



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



2022-2918

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 500 West Hopocan, Barberton, OH
44203

Investigative Activity: Audio recorded – Telephone interview of Jason Plants
Activity Date: 2022-12-29
Activity Location: N/A
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Charlie Snyder #90

Background:

On Thursday, 2022-12-29 at approximately 1314 hours, Barberton Police Department (BPD) – Detective Tony Memmer made telephone contact with Ohio Attorney General's – Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) – Special Agent Charlie Snyder (Snyder). Memmer advised discovering a telephone voice message on his phone from Jason (last name unintelligible) from telephone number [REDACTED] received on/about 2022-12-26 at 0838 hours. The message indicated Plants had received threats from decedent Zachary Zoran (Zoran) prior to the officer involved critical incident involving BPD. Snyder took the information and advised Memmer it would be followed up.

Actions Taken:

On Thursday, 2022-12-29 at 1400 hours, Snyder transmitted text message with Plants information to North East Major Case Response Team #4 members with basic information.

At 1410 hours, Snyder made telephone contact with Jason Plants and conducted an audio-recorded interview. Due to issues involving Plants, the contact was difficult to understand, in-part due to Plants' possible speech impediment.

Plants advised going to elementary through high-school with Zoran and graduated together. He indicated they had been friends, but that they had not had much recent contact until Christmas day. According to Plants, Zoran had complimented on photos and Christmas things on Plants' Facebook pages. Plants responded by asking Zoran how he was doing through Facebook Messenger. Plants indicated asking how Zoran was doing and Zoran replied, "...not to well..." and then requested Plants post a video of Zoran's mother and son apparently fighting. Plants indicated the video did not show the fighting and appeared only to capture images of a floor. Plants' indicated he could hear Zoran's mother yelling. Then Zoran began talking about an unknown person he called "Josh" who Zoran may have indicated was a drug dealer. As their communications went on through the day, Zoran began threatening to kill Plants and his family

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as well as everyone Plants knows. Zoran also told Plants about possessing all types of weapons, brass knuckles, knives, etc. Plants reported that he asked Zoran if he was threatening him. Plants indicated Zoran responded that he was going to kill Plants.

As their communications continued, Zoran began referring to Hell's Angles and Illuminati and continued threatening him and telling Plants that things he could do to him.

Plants indicated he did not feel comfortable with the threats. Plants indicated the threats were made on 2022-12-25 at 1422 hours. Plants further advised reporting the threats to the Stow Police Department. Plants did not have access to the indicated Stow Police Department report.

Plants identification and contact information was then confirmed. Plants advised his Facebook account is under "Jason Plants" and that the indicated screen shots should be available for review. Plants also agreed to provide access to his Facebook account if necessary and was willing to forward copies of that content if necessary to law enforcement.

Plants was advised his information would be reviewed and there likely would be additional future contact with him as result.

Plants then indicated the Barberton Police officers involved did a tremendous job and wanted to give them full credit for what they had to do and was aware they had no other choice.

The Plants contact concluded at approximately 1425 hours.

Note: At approximately 1440 hours, Snyder made telephone contact with Stow Police Department (SPD)– Records Section and spoke to Ms. April Dirker (Dirker) of that unit. Snyder requested SPD confirm Plants reporting reference and if possible forwarding the incident reporting to him. Dirker confirmed there was reporting, filed under incident number 22-20804. Further, Dirker agreed to transmit a scanned copy to Snyder with official agency e-mail request.

Note: At approximately 1511 hours, Dirker's e-mail with requested reporting was received. The indicated e-mail exchanges and attachment was uploaded into Matrix.

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INCIDENT DATE: _____

INCIDENT TIME: _____

INVOLVED PERSON (S) NAME: _____

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: _____

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PERSON REQUESTING INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

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Case Report Detail



Agency: Stow Police Department
Agency #: OH0771200

Print Date/Time: 12/29/2022 14:42

General Information

Case Number:	2022-00020804	Reporting Officer:	146 - WIKE, SAMANTHA
Occurred Location:	3000 GRAHAM RD 416, Stow, OH 44224	Reported Date:	12/25/2022 21:12
Status:	Closed	Incident Type:	Menacing/Stalking
Status Date:	12/26/2022	Occurred From:	12/25/2022 21:12
Disposition:	Closed	Occurred Through:	12/25/2022 21:12
Disposition Date:	12/26/2022	Exceptional Clearance:	
Scene Processed By:		Exceptional Clearance Date:	
Campus Code:		Significant Event	
		County:	Summit

Offenses

#	Statute Group	Group Agency	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Offense Date
1	State		13C - Intimidation	2903.21	Aggravated Menacing	12/25/2022

Subjects

Number	Type	Name	Address	Contact Information	Race	Sex	DOB
1	Suspect	ZORAN, ZACHARY D	921 NATHAN ST, Akron, OH 44307	*****	White	Male	02/12/1988
2	Victim	PLANTS, JASON A	3000 GRAHAM RD 416, Stow, OH 44224	*****	White	Male	03/05/1987

