

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



2024-1219 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4632 East Main Street, Whitehall

Investigative Activity: Interview with Subject

Involves: Marbel Marroquin (O), Flora Alfaro (O)

Date of Activity: 04/19/2024

Activity Location: Alfaro, Flora – Home – 1169 Simpson Drive, Columbus, OH 43227

Author: SA Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On Friday, April 19, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation was requested to perform an independent investigation on the facts and circumstances surrounding an Officer-Involved Critical Incident which occurred in the area of 4632 East Main Street, Whitehall, Ohio. During the incident, Santiago Alfaromunoz (Alfaromunoz) was shot and killed by law enforcement.

On April 19, 2024 at 0805 hours, Ohio BCI Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb, Whitehall Police Department (WPD) Detective Eric Runyan, Officer Enrique Ortega and Deputy Chief Tracy Sharpless attempted to make contact with Alfaromunoz's next of kin. WPD officers were able to find an address, 1169 Simpson Drive, Columbus, OH, as a possible address associated with Alfaromunoz.

A female answered the door and identified herself as Flora Alfaro (Alfaro). She stated that she was Alfaromunoz's sister. Due to Alfaro not speaking English and only Spanish, WPD Ofc. Ortega translated. Ofc. Ortega told Alfaro that her brother was shot and killed earlier in the morning by officers.

Ofc. Ortega translated that Alfaro said that her brother has some history with drugs and has had an OVI within the last two years. When she got home the previous night, around 1730 hours, Alfaromunoz was leaving the residence in a gray van with a friend. She was not sure who the friend was.

Alfaro said that Alafromunoz didn't have any issues with mental health that she was aware of. He does use drugs but she wasn't sure exactly what kind of drugs.

While inside the house, Marbel Marroquin (Marroquin), emerged from a bedroom. Marroquin stated that he was Alfro's husband and Alfaromunoz's brother-in-law. Marroquin was able to speak English and Spanish.

This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law – a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.

SA Holcomb asked Marroquin if Alfaromunoz was known to have a firearm; he wasn't sure. He stated that Alfaromunoz comes and goes. He was last at the house Thursday during the day. Marroquin said that Alfaromunoz was in a good mood and is always smiling and talking. Marroquin wasn't sure if he had any mental health issues.

The interview concluded at approximately 0829 hours.

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

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-04-19 - Marbel Marroquin and Flora Alfaro NOK Interview (2024-1219)

This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law – a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.