



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



2022-1564
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1132 Ashwood Drive, South
Charleston, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Cole Matthew White (S)
Date of Activity: 07/28/2022
Activity Location: – 1132 Ashwood Drive, South Vienna, OH 45369, Clark County
Author: SA Richard Ward, #55

Narrative:

On Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 1015 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations Special Agent Richard Ward spoke with Deanna Arbuckle, via the telephone for the purpose of an interview related to her nephew, Cole White and sister, Jodi Arbuckle. Both of whom, along with Clark County Deputy Matthew Yates, were found deceased inside the trailer located at 1132 Ashwood Drive, Clark County on July 24, 2022. On the telephone line were other relatives; Brad, Mark and Ramy Arbuckle.

Deanna stated Cole [White] was raised by his mother [Jodi Arbuckle], but the family was very close and White's grandmother along with his Uncle Mark, were involved in his life. At one point White and his mother lived with his grandmother. According to Deanna, when White was very young, he exhibited signs of depression. Approximately ten years ago, White's grandmother passed away suddenly and Deanna believed this exacerbated White's depression. Agent Ward asked Deanna if she and Jodi kept in contact with White and she stated she had normal aunt/nephew contact, but Jodi had regular contact with White.

Within the last four to five years, Deanna stated White had "major shifts in his presentation of the world." White began to become involved in the "Masonic Order" and spoke of a "higher plains" and saw things differently than others. White began to become involved with nature and the Earth. According to Deanna, White would donate blood, but once his "mental health shifted" stopped; not wanting the responsibility of the people who received his plasma.

During an evening two or three years ago, White arrived at Jodi's house asking for mental health help. Once help was offered, White declined. According to Deanna, Jodi reported that White had pulled a handgun on her, but was unsure if White pointed the handgun at her.

Deanna stated on one occasion within the past three years, White refused to talk with her and other family members and believed he was not in the right state of mind. Because

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of this behavior, Deanna contacted the Clark County Sheriff's Office, but White was gone before the police arrived on Ashwood Drive. Eventually, White was stopped by the police and agreed to a mental health evaluation. According to Deanna, White received inpatient treatment for less than seven days and was released. During their visits to the hospital, White accused Jodi of having him committed. White sought out patient care and self reported he was schizophrenic; experiencing delusional thoughts, but was not diagnosed with this disorder because of the limited time period that White had exhibited this behavior. White refused to take the medications and sought natural substances; specifically, "Mushroom" and "DMT". Mark Arbuckle believed White used DMT prior to his hospital stay.

Once White was discharged from the hospital and the weeks following, Deanna stated he spent time with his family. Deanna stated White has asked her if she thought of him often and she replied yes. White told Deanna not to think of him because the thoughts causes him to be pulled back to this plain, which was harmful. According to Deanna, White made the same remarks to all of his family members separately. Over the last year, White's contact with his family decreased dramatically.

Agent Ward asked Deanna if White had and could maintain employment and she stated he had jobs, but didn't know the longevity of them. Agent Ward informed Deanna that a former co-worker of White's believed White was into devil worship and possession, but she did not have any information related to that.

Deanna described White's arrests in Yellow Springs (October 2021) and Logan County (March 2022). Agent Ward asked Deanna if White possessed firearms and she stated, "absolutely" and informed police of the firearms on every wellness check; the family had requested to include a wellness check on the Friday (July 22, 2022) prior to the incident.

Agent Ward concluded the telephone interview at 1056 hours and the audio recording is attached below.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-28 / Deanna Arbuckle Audio Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.