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2022-1356

Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 1659 S. Main Street, Akron, Ohio
44301

Investigative Activity: Interview – Loreal Redrick
Activity Date: July 11, 2022
Activity Location: BCI Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Matthew Armstrong #146

Narrative:

On Thursday, July 11, 2022, at approximately 1332 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agent (SA) SA Matthew Armstrong (Armstrong) conducted a recorded phone interview with Loreal Redrick (Loreal). Her phone number was saved in Jayland Walker's (Jayland) cell phone under the contact name and number, *Lori 330-309-2044*. Loreal had exchanged text messages with Jayland within the seven days prior to the shooting incident. A copy of the 13 exchanged messages stored on Walker's cell phone has been attached to this report.

Throughout the interview, Loreal provided the following information:

Loreal said she knew Jayland because he was engaged to her sister, Jaymeisha. She had known him for several years. Her relationship with Jayland was a family-type relationship. She started texting with him after Jaymeisha passed away. She said she had talked with Jayland through text messages, one phone conversation and in person.

When she was texting Jayland and asking how he was feeling, she was referring to how he was doing emotionally with the loss of Jaymeisha. She knew he was having a hard time because when they first found out about Jaymeisha, he had a moment in the hospital where he was sliding down on his back, on the hospital wall saying: How do I breath? How do I continue to go on? She explained, if anyone knew Jayland, they knew he loved Jaymeisha. She said Jaymeisha was his world, and she knew this would be extremely hard for him to go on. Everything about him revolved around Jaymeisha, and Loreal knew it was going to be a struggle for Jayland going forward.

Loreal said the feeling she got was that Jayland put on a show and appeared strong when he was around everyone; but, when he was alone, she knew he was very sad. After Jaymeisha passed away, his sister, Jada, never left his side and she was his support; making sure he was never left alone.

She felt like it was going to be super hard for Jayland to deal with the loss of Jaymeisha because of how close he and Jaymeisha were. Jaymeisha was Jayland's world. She worried about it being

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hard for him to deal with and that something might happen to him. She worried that Jayland felt like he wouldn't be able to move on from Jaymeisha because that was all that he knew.

The weeks prior to the shooting, they laid Jaymeisha to rest. Loreal felt like everything was compiling on Jayland, and he was having a hard time figuring out what his next move was. She and the other siblings knew they needed to get him out of that house. She was hoping, as time went by, it would get easier for him; but, she knew it was definitely a struggle for him to continue on.

All the siblings felt like this was something that was extremely difficult for Jayland to deal with. She felt like, the more Jayland was in the house, the more real it became to him that Jaymeisha was not coming home. She remembered Jayland asking the doctors if they were sure it was Jaymeisha, and if they were sure they didn't have the wrong person. She described it as being like Jayland could not wrap his mind around the fact that Jaymeisha was not there anymore.

Jaymeisha's mom started packing some of Jaymeisha's belongings, and she believed seeing people putting Jaymeisha's stuff in boxes was weighing on him.

Jayland had verbalized some of his feelings to Loreal. He had said he, "Couldn't believe it." He asked her things like what was he going to do and how was he going to live. She said she understood what he was saying because she had felt like that too when they first found out about her sister's passing.

Loreal was asked if she ever became concerned that Jayland would take his own life. She responded saying, "Umm, it crossed my mind, but I don't believe that he would have done it himself. I believe that when all of you know, when he got pulled over, I believe that, and this is just me, of what I, what I've thought, and like how I've come to terms with maybe what have happened is that, he knew that this was, this may have been his only way, to have either been locked up or dead. And I believe that taking them on that chase was like ok I'm going to give them a reason you know. I believe that he was like in the car like Jaymeisha I'm coming. You know, like you don't have to be without me...I assume that he was talking to my sister then four minutes of that drive. I believe that he was like you know I'm coming. You know and I just believe that if my sister was here it wouldn't have been that way." (15 minutes 44 seconds)

Loreal went on to say that "Every day there is something new that we learn about Jayland, and I just like, I really hope that like, I'm sorry I don't mean to cry but like, I hope that y'all tell his story right you know, because he was so kind and he wouldn't have hurted a fly. And I just but like I just I would rather his story be told as like he was hurting, than he was this thug you know

