



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5611 East Third Street, Mineral City, OH, Tuscarawas County, 44656

Investigative Activity: Interview with Subject
Involves: Betsy A. Martin (O)
Date of Activity: 09/28/2022
Activity Location: – 5611 East Third Street, Mineral City, OH 44656, Tuscarawas County
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Narrative:

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at approximately 1144 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Charlie Snyder (Snyder) had a brief audio-recorded interview with Betsy A. Martin (Martin), sister of decedent, Everett Michael Martin (E. Martin). This contact and interview occurred on 3rd Street NE and Fairview Road, in Mineral City (Tuscarawas County), Ohio. Present, but not participating, was Nancy A. Martin, mother of both decedent and Betsy Martin.

Martin confirmed being the sister and provided her personal identifiers and address information.

Martin advised she spoke to decedent at approximately 2130 hours at her residence, when she returned home from work. She indicated speaking with decedent for a while and joked about their mother watching cowboy shows, and they often teased her about that.

Decedent advised Martin that Courtney had called him again, then corrected to texted him again. Martin identified Courtney as decedent's "ex-girlfriend." Martin indicated advising decedent not to answer her and to "let it go," ignore it and allow his probation officer to know about it; decedent indicated this happens "...all the time."

Martin advised that as they watched TV, a woman on the program appeared to be smoking "...a blunt." Decedent then told Martin, "Yeah, that's the only thing that is keeping me from killing people right now."

Martin asked decedent who he wanted to kill, and he did not need to kill anyone and to stop it. Decedent responded he wasn't going to kill anybody but could not wait to get his ankle bracelet off, so he could get drunk. Decedent said he would go to jail the first night.

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Martin reports asking decedent why would he be going to jail if he wasn't doing something stupid. Decedent responded, "No, I'm not going to do nothing stupid, I just miss my dogs." Martin indicated then telling decedent she understood that.

Martin advised then asking decedent when he was going to return to work. Decedent responded, "Ah, I guess I gotta go tomorrow, huh." Decedent indicated he would be out of town and would have to think about everything.

Decedent reportedly told Martin when the ankle bracelet is removed and the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) show up, he wanted Martin to leave the house with their mother and Martin's dog, because decedent stated, "...I'm not going peacefully." Martin asked decedent what he was telling her; decedent responded, "Nothing, I'm just talking." As this conversation continued, he assured Martin that everything was going to be okay.

Decedent then started to go to sleep, and Martin then went to bed, as well.

Martin advised she did not know what the turmoil was between decedent and Courtney; she only knew they had split up, and decedent had gone to jail because decedent allegedly threatened to kill her. According to Martin, decedent would not talk about his problem with Courtney. Decedent did indicate that he probably should not have said what he did and that he was mad and hurt.

Martin confirmed decedent had always drank heavily and was an alcoholic. Martin then went on to indicate learning decedent was called by Courtney and they talked; during which time, he threatened to kill her. Martin advised Courtney and then called law enforcement, who came and arrested decedent.

Martin indicated having seldom contact with Courtney and was not aware of what occurred today.

The contact with Martin concluded at approximately 1154 hours.

NOTE: This report only summarizes information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. 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 any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-09-28: Betsy Martin – Initial Contact Interview

Attachment # 02: 2022-09-28: Betsy Martin – Initial Contact Interview – Part 02

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