



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



2024-1474  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 16100 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Heights, OH

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Ashley L. Crenshaw (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 05/16/2024  
**Author:** SA Stacey A. Fifer, #116

On May 15, 2024, BCI Special Agent Stacey Fifer (SA Fifer) received a phone call from Attorney Adam Brown (Attorney Brown), who relayed that he represented Ashley Crenshaw (Crenshaw). Attorney Brown indicated Crenshaw was a "victim" and wanted to make an additional statement to investigators. Attorney Brown also said Crenshaw would consent to a search of her cell phone. The cell phone was used by De'Shawn Vaughn (Vaughn) during the officer involved critical incident on May 12, 2024, in Shaker Heights.

On May 16, 2024, Attorney Brown, Crenshaw, SA Fifer and BCI Special Agent Andrew Harasimchuk met at BCI Richfield.

Crenshaw provided additional information regarding the incident, her interactions with Vaughn, and she consented to a search of her cell phone. A consent to search form was filled out by Crenshaw and reviewed by Attorney Brown. Crenshaw also provided investigators with the passcode to her Apple iPhone (see attached consent to search form). The interview was audio recorded in two parts; her attorney requested a break during the interview to confer with his client so the recording was stopped and later restarted (refer to the attached audio recordings for complete interview details).

Crenshaw advised investigators she has lived at the apartment in Shaker Heights since 2019 and her mother is the owner.

SA Fifer asked Crenshaw what information she wanted to relay to investigators. At the incident scene, Crenshaw said she only told police officers or detectives things pertaining to that day and during the "standoff." Crenshaw said she wanted to add that she had a conversation with "Shawn" (Vaughn) on Tuesday evening of that same week (May 7, 2024). Crenshaw said it was normal that she did not speak with Vaughn every day. On Tuesday, Vaughn asked Crenshaw where she was and Crenshaw told him she was at her grandmother's house even though she was at home. Crenshaw

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indicated she was trying to distance herself from Vaughn. Vaughn wanted to know if Crenshaw still had the spare key to his car. Crenshaw told him yes, and he asked her to return his spare key to his mother. Crenshaw said Vaughn sent a screenshot of a text message he sent to his mother with Crenshaw's information.

Additionally, Crenshaw said Vaughn sent two photos to her. One photo was a "mug shot" of Vaughn from 2021 and the second photo was a "screenshot" of an article from the "Cleveland Remembrance Page" on Instagram. Crenshaw said the article had to do with a shooting near "140th." Crenshaw asked Vaughn about it and Vaughn replied, "This is what they want me for." Crenshaw was on the phone with a friend and sent the screenshot to her friend at the time. Crenshaw and Vaughn exchanged a couple more text messages about the referenced article and, according to Crenshaw, Vaughn replied, "It is what it is." Crenshaw described Vaughn as a "tough guy" person and a lot of things he said did not register to her.

Crenshaw said she returned Vaughn's car key the following day to his mother. Also on Wednesday, Crenshaw said Vaughn sent her a link to "Turo.com" car rental place that showed a white Volkswagen vehicle. Crenshaw said under the link Vaughn asked Crenshaw if she could get the car for him please. Crenshaw made up a lie and told Vaughn someone stole her wallet, so she could not rent him a car. According to Crenshaw, Wednesday morning was her last contact with Vaughn "before Saturday." Crenshaw thought she was done with Vaughn after returning his car key because that was the only item she had, which belonged to Vaughn.

Crenshaw confirmed when Vaughn reached out to her after 0100 hours on May 12, 2024, he called her from a phone number she did not recognize, and she believed it was a "303" area code. Crenshaw agreed to see Vaughn, and he came over to her apartment. Crenshaw was unsure how Vaughn got to her apartment and she was unaware of any vehicle Vaughn may have used to get there. Regarding Vaughn's clothing being wet when he arrived, Crenshaw said she asked him if it was raining outside. She reiterated that nothing was "out of the ordinary" on her end. SA Fifer asked Crenshaw if Vaughn made any statements about what he had been involved in earlier in the evening. She said he did not. When asked if Vaughn had a bag or backpack with him, Crenshaw said if he did, she would not have seen it because the lights were off, and she was in bed.

Vaughn took a shower at Crenshaw's place and got in bed with her. Crenshaw said it was "so late" that it was "almost morning" at that time. Crenshaw woke up first and had text messages on her phone from her friends about "what had happened." Crenshaw said she was trying not to show a reaction in front of Vaughn to the text messages. Crenshaw denied having any conversation with Vaughn about the context of the text messages she received from friends, and she started calling her friends to tell them to stop sending her "things." Crenshaw talked to her friends "Marissa" and "Donald". Crenshaw said Vaughn used her cell phone, and she did not know why

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Vaughn did not have his cell phone. Crenshaw said she did not know what he did on her phone except that she did see him log into his Instagram. Crenshaw said she was "scared" bringing up anything to Vaughn, and she tried to "act as normal as possible."

