



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



2024-2371

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 197 West 8th Ave., Columbus,
Ohio 43201 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Seth Rush (W)
Date of Activity: 08/11/2024
Activity Location: Rush, Seth – Home – 1517 Worthington Street, Columbus, OH
43201
Author: SA Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On Sunday, August 11, 2024 at 1519 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) and Columbus Division of Police Detective Art Hughes (Det. Hughes) interviewed Seth Rush (Rush), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on Sunday, August 11, 2024. The interview took place at 1517 Worthington Street, Columbus, Ohio 43201. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

Rush says that he has lived at 1517 Worthington Street for about a year. The house typically houses members of a ministry program, Young Life. Rush is a current student at Columbus State Community College.

SA Holcomb asked Rush to talk about Asante Miller (Miller) and how he knows him. Rush said his experience of Miller was that he was a nice kid and had a good heart but knows he has had difficult times. Rush lived with Miller for a year at 1517 Worthington Street.

Rush said that throughout the year, things would get weirder with Miller. Miller would try to start little scuffles with the roommates to see if they would fight him. Rush said that sometime in the middle of the year, Miller took a "weird turn". Miller was more willing to start conflicts.

SA Holcomb asked Rush if Miller ever threatened him. Rush talked about one night when Miller approached him and accused him of saying "... the 'N' word." Rush denied ever saying that word, but Miller continued to get in his face about the situation. Rush has never seen Miller with any firearms and he didn't think he did any narcotics besides marijuana.

Rush talked about two occasions when Miller stole the roommates' cars. He talked about a time, around spring 2024, when Miller took his keys off the key rack and took the car without permission. Rush had a talk with Miller when he returned asking him not to do that.

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SA Holcomb asked Rush to talk about the situation that unfolded today involving Miller. Rush said that he was in his bedroom located on the second floor. Rush was woken up around 0900 hours to "loud banging sounds", which he later found out to be gunshots. About 10 minutes later Owen Cline (Cline) ran into his room and told him that Miller came back to the house and CPD officers chased him away. Rush and Cline then barricaded themselves in his bedroom. They later talked to CPD officers downstairs about the situation and Miller.

Rush has not seen Miller since they asked him to move out of the residence.

The interview concluded at approximately 1528 hours.

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

References:

No references.

Attachments:

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