

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



2024-2371 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 197 West 8th Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43201 (L)

Involves: Bradley Weaver (W)

Date of Activity: 08/11/2024

Activity Location: – 1517 Worthington Street, Columbus, OH 43201

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Narrative:

On August 11, 2024 at approximately 1500 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent David Wieging (SA Wieging) and Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Detective Chris Journey (Detective Journey) interviewed Bradley Weaver (Weaver) at the Young Life residence located at 1517 Worthington Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43201. Young Life is an organization that introduces and educates adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith. Weaver was interviewed as a witness of an Officer-Involved Critical Incident which had occurred in the vicinity of the residence to include 197 W. 8th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, 43201.

It was reported that on August 11, 2024 at approximately 0817 hours, CPD officers attempted to make contact with Asante Miller (Miller) in response to a forced entry/break-in at the Young Life residence. Upon CPD arrival, Miller attempted to flee the area and an exchange of gunfire occurred at 242 W. 8th Avenue, Columbus. Officers from CPD as well as the Ohio State University Police Department (OSU PD) pursued Miller to 197 W. 8th Avenue, Columbus, where he barricaded himself. While attempting to locate Miller inside the residence, CPD and OSU PD officers were fired upon with at least one responding law enforcement officer returning fire. CPD and OSU PD officers retreated from where Miller had barricaded himself and a single gunshot was heard shortly thereafter. Miller was later located in a bedroom closet and found to be deceased with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. No law enforcement officers were injured.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be the most relevant 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 obtained during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Weaver provided his date of birth as September 6, 2004, and his social security number as

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. He also stated his cell phone number is

Weaver said there are 10 people who reside at the residence. The individual who broke in to their residence was Miller. Weaver knew Miller because he moved in with them at the beginning of August 2023. According to Weaver, a lot of the guys go to Linworth Baptist Church in Worthington and the pastor, Trent Jones, is Miller's brother-in-law. Weaver explained Miller had a room with two other guys, but he (Miller) spent most of his time sleeping in the basement.

Miller was last at the residence at the beginning of July (2024). Weaver explained there was an incident where Miller stole a roommate's (Matthew Milisavljevich) vehicle. They told Miller that they were going to call the police at which point Miller returned the vehicle. Because of this, they told Miller to grab his belongings and told him he couldn't live with them anymore. Weaver shared that they were not aware if Miller was ever diagnosed with any mental health issues, but he showed a lot of signs of being bipolar. Once Miller moved out, they changed the locks.

Miller told investigators that this morning he was asleep on the first floor when he heard a loud noise which was presumably the door being kicked in. It was approximately 0730 hours. Weaver said he heard footsteps and then Miller's voice. So as not to escalate matters, Weaver asked Miller how he was doing to which Miller mumbled something and then walked away. Weaver said that there were four other housemates sleeping upstairs and he called one of them to call the police. While they were waiting for the police to arrive, Weaver said Miller sat in the front room listening to music by himself and drinking a Red Bull. Weaver indicated that at some point while Miller was present in the house, he stole around \$500 from Owen Cline's (roommate) wallet.

Once the police arrived, Miller walked into the kitchen and he heard him (Miller) "cock a gun." Weaver stated he stayed in the room he was in and could hear the police on the porch twice saying, "Come out with your hands up." At some point, Weaver also twice heard the police saying, "Put the gun down." Miller then ran out the back door and Weaver was not certain which direction Miller went.

SA Wieging and Detective Journey's interview with Weaver ended at approximately 1508 hours.

A copy of the audio-recorded interview with Weaver is attached to this report.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Audio Interview with Bradley Weaver 8.11.2024

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