SA Fifer asked Crenshaw if, at any point, she asked any of her friends to call the police and Crenshaw said no because Vaughn was right next to her the whole time she was on the phone. Crenshaw said once she found out about "the officer", she could not stay still and kept finding reasons to get up from bed. She said she was nervous, felt sick and needed to "throw up." Crenshaw said she went to the first-floor bathroom of her apartment building and threw up and used the bathroom. She did not recall what time this occurred in the morning. Crenshaw confirmed her apartment was on the third floor of the building. When asked if she thought about leaving, Crenshaw said she was scared because she felt like Vaughn was watching her, and she said her mind was not thinking how her "normal mind would." Crenshaw said she did not want to do anything "out of the norm."

Crenshaw returned to her apartment and Vaughn was still in her bed. She stepped on Vaughn's wet clothing that was on the floor near her bed. Crenshaw put Vaughn's clothing in the dryer (across from her unit). Crenshaw called her mother and Vaughn was listening to her conversation. Crenshaw said she laid back down in the bed until she heard the police at the door and Vaughn told her to "go." Crenshaw confirmed she did have sexual relations with Vaughn that day at her apartment and claimed she only did that to "act normal."

SA Fifer asked Crenshaw if she had control of her phone or if Vaughn had control of her phone while he was there. Crenshaw said anytime Vaughn asked for her phone, she gave it to him because she did not want to upset him in any way. She claimed she was terrified of Vaughn and she never saw him with a weapon that day.

Crenshaw confirmed her friend Donald Lamb's (Lamb) phone number is 216-374-6053 and there were phone calls between her and Lamb on May 12, 2024.

SA Fifer asked Crenshaw if she knew anyone who could have rented Vaughn a white Volkswagen. She did not know and said she heard Vaughn posted about who rented the Volkswagen on Instagram. Crenshaw did not recall who told her that information.

Crenshaw added that after she was out of the apartment when the police were there, Vaughn continued to use her cell phone, speaking with her friends and her sister. Crenshaw said Vaughn told her sister, Melissa, he had to see Crenshaw once last time, to tell her he was sorry and he loved her.

Crenshaw denied seeing Vaughn with a firearm that day or in the past. Attorney Brown requested a break to confer with his client, so SA Fifer turned off the recording and

Agents left the room for approximately 5 minutes. When Agents returned, the audio recording was restarted and Crenshaw told investigators that she did not take seriously the screenshot Vaughn sent her regarding a different shooting incident.

Crenshaw's cell phone (BCI Evidence Item #007) was later analyzed by the BCI Cyber Unit (reference item G).

**References:**

ITEM G: USB Thumb drive–Crenshaw Phone Full Device Report

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: Ashley Crenshaw BCI consent form 5-16-24

Attachment # 02: Ashley Crenshaw interview 5-16-24 part 1

Attachment # 03: Ashley Crenshaw interview 5-16-24 part 2



CONSENT TO SEARCH



Date & Time MAY 16, 2024 1300 hours  
Location 4055 Highlander PKWY Rochfield

I, Ashley Crenshaw, having been informed of the constitutional right not to have a search made of the premises, property, or items hereinafter mentioned without a search warrant (and of my right to refuse to consent to such a search), hereby authorize

OHIO BCI

to conduct a complete search of my

- premises, and all curtilage
- any vehicles
- personal property, to wit: \_\_\_\_\_

computer, cellular telephone, or electronic device, (including data acquisition, copying, and analysis), to wit: apple iPhone cell phone - BCI 2024-1474 Item #7

located at 4055 Highlander PKWY, Rochfield OH 43286  
PASSWORD - [REDACTED]

These above-named officers/agents are authorized by me to take from my premises, curtilage, vehicles, property, computer, cellular telephone, or electronic device (as specified above) any letters, papers, materials, data, or other property which they desire. I state that I am a person who is authorized to give consent for the search of the above mentioned property.

This written permission is being given by me to the above-named officers/agents voluntarily, of my own free will, without threats or promises of any kind, I am not under the influence of drugs or alcohol that prevent me from understand this document, and I understand this document and the English language.

[Signature] 5/16/24  
Signature Date/Time

Ashley Crenshaw  
Printed Name