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and bad man. I would rather it be like he was grieving over the loss of his wife.” (17 minutes 20 seconds)

Loreal explained that before, during and after the funeral, Jada was there “holding his hand when he was stretched out, I mean like sir you just don’t know. Like he was just stretched out like rolling in the dirt you know like you just knew that his, like to me, you just knew that his world was like crumbling before his eyes you know. Like he just, he couldn’t believe it, he was just very stretched out like, even at the funeral, like he wasn’t in his seat, like he’s laid out on the floor at the you know at the funeral home. He was you know you just, you just knew that this was going to be hard for him.” (26 minutes 13 seconds)

After Jaymeisha passed, Jayland was always moving and staying busy. He would not sit still; she thought when he did sit down, he would think and his mind was racing and it all became a bit much for him.

Loreal did not know of Jayland to have any dislike for the police or authority. She did not know if he knew anyone in New Franklin or visited anywhere in New Franklin.

Jayland and Jaymeisha had one gun. Her dad had purchased them a purple gun, which Jaymeisha kept under her nightstand, hidden. Her dad purchased the gun for them because he believed they should have one in the home for protection.

James Roberson (Roberson) was Jaymeisha’s dad. Loreal explained that Roberson previously had brain surgery and was not the best on the phone.

Jayland never spoke to her about purchasing any other guns.

The interview concluded at approximately 1410 hours.

Attachments:

Chat-9 Lori

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Start Time: 6/14/2022 12:05:15 AM(UTC-4)
Last Activity: 6/27/2022 9:07:07 PM(UTC-4)
Participants: , +13303092044 Lori

(owner)
Timestamp: 6/14/2022 12:05:15 AM(UTC-4)
Source App: Native Messages

Body:
Aye what's up Lori this Jayland just wanted you to have my number seeing
if you was feeling alright

From: +13303092044 Lori
Timestamp: 6/14/2022 1:16:49 PM(UTC-4)
Source App: Native Messages

Body:
Hey! I'm doing ok just tryna keep on how are you?

(owner)
Timestamp: 6/14/2022 1:20:22 PM(UTC-4)
Source App: Native Messages

Body:
Yea i hear you .I'm alright just tryna stay busy fr keeps my mind off
things..

(owner)
Timestamp: 6/22/2022 6:16:53 PM(UTC-4)
Source App: Native Messages

Body:
What up Lori how you feeling today

From: +13303092044 Lori
Timestamp: 6/22/2022 6:17:29 PM(UTC-4)
Source App: Native Messages

Body:
I'm good I was just thinking bout you! I'm doing ok

From: +13303092044 Lori
Timestamp: 6/22/2022 6:17:40 PM(UTC-4)
Source App: Native Messages

Body:
Idk if I told you but I'm pregnant

From: +13303092044 Lori
Timestamp: 6/22/2022 6:17:47 PM(UTC-4)
Source App: Native Messages

Body:
I'm 7 weeks today

From: +13303092044 Lori
Timestamp: 6/22/2022 6:17:50 PM(UTC-4)
Source App: Native Messages

Body:
How are you doing

(owner)

Timestamp: 6/22/2022 6:25:12 PM(UTC-4)

Source App: Native Messages

Body:

Oh Shit na idk Congratulations tho.. I'm alright just be tryna stay Busy Fr.

From: +13303092044 Lori

Timestamp: 6/23/2022 12:56:34 PM(UTC-4)

Source App: Native Messages

Body:

Thank you!!! Everything's been ok tho?

(owner)

Timestamp: 6/23/2022 1:03:16 PM(UTC-4)

Source App: Native Messages

Body:

Yea I'm alright just be working Fr..

From: +13303092044 Lori

Timestamp: 6/27/2022 9:07:03 PM(UTC-4)

Source App: Native Messages

Body:

Jaylanddd

From: +13303092044 Lori

Timestamp: 6/27/2022 9:07:07 PM(UTC-4)

Source App: Native Messages

Body:

Pleaseeee