



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



2025-1227

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4411 Montgomery Road,
Norwood, Ohio (Hamilton County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Telephone Interview
Date of Activity: 04/18/2025
Author: SA Douglas Eveslage, #66

Narrative:

On April 18, 2025, Special Agent Doug Eveslage with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations called Akeem Holtz's mother, Shirley Davey, to notify her that Ohio BCI will be conducting the independent criminal investigation into the facts and circumstances involving the Norwood Police Department and Akeem Holtz's death.

SA Eveslage introduced himself to Shirley Davey (Davey), and she stated that she had several family members listening to the conversation. SA Eveslage explained the call for service that the Norwood Police Department responded to on April 16, 2025, that involved her son Akeem. SA Eveslage explained that there was a physical altercation between the police, Akeem, and Karita Thomas.

Natasha Walker, Akeem's sister, advised that she spoke with physicians at the University of Cincinnati Hospital and understood that the Norwood Fire Department administered 5mg of Versed to Akeem and she wanted to know if a full examination of Akeem was completed by the medics prior to administering the Versed. SA Eveslage stated he did not know the answer to her question yet, and that there is approximately 15–20 hours of body worn camera footage to review and SA Eveslage has only viewed approximately 5 hours prior to their conversation.

Davey said that Akeem did not have any diagnosed mental health issues and that Akeem was not on any prescription medications that she was aware of. SA Eveslage asked if she knew Karita Thomas, but Davey said she is aware of her but does not know her personally.

SA Eveslage advised that this investigation will take a minimum of a couple months, explained the autopsy procedure involving toxicology and a panel of doctors reviewing the case also adds additional time to collect the facts. Davey asked if she could have Akeem's minivan and cell phone, but SA Eveslage stated that they were not going to be released until a search warrant is completed on both items.

SA Eveslage asked if Davey needed the Hamilton County Coroner's Office number to discuss decisions about Akeem, but Davey advised that they were able to find the number online. SA

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Eveslage stated that he would follow up with Davey and her family as the investigation continues. (AGENT NOTE: This conversation was not recorded.)

References:

No references.

Attachments:

No attachments.