



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



2024-3413
Officer Involved Critical Incident – Bernard Park – 1105 Bernard
Ave., Findlay, OH 45840

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Autumn R. Pickney (W)
Date of Activity: 10/28/2024
Activity Location: Pickney, Autumn R. – Home – 339 Midland Ave., Findlay, OH
45839
Author: SA Jason A. Snyder, #176

Narrative:

On October 28, 2024, Special Agent (SA) Jason Snyder (Snyder), with the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), conducted a recorded interview of Autumn Pickney (Pickney). This interview was conducted at Pickney's home, located at 339 Midland Ave., Findlay, Oh. 45840.

Due to the nature of the investigation, Special Agent (SA) Jason Snyder (Snyder) was requested to assist the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) with the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI).

Due to Pickney being sixteen (16) years old, her stepmother, Nicole Turlington (Turlington), was present during the interview.

Turlington had advised SA Snyder that Pickney had been in trouble with the law in the past. Pickney had current proceedings in the justice system. Due to this, SA Snyder provided Pickney with a Miranda Waiver (see attached waiver).

SA Snyder read the waiver to Pickney. Pickney stated that she understood her rights and was willing to make a statement without a lawyer present. She would make a voluntary statement to SA Snyder. This form was witnessed by Turlington and SA Snyder.

SA Snyder asked Pickney what grade she was in and a few other personal information questions to set Pickney at ease. Pickney stated that she was in 11th grade. She understood right from wrong and understood basic social knowledge. Pickney was not

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under the influence of any drugs or alcohol.

SA Snyder asked Pickney about an incident which occurred at the park that day. The park is Bernard Park, located at 1105 Bernard Ave., Findlay. Pickney explained that she went to the park around 1730 hours. Pickney does not have a phone and was only guessing on the times during the interview. She then met up with Kalven Darapheth (Darapheth).

Pickney did not know Darapheth very well. She had only known Darapheth for a few months. There were several other kids in the park all ranging from 5th to 7th graders. They were playing on the other side of the park.

Pickney met Darapheth at the park bench. When she arrived, Darapheth was sitting with several bottles of alcohol. Pickney opened one and started to drink it. Another friend (Aden) was there at the table but left soon after. Pickney did state that Darapheth was also drinking one of the alcoholic drinks when she arrived. She did not know how Darapheth got alcohol in the park or why he was drinking it. A few minutes later, another person showed up. Sam Milledge (Milledge) arrived and sat at the table.

About five (5) minutes later, Findlay Police Department (Findlay PD) officers arrived. Pickney believed that someone called the officers to their location due to the alcohol being at the table.

The officers confiscated the alcohol and received the basic information from everyone at the table, including guardian information. Darapheth called his mother. Soon after, an officer stated that they were going to transport everyone at the table to the station. Pickney started to "freakout". She started to cry and closed her eyes due to being upset.

Next thing Pickney heard, were officers running. She looked over and saw Darapheth running away and the officers running after him. Darapheth ran over the railroad tracks and then Pickney heard gunshots. Due to being overwhelmed by emotions, Pickney looked away from the area of the officers and Darapheth. She heard several gunshots.

Pickney believed that there were between eight (8) and twelve (12) shots fired. There was a brief pause in the gunshots during the shooting.

Pickney started to cry and scream. She was asking the officers where Darapheth was. The officers did not tell her anything about Darapheth's whereabouts.

SA Snyder asked Pickney if Darapheth carried any weapons on him. Pickney advised that Darapheth did carry a black handgun. She only saw the handle. She has seen the handgun at least four (4) separate times, including today on Darapheth. Pickney did see the handle of the handgun while Darapheth was sitting at the bench that day.

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Darapheth normally carried the handgun on his right side, at his waistband.

Pickney did not know why Darapheth carried the handgun. She also could not describe the handgun due to only seeing the handle of the firearm. She did not know who provided the gun to him.

SA Snyder asked Pickney if Darapheth had been in a gang or if he had a reason to carry a handgun. Again, Pickney did not know who gave Darapheth the handgun or any reason to carry it.

Pickney was asked to draw a sketch of the area where she was and different areas of interest. See sketch from Pickney for additional details.

After this, SA Snyder thanked Pickney and Turlington and he left their home.

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 interview. 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.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-10-28, Interview of Autumn Pickney

Attachment # 02: Sketch from Pickney

Attachment # 03: Miranda Waiver for Pickney

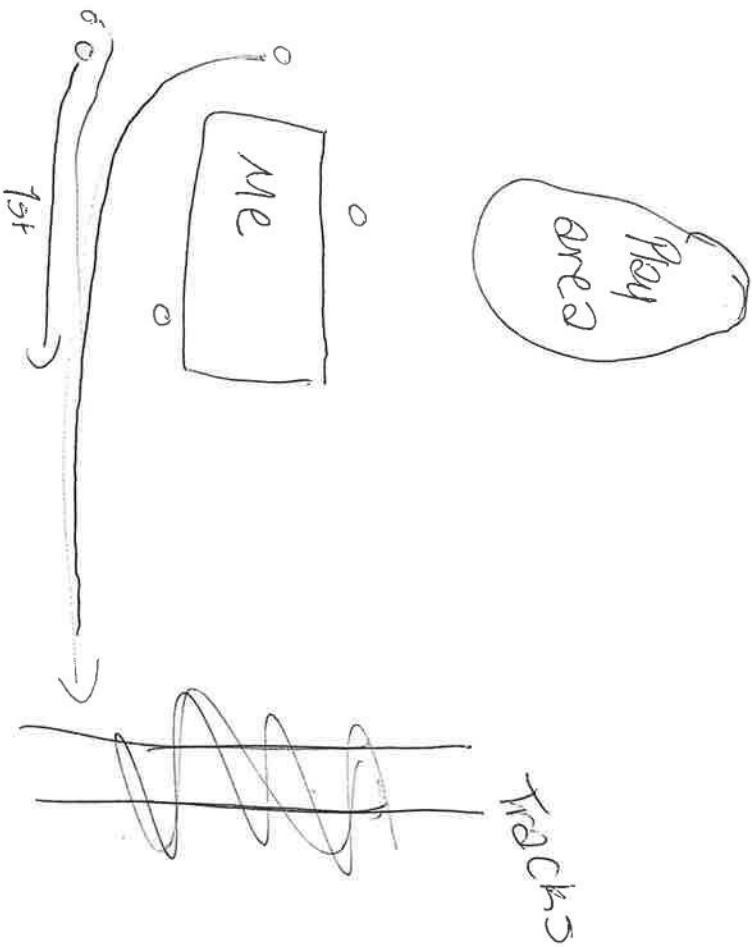
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339 Midland Avenue
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Windfield Ave.

Basketball court





Miranda Waiver

Warning of Rights

- AP Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.
- AP You have the right to remain silent.
- AP Anything you say can be used against you in court, or other proceedings.
- AP You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions to have him with you during questioning.
- AP If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.
- AP If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop the questioning at any time. You also have the right to stop the questioning at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

Miguel Tuleza-Rodriguez
Witness

SAC [Signature]
Witness

Signed Autumnif

Date 10-28-24

Time 11:24 pm

Waiver of Rights

I have read this statement of my rights and it has been read to me, and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me. I hereby voluntarily and intentionally waive my rights and I am willing to make a statement and answer questions.

Miguel Tuleza-Rodriguez
Witness

SAC [Signature]
Witness

Signed Autumnif

Date 10-28-24

Time 11:25 pm