (Greathouse). Greathouse was accompanied by his case manager, Christle Stephens (Stephens). Greathouse said Zachary Zoran (Zoran) was his fourth cousin. Greathouse said he was very close with Zoran. On Wednesday (December 21, 2022), Greathouse took Zoran to get a haircut. Greathouse said on Thursday (December 22, 2022), he took Zoran to practice for his driver's license test. Greathouse said he took Zoran to a McDonald's in Barberton, Ohio, to get food. Greathouse said they ordered food and ate in his car. After eating, Zoran took his driver's license test in Barberton, Ohio, and passed. Zoran took the test in Greathouse's 2012 Chevy Impala. Greathouse said Zoran was with him the entire day and they did not go anywhere else.

On Thursday night, Greathouse said Zoran's mood changed. Zoran accused Greathouse of drinking. Greathouse said he has not had a drink in three years. He thought Zoran was joking at first, but realized he was not. Greathouse said Zoran was not acting like the person he knew. Greathouse believed Zoran used drugs. Greathouse said he did not know where Zoran got the drugs from. Greathouse said Zoran was threatening people in the house and he posted things on Facebook. Zoran called the police and told them he thought there were bodies buried across the street in a hole. Greathouse said the police came to the house and talked to Zoran, but did not remove him from the residence. Greathouse said the police never explained why they did not remove him. After the police left the residence, Greathouse said he was on the porch having a cigarette. Zoran was on the porch with him. Zoran went inside and locked the door. Zoran refused to let him in the house. When Greathouse eventually came inside, Zoran had a bat and was questioning a male named "Chris" in the house. Greathouse was not sure what the conversation between Zoran and "Chris" was about.

On December 24, 2022, Zoran was in the kitchen with a baseball bat. At some point, the police arrived at the home. They handcuffed Zoran, removed him from the home and took him to the hospital. Four hours later, Zoran returned to the home. At first, Zoran was mellow and apologetic for his actions. At some point, Zoran began threatening people in the house again. Zoran said the

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people in the house were “wired.” Zoran told them he broke his hand after punching “Chris.” Greathouse said Zoran never hit “Chris.” Zoran said people took his son. Zoran accused Greathouse of taking his medication from his room. Greathouse tried to talk to Zoran, but there was no talking to him. Greathouse said he contacted Stephens and advised her of what Zoran was doing. Greathouse said he was not concerned about Zoran doing anything to him, but he was concerned for Zoran’s well-being.

Greathouse said he knows Zoran’s mother and his aunt Sherry from growing up. Greathouse has talked to Zoran’s son in the past. Greathouse said Zoran believed his son was being verbally abused by Zoran’s mother. Zoran wanted his son to be with Sherry rather than his mother. Greathouse said there was a love/hate relationship between Zoran and his mother. Zoran’s son was the light of his eye.

The audio recording of the interview was attached to this report for review.

Attachment:

1. 2022-12-28: Interview Jim Greathouse