



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1785 Rt. 28, Lot 419, Goshen Township, OH 45122 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Brian Hendrigsman (W)
Date of Activity: 01/06/2023
Activity Location: Hendrigsman, Brian – Home – 219 W Glen Avenue, Batavia, OH 45103, Clermont County
Author: SA Lauren Frazier, #129

Narrative:

On January 6, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) was called by the Goshen Township Police Department in Clermont County, Ohio, to assist with an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at 1785 State Route 28, Lot 419 AA, Goshen Township, Ohio, between the Goshen Township Police Department and subject, Thomas Dewald Jr.

On January 6, 2023, the Goshen Township Police Department responded to 1785 State Route 28, Lot 419 AA, for a male subject, Thomas Dewald Jr. (Tom), with active domestic violence warrants, currently inside the residence. Goshen Township police officers were met at the residence by the subject's wife, Donna Dewald (Donna); Donna's son, Brian Hendrigsman (Brian), and Donna's daughter-in-law, Brittany Krauk (Brittany).

On January 6, 2023, Special Agents Douglas Eveslage and Lauren Frazier interviewed Brian at his residence, located at 219 W Glen Avenue, Batavia, OH. The interview began at 1908 hours. This report only includes the pertinent portions of the interview. Please refer to the audio recording for additional information.

Brian stated that there was a domestic violence related incident last night, January 5, 2023, where Tom "hit [his] mom last night and threatened to murder her." Brian said he went and picked Donna up and had her stay with them.

On January 6, 2023 around 1000 hours, Donna went to the courthouse to get a temporary protection order (TPO). He said Donna wanted to go home to get clothes and her work laptop because she works from home. Brian, Brittany and Donna went to the residence and Brittany noticed the tv was on. Brian went to check the house and saw Tom hiding behind the bedroom door. Brian stated that he told Donna to call the cops and would not let Tom leave. Brian noticed that Tom had something behind his back, believed to be a weapon.

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Shortly after, police officers arrived and entered the room. Brian stated that he moved to the kitchen area, where he could still hear what was happening. Brian said he heard officers say "drop the knife" approximately 20–25 times. Brian heard Tom respond by saying "you'll have to fucking shoot me." Brian heard a taser go off but was not sure when Tom had cut himself. Brian heard officers ask for medics to respond and to hold pressure on the wound. Brian said that he went outside to console his mother and never went back in to the residence.

Brian stated that Tom was hiding in a dark bedroom with a knife. Brian believed that Tom thought that Donna was coming home alone and that he was planning on killing her.

The interview concluded at 1914 hours. A copy of the audio recording is attached.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-01-06 Brian Hendrigsman Audio Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.