



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



2025-0559

Officer Involved Critical Incident – [REDACTED] Miami
Township, Ohio (Montgomery Co.) (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Christina L Schindler (W)
Date of Activity: 02/19/2025
Activity Location: – 9283 Sawgrass Drive, Miamisburg, OH 45342
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On February 19, 2025, at approximately 1600 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Steven Seitzman interviewed Christina Schindler regarding the officer-involved critical incident that took place on the same date at [REDACTED]. Ms. Schindler was identified as the 911 caller and mother of the involved subject, Jayden Cole Stephenson. The interview took place at a neighbor's residence at 9283 Sawgrass Drive.

The details below summarize what the author believed to be the pertinent portions of the recorded interview and are not a verbatim account. 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.

Ms. Schindler advised that she has resided at [REDACTED] for approximately four years. She said she lived there with her husband, Brett Schindler, and her son, Jayden Cole Stephenson, and her daughter, Sophia Cresong.

SA Seitzman asked Ms. Schindler about the events leading up to the OICI. She stated that her son, Jayden, had been in a "psychosis" and saying things that do not make sense. She explained that he said he had been seeing demons. She further stated that he claimed to be Jesus and only had a month left to live.

Ms. Schindler stated that Jayden's mental health issues manifested approximately one year ago after he spent a year living with his father, Chad Stephenson, in North Carolina. She said Chad provided Jayden with acid, mushrooms, and Adderall. She recalled that within three days of Jayden returning to her from North Carolina, he was noticeably experiencing mental health issues. Specifically, he saw nonexistent people looking at him. She said he voluntarily sought treatment at that time and went to Beckett Springs in West Chester. The staff at Beckett

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Springs was uncertain whether he was experiencing schizophrenia or a drug-induced psychosis. She stated that he was prescribed lithium; however, he did not take it long enough to have an effect. She said that he smoked marijuana.

SA Seitzman asked Ms. Schindler what prompted her to contact the police. She stated that Jayden "pulled a knife." She clarified that she and Terry Bennett, Jayden's grandmother, were present when he brandished the knife. She said he was upset because he wanted his car out of the impound lot. She further stated that he picked up a large vase and threw it.

Ms. Schindler described the knife as a pocket knife. She demonstrated how Jayden held the knife in his right hand and extended his arm out toward her. He then told her, "You're going to take me to get my car" while pointing the knife. She said he threatened to break everything in her house.

Ms. Schindler stated that Jayden sat on a barstool in the living room, still holding the knife. She recalled that the police arrived quickly. She said the police had their guns out when they arrived. She remembered there being approximately five police officers who arrived at that point. She said she could not see what was happening. She later clarified that she was outside the house after the police arrived. She said one of the officers told her they were going to utilize a bean bag gun. She said they did not shoot him with a bean bag gun. She said, "They killed him." She estimated hearing five gunshots. She said, "They fired a few shots, and then they waited and fired again." She remembered an ambulance eventually responding, but she thought it took a long time.

Ms. Schindler stated that she first called the police about Jayden approximately a week and a half prior to the date of the OICI. She stated that he was verbally abusive and got in her face. She said this happened when he wanted to go back to North Carolina, and she told him if he went he would not be welcome back. She said he then began tearing up the house. She said he drove to North Carolina, then turned around and came back.

Ms. Schindler informed SA Seitzman that she had also contacted the Miami Township Police two days prior on February 17, 2025. She said she wanted Jayden admitted to the hospital because he was "not firing right." She said the police sergeant who responded determined that he would be arrested for domestic violence, based on threats he made. She said the sergeant reviewed video footage she had taken of her son's behavior, and in one of the videos he referenced "merking" her. She said Jayden was released the next morning, Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Ms. Schindler stated that she contacted the Miami Township Police Department again on February 18, 2025, based on his behavior. She said when he spoke, he did not make any sense. She also said he claimed to "know what she was thinking." She said he would point at her and say, "Look at her face. I don't even know what's wrong with her face."

SA Seitzman asked Ms. Schindler if Jayden had been in any other trouble with law enforcement. She stated that three or four nights ago, he tried to fight people in a gym while holding 45-pound weights.

SA Seitzman asked Ms. Schindler about Jayden's educational background. She stated that he

graduated from Valley View High School in 2021. He had not attended college.

Ms. Schindler stated that Jayden worked at Lowe's by the Dayton Mall; however, she thought that he recently lost his job due to his deteriorating mental health.

The interview concluded at 1624 hours. The body-worn camera footage of the incident was labeled and stored on Axon Evidence.com.

References:

Axon Evidence.com

Attachments:

No attachments.