



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



2022-1480
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5945 SR 48, Clearcreek
Township, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Mark E. Evers (S)
Date of Activity: 07/13/2022
Activity Location: Warren County Sheriffs Office – Business – 822 Memorial Drive,
Lebanon, OH 45036, Warren County
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On July 12, 2022, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that took place at 5945 SR-48 in Clearcreek Township. The OICI occurred while Clearcreek Township police (CTPD) officers were investigating a domestic disturbance at the aforementioned address. At some point during the investigation, the involved subject, Mark E. Evers (Evers), brandished a firearm and shot CTPD Officer Eric Ney (Officer Ney). Officer Ney suffered critical injuries. CTPD Officer Nicole Cordero, who was assisting with the initial investigation, returned fire, striking Evers. Evers was pronounced deceased at the scene.

On July 13, 2022, at 0002 hours, BCI Special Agents Richard Ward (SA Ward) and Steven Seitzman interviewed Evers' daughter, Monique Evers (Monique), along with her boyfriend, Jeffrey Jenks (Jenks). Monique and Jenks arrived at the Warren County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) after they received information from the Clearcreek Police Department that victim Sylvia Norris Evers was at the WCSO. The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device.

The details below summarize the pertinent portions of the recorded interview and are not a verbatim account. 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. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify the content of the interview.

SA Ward asked Monique about her father. Monique said that her father had "always been angry." Monique remembered an incident when she was young. She recalled her father holding her mother up against a wall by the throat. As a result, her mother took her, and they left to stay at her uncle's house. A couple of days later, several of her uncles confronted her father over the incident. At some point during the confrontation, her father shot a hole through the front door

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of their residence. She told agents she did not actually see her father shoot a hole in the door, but she remembered that it happened.

Monique said her father's health had been declining. She said he had diverticulitis, heart problems, and had suffered a brain aneurism. She described his behavior as "angry and hateful." She opined that he had mental health issues. She said she believed her father took an [REDACTED] which she thought was [REDACTED]. She also said he did not regularly drink alcohol.

Monique stated that her stepmother (Evers' wife), Sylvia Norris Evers (Sylvia), texted her earlier in the day on July 12, 2022, indicating that Evers was upset with Sylvia over farm issues. Sylvia told her that she left to go shopping with her mother. Sylvia ended the conversation by telling her she would talk to her later about dinner plans.

Monique said that her father tried to call her at approximately 1935 hours on July 12, 2022, but she did not answer. She said the last time she spoke with him was a few weeks ago when she was at his house. During that visit, she sold Sylvia her homemade candles. She recalled her father being disinterested in her homemade candles and did not smell them. She also remembered her father being mad that her daughter was crying. She did not go inside her father's house because the last time she spoke with her dad on the phone, he told her that she was "fucking stupid."

Jenks advised SA Ward that he had not spoken with Evers in over a year. He told agents that he was an electrician. He recalled an incident where he arrived late to help Evers with lighting fixtures. He said Evers lost his temper and called him stupid. Based on that incident, Jenks did not have further communication with Evers.

The interview was concluded at approximately 0016 hours. The audio recording is attached below.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-13/ Monique Evers and Jeff Jenks Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.