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Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Supplemental Interview
Involves: Dystanie Lydelle (W)
Date of Activity: 01/06/2021
Activity Location: Lydelle, Dystanie – Home – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, OH 43221, Franklin County
Author: SA Perry K. Roeser, #114

Narrative:

On December 22, 2020, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was asked to investigate an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI), which involved the Columbus Police Division (CPD). BCI was notified CPD responded to a suspicious person/vehicle complaint in the neighborhood of 1062 Oberlin Dr., Columbus, Ohio. When officer(s) arrived on the scene, they encountered Andre Hill, who at the time was walking out of the garage of the listed address. During the encounter, CPD Officer Adam Coy discharged his firearm at Mr. Hill, who later died from the gunshot injuries.

On January 6, 2021, and as part of the on-going investigation into the OICI, Special Agent (SA) Perry Roeser and Special Agent (SA) Richard Ward asked Dystanie Lydelle for a follow-up interview at her residence, 1062 Oberlin Dr., Columbus, Ohio. Agents arrived at the home at approximately 1955 hours and were greeted at the door by Bill Wadley, Dystanie Lydelle, and Attorney John Kulewicz. Mr. Kulewicz said he was a friend of Bill's and came to the house to oversee the questioning.

The follow-up interview was to have Dystanie listen to and explain communications extracted from her phone that captured the gunfire sounds during the contact between Mr. Hill and the Columbus Police Department. The interview took place at the kitchen table. Mr. Wadley excused himself from the kitchen area before the interviews began.

Agents first asked re-capped questions and answers from Dystanie's first interview. Dystanie was asked if she and Mr. Hill shared a child. She answered no, Mr. Hill made "claims" that one of her kids was his, which isn't true. She acknowledged that in the first interview, she stated to agents she had a biological child with Mr. Hill named Kiser. Dystanie said Mr. Hill started the paperwork for adoption procedures, but she never followed through with his request.

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Dystanie said she was on the phone with Mr. Hill the entire duration of his contact with the police. When the officer made contact with Mr. Hill on the street, she was at the front door and could hear both the phone conversation and voice interaction. Dystanie said she could hear the officer ask Mr. Hill questions about what he was doing. Dystanie said Mr. Hill told the officer he was waiting on her (Dystanie). Dystanie then explained she heard the officer say to Mr. Hill there was a neighbor complaint about a loud vehicle. Dystanie said she listened to the officer tell Mr. Hill, "have a good night, stay safe."

Dystanie said she saw the officer's brake lights on the cruiser as if his foot was on the brake pedal about to leave. Dystanie said she told Mr. Hill to walk up to the house because she knew he didn't have a driver's license. Dystanie noted at this point; she walked away from the door.

Dystanie stated Mr. Hill walked around the house to the backyard and knocked on the back door, not the garage entry door. Dystanie said she shortly conversed with Mr. Hill and told him he couldn't smoke in the house. Dystanie explained Mr. Hill then walked back around the side of the house and went into the garage. Dystanie said at some point, the phone disconnected as she went to open the front door and look out the window. She then said Mr. Hill texted her and said he was in the garage.

Dystanie explained, while at the front door, she saw and heard the officer say, "What's he doing?" Dystanie was asked who the officer made the comment to? She said he was by himself, that she saw no other officers. Dystanie said she walked away from the front door and told Bill the police were there. (Note: from a previous interview, Bill said he was in bed asleep at the time of the police contact with Mr. Hill.) Dystanie continued and stated that was when she heard the officer yelling commands to "show me your hands, get on the ground" three times. Dystanie said she walked back over to the window and saw Mr. Hill in the garage with his hands raised with a phone in his hand.

Dystanie then indicated she had a video on her phone, not of the shooting, but the aftermath. Agents then requested to view the video on her phone, which they did. The video had no audio sound. SA Roeser recorded the video onto his phone and sent it to SA Ward's phone.

Agents asked Dystanie if she recorded the phone conversation with Mr. Hill the night of the incident? She said no. Agents then had Dystanie listen to the audio recording extracted from her phone from the night of the incident. After a few moments of the recording playing, the audio was paused, and agents asked how she made the recording. She couldn't explain how she captured the event on her phone. During the initial portion of the recording, she indicated she was speaking with Bill. Agents resumed the audio, and the gunfire was then heard. Agents told Dystanie they could not hear the commands to show his hands on the captured audio. She said it happened right before the shots were fired. Agents asked Dystanie where she was when that occurred. She told us she was by the window. For perspective, agents asked Dystanie to show us exactly where she was when the shots rang out. She walked over to the living room window that faced the driveway. She said while at the window, she saw Mr. Hill with his hands raised in the garage. She said she didn't witness the actual shooting but saw Mr. Hill fall to the ground.

Dystanie said she tried to go outside and explain to the police what was going on. Dystanie

said a female officer ordered her back into the house. Dystanie said Mr. Hill was supposed to give her between \$400.00 to \$800.00 for Christmas. Dystanie was asked if she had planned to leave with Mr. Hill that evening. She said yes, they were going to go over to Karissa's house.

SA Ward then attempted to have Dystanie re-call the events in the driveway. Dystanie now believes Mr. Hill was on the ground before and after the shooting. She said as the officer was walking up the driveway, she lost sight of him.

Dystanie was asked if she heard any communication between Mr. Hill and the police while he was in the garage (before the commands, she heard yelled three times at Mr. Hill). She said no; the only thing she heard was the officer say, "what is he doing?" She said the officer was at the end of the driveway, walking up toward the house.

Agents were in the home for approximately 39 minutes. For additional details of the conversation, see the attached audio recording.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:2021-01-06-15-49-11-2nd intv Dystanie Lydelle