



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



2025-1603
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4482 Hampton Woods
Ct., Columbus, Ohio 43230 (L)

Investigative Activity: Civilian Witness Interview
Involves: Tammy Helber (Wallace)
Activity Date: 05/22/2025
Activity Location: 15109 Woodtown Road, Sunbury, Ohio 43074
Authoring Agent: SA Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 1007 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) interviewed Tammy Helber (maidan name Wallace) (Helber), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. The interview took place at 15109 Woodtown Road, Sunbury, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

SA Holcomb asked how long she has known Mary Beth Bright (Bright). She has known Bright for about seven or eight years. They met while driving a school bus. Helber said that Bright went through a divorce about three years ago and has been trying to date recently.

SA Holcomb asked how long Bright has known Jerry Smith (Smith). She thinks they have been together for around two months. SA Holcomb asked Helber that prior to the incident on May 20 if Bright has ever mentioned any issues regarding Smith. Helber said that she had been told that he was very insecure and always trying to accuse Bright of seeing someone else.

On Sunday, May 18, 2025, Bright brought Smith to Helber's house. She described Smith as very polite and very "yes sir, no mam." While Smith was at the house, he proceeded to tell Helber that he had a felony and had served time in prison. Helber thinks the charges were domestic related.

Bright and Smith went to Helber's house that day because Bright had purchased a firearm and wanted to shoot it. Helber was not aware that Smith was also coming to the house and Helber did not know when Bright purchased the firearm. She described the gun as "like a Glock" and said it was a black handgun. Bright, Helber, and Smith all fired the gun that day.

On May 20, 2025, Helber tried to call Bright on her way home from work; Bright did not answer. Bright called back but hung up immediately. She called back and Helber

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could notice that she was crying. When asked what was wrong, Bright said that she would have to call back.

Approximately ninety-minutes passed, and Helber sent a text message to Bright as no return phone call had been made. Bright eventually called back and she heard Smith in the background yelling. Bright said that Smith had trashed her apartment and told Helber that she was ok. They hung up.

Bright called Helber again shortly after and stated that Smith had left on her motor scooter and had been drinking alcohol. Helber told Bright to call 911 but Bright said she would just tell Smith to leave when he returns. They hung up.

About thirty minutes later, Helber called Bright back. Smith had returned and Helber could hear loud noises in the background. At that point, Helber hung up and called 911. After an issue with not knowing Bright's address, she was able to give Bright's license plate for officers to find the correct address.

Helber then received texts from Bright's phone, which Smith was using, telling her not to call 911. She ignored the text messages.

Later in the evening, an officer called Helber and informed her that Bright was safe and being transported to Mount Carmel East Hospital for treatment. Helber went to the hospital to see Bright but was turned away due to Bright needing to speak with the forensic nurse. Helber returned to the hospital in the morning and picked her up once she was discharged.

At the end of the interview, Helber provided SA Holcomb with screen captures of text messages and call records from that evening. The screen captures have been attached to this report.

The interview concluded at approximately 1021 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment #01: Tammy Helber (Wallace) Interview (2025-1603)

Attachment #02: IMG_9268

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Mary Beth >

Monday 6:13 PM

Getting concerned

Monday 7:33 PM

Mary Beth what is going on I'm worried about you

Do I need to come over?

Monday 9:16 PM

You need to call 911
NOW

Please don't call the police please

I beg you

Not gonna answer just saving so disappointed



iMessage





Mary Beth >

Not gonna answer just saying so disappointed you let this man do this! Know he will never be welcomed at my house again and I can only pick you up in the morning if he is not there

Tuesday 12:16 AM

I'm going to mount carmel east. Can you come

I'm here

R u ok?

I tried to call off work again and it's just ringing



iMessage





Edit



Mary Beth Bright

- mess...
- call
- video
- mail
- pay

Yesterday

7:32 PM **Outgoing Call**
2 seconds

Contact Photo & Poster

iPhone ★ RECENT





Edit



Mary Beth Bright

- mess...
- call
- video
- mail
- pay

Today

12:37 AM **Outgoing Call**

5 seconds

12:36 AM **Canceled Call**

12:19 AM **Incoming Call**

5 minutes

Calls with a checkmark have been verified by the carrier.



Favorites



Recents



Contacts



Keypad



Voicemail



Edit



Mary Beth Bright

- mess...
- call
- video
- mail
- pay

Yesterday

9:54 PM **Outgoing Call**
1 minute

Contact Photo & Poster

iPhone RECENT





Mary Beth

Edit

Bright



mess...



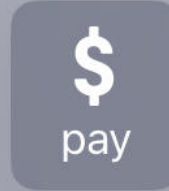
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pay

Yesterday

9:30 PM **Outgoing Call**

14 seconds



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Notes



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Recents



Contacts



Keypad



Voicemail

MB



Edit

Mary Beth Bright

mess...

call

video

mail

pay

Yesterday

9:23 PM **Incoming Call**
28 seconds

9:21 PM **Outgoing Call**
2 seconds

9:06 PM **Incoming Call**
8 minutes

Calls with a checkmark have been verified by the carrier.

Contact Photo & Poster