Subject #1

Subject #1 Suspect - General

Name:	ZORAN, ZACHARY D	Primary:	No	Sub-Type:	Suspect - Suspect
Address:	921 NATHAN ST, Akron, OH 44307	DOB:	02/12/1988	SSN:	*****
Age:	34	Race:	White	Primary Contact Info:	*****
Age Range:		Sex:	Male	Statement Type:	
Height Range:	5'10" to 5'10"	Driver's License #:	*****	Resident Type:	
Weight Range:	210 lbs to 210 lbs	License State:	*****	Resident Status:	Non-Resident
Hair Color:	Brown	License Class:		Subject Disposition:	
Eye Color:	Brown	Expiration Date:		Disposition Date:	
Deceased:	No	Restrictions:		Custody Status:	
Deceased Date:		Endorsements:			



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Subject #1 Suspect - Injury Information

Injury Types:	Condition:	Medical Treatment:
Hospital:	Transported By:	Extent of Injury:
Degree of Sexual Assault:	# of Previous Complaints:	Federal Agencies Involved:

Subject #1 Suspect - Modus Operandi

Modus Operandi:

Subject #1 Suspect - Related Offenses

Statute Group	Group Agency	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Attempt/Commit	Counts	Reference #
State		13C - Intimidation	2903.21	Aggravated Menacing	Completed		402577

Subject #1 Suspect - Related Weapons

Weapon Type	Weapon Feature	Weapon Caliber	Weapon Gauge
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Subject #1 Suspect - Domestic

Arrested For:	Restraining Order Present:	Restraining Order Violated:
Cohabitation Status:	Restraining Order Issued:	

Subject #2

Subject #2 Victim - General

Name:	PLANTS, JASON A	Primary:	No	Sub-Type:	Victim - Individual
Address:	3000 GRAHAM RD 416, Stow, OH 44224	DOB:	03/05/1987	SSN:	*****
Age:	35	Race:	White	Primary Contact Info:	*****
Age Range:		Sex:	Male	Statement Type:	Written
Height Range:	5'5" to 5'5"	Driver's License #:	*****	Resident Type:	
Weight Range:	130 lbs to 130 lbs	License State:	*****	Resident Status:	Resident
Hair Color:	Brown	License Class:		Subject Disposition:	
Eye Color:	Hazel	Expiration Date:		Disposition Date:	
Deceased:	No	Restrictions:		Custody Status:	
Deceased Date:		Endorsements:			





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Vehicles

Number	Role	Type	Make/Model	Color	Plate/Registration	Year	State
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Narratives

Name: Narrative Author: 146 - WIKE, SAMANTHA Supervisor: 120 - GINTHER, JOHN Date Created: 12/26/2022 17:10

Description:

A KNOWN SUSPECT THREATENED SERIOUS BODILY HARM TO A KNOWN VICTIM OVER SOCIAL MEDIA.

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Name: Narrative

Author: 146 - WIKE, SAMANTHA

Supervisor: 120 - GINTHER, JOHN

Date Created: 12/26/2022 17:16

Description:

On 12/25/22 at approximately 2112 hours, Jason Plants called to report threatening Facebook messages from Zachary Zoran.

When I arrived on scene, Jason stated Zachary, an old high school acquaintance of his, had commented on one of his Facebook posts. Jason had messaged Zachary asking how he was. Zachary sent Jason a video of the ground. The audio in the video appeared to be Zachary's mom and son arguing.

Zachary told Jason to post the video or he would "shoot you multiple times in the chest". Zachary continued threatening Jason stating "I have multiple weapons in my possession....knives. Guns, brass knuckles" and "you cant allow anyone to know I threatened you or I'll kill everyone that you love. Merry Christmas". When Jason asked Zachary if he was threatening him, Zachary stated "It's not a threat Jason I legit will kill you and everyone you love with my crew".

Jason stated he was afraid Zachary would cause him serious physical harm. He provided a written statement.

On 12/26/22, it became known to officers that Barberton Police had an interaction with Zachary. Zachary was shot and killed by Barberton Police.

No charges will be filed, given the circumstances.

BWC worn.

-Ofc. Wike #761

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From: PDRecords [PDRecords@stow.oh.us]
To: Charles Snyder [Charles.Snyder@OhioAGO.gov]
Subject: RE: Ohio NCI#2022-2918 - Barberton PD Officer Involved Critical Incident 12/26/2022
Sent: Thu 12/29/2022 3:11 PM GMT-05:00
Importance: Normal

Good afternoon,
Attached is a copy of the requested report 22-20804.

Have a wonderful New Year,

April Dirker
City of Stow Police Dept
Records Division
330-689-5790



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From: Charles Snyder <Charles.Snyder@OhioAGO.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2022 3:07 PM
To: PDRecords <PDRecords@stow.oh.us>
Subject: Ohio NCI#2022-2918 - Barberton PD Officer Involved Critical Incident 12/26/2022

Attention: April

On 12/26/2022, Barberton P.D. personnel were involved in a fatal officer involved critical incident involving subject Zachary Dennis Zoran. During the preceding few days, Zoran had been involved in several threatening contacts Jason Plants (Stow P.D. Incident Report #22-20804). Ohio BCI has been requested to investigate this officer involved critical incident matter and is requesting any/all Stow P.D. reporting associated with contact incidents between subject Zachary Zoran and Jason Plants indicated in captioned report that may be pertinent. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience through the below listed points.

Respectfully,



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