



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



2024-1385

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 121 W. Perry Street,
Tiffin, OH 44883

Investigative Activity: Interview Witnesses
Involves: Dustin Perkins and Colton Fleure
Activity Date: 05/03/2024
Activity Location: 1765 N County Road 41, Tiffin, OH
Authoring Agent: SA Chris Hamberg #69

Narrative:

On May 3, 2024, at approximately 1524 hours, Special Agents (SA) Chris Hamberg (Hamberg) and Josh Rammel (Rammel) of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) went to the Fleure residence located at 1765 N. County Road 41, Tiffin, OH, to conduct an interview with Denice Fleure (Denice). Agents were told that Denice witnessed the Tiffin Police Department (TPD) Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) involving her son, Blake Fleure (Blake).

As Agents arrived at the end of the driveway they were greeted by the following: Dustin Perkins (Dustin) an uncle to Blake, Brian Sutherland (Brian) another uncle to Blake, and Blake's brother, Colton Fleure (Colton). The interactions and conversations were audio recorded by SA Hamberg. The audio recording is attached to this investigative report.

Agents identified themselves, passed out business cards and expressed their condolences to Colton, Brian, and Dustin. Agents explained that the TPD asked BCI to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into the OICI. SA Hamberg told Dustin that investigators believed that Denice Fleure (Denice), Blake's mom, witnessed the incident and agents would like to speak to her and Blake's dad also. Dustin told SA Hamberg that they were not going to be interviewed today, as it is too much for them.

Dustin told SA Hamberg that he was told that Blake was seeing a counselor and had some mental health issues going on for the past year and half or so. Dustin stated he was told today that Blake made some suicidal threats, had cut his wrists and left with the truck. Dustin stated that Blake's dad then called 911 to report that, which is why Law Enforcement was looking for the truck.

Colton told agents that he and Denice were at work when Blake was at the house with his dad and they had a conversation. That is when Blake left with his dad's truck and when his dad called Law Enforcement. Colton stated that he and Denice were notified of this, which is when he and Denice were in separate cars driving around looking for Blake too.

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Dustin stated that Denice was at the scene when the incident took place, and she was yelling for the officer(s) to use a taser and not to shoot Blake. Dustin stated that was all that he was going to say at this time.

Dustin added that he used to be in law enforcement and was asking some questions regarding the press release, that stated Blake was charging at the police officers with a knife when he was shot. Dustin added that he heard that three (3) shots were fired.

SA Hamberg explained to Dustin and everyone else, that agents were still at the scene collecting evidence and conducting a neighborhood canvas and did not have all the facts and were not going to give any information out. SA Hamberg assured everyone that a fair and impartial investigation would take place and Agents would like to speak with Blake's parents soon.

Agents then cleared the residence.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the audio recording. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions or responses. It is suggested that the reader refer to the audio recording in its entirety.

References:

None

Attachments:

01-Audio recording.

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Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.