



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



2022-1190
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1551 Meadowlark Lane,
Marysville, Ohio 43040 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Savanna Vorhies (W)
Date of Activity: 05/30/2022
Activity Location: Vorhies, Savanna – Home – 1551 Meadowlark Lane, Marysville, OH 43040, Union County
Author: SA Douglas Eveslage, #66

Narrative:

On May 30, 2022, Special Agent Douglas Eveslage with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to assist the Marysville Police Department with an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at 1551 Meadowlark Lane, Marysville, Ohio, with the Union County Sheriff's Department and subject Matthew Todhunter (Matthew). As a result of this OICI, SA Eveslage interviewed Savanna Vorhies (Vorhies), resident of 1551 Meadowlark Lane, about what she witnessed that evening.

At approximately 2229 hours, SA Eveslage sat with Savanna Vorhies at the dining room table in her residence. SA Eveslage asked Vorhies to explain what she witnessed during the custody exchange that evening. Vorhies explained that Lindsay Todhunter asked her to take her to pick up Maddox, Lindsay's four year old son, because Matthew was not answering the phone. Vorhies also explained that Lindsay did not want her son around Brittany Harding because Matthew's relationship with Brittany was "on again off again." "Matt was obviously intoxicated," saying stuff like, "we're in Mill Valley at Brittany's you know stirring the pot," Vorhies explained.

Vorhies said that she and Lindsay went to Brittany's mother's house in Mill Valley, but Matthew and Maddox were not there, so they returned back to her residence. She was home for about five minutes when Matthew arrived at her house. Vorhies describes Matthew as being angry when he looked at Lindsay and said, "You better be lucky I don't put a bullet between your eyes." Vorhies said during that time he reached behind his back and pulled a gun out and pointed the gun at Lindsay, while both she and Lindsay were in the garage with their children. Vorhies explained how she "froze" when Matthew pointed the gun at Lindsay, while Lindsay was yelling for her brother, Brett Eberhard.

Vorhies watched Matthew go back to his truck, come back to give his son, Maddox a kiss, and she heard Matthew tell Maddox "today was going to be the last day that he like was going to be

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alive kind of thing." After Matthew made that statement to Maddox, Vorhies described Matthew walking back and forth from the truck taking the gun in and out of the holster. Vorhies said that she brought the kids inside and put them upstairs while Lindsay called 911.

Vorhies advised that she was watching Matthew out of her front living room window and saw him open up all of his truck's doors and then sit on the tailgate. Vorhies said that she was concerned with his behavior, so she called 911 back because she was concerned about what Matthew was about to do. She said that while she was on the phone giving her information to 911, Matthew closed the doors on his truck and backed out of the yard and onto the street.

The 911 dispatcher asked Vorhies if she saw the police, and she advised, "yes", they were arriving from behind the truck as Matthew's girlfriend, Brittany Harding, arrived also. Vorhies said that she could not hear anything that was going on and could only see what was happening. Vorhies said, "I saw the driver's door open and then I heard shots." "At that point I thought that he shot himself," explains Vorhies. Vorhies said that after the shots, Brittany ran over to Matthew yelling and she decided to go upstairs and open a window to listen. Vorhies stated that Brittany was yelling, "It was a BB gun! It was a BB gun!" Vorhies also heard Brittany's mom yelling, "Do CPR! Do CPR!" Vorhies said that she saw the officers' doing CPR, giving medical attention to Matthew, and a life squad arrived on scene.

SA Eveslage asked Savanna Vorhies how many shots did she hear, and she replied, "maybe three or four." SA Eveslage asked Vorhies to elaborate on why she thought Matthew was intoxicated, and Vorhies explained that Matthew "did not have a steady step" and was "throwing himself" as he walked. Vorhies said Matthew might have found out we went to Brittany's house, so when he arrived back to 1551 Meadowlark Lane he was angry.

SA Eveslage asked Vorhies if Matthew made any statements while he was pulling the gun in and out of the holster, but Vorhies said, "I don't even remember, he was saying stuff, Maddox might have mentioned something and he was like because I hate your mom!" Vorhies said that was when the kids, Lindsay, and her went inside because they did not know what he was going to do next.

SA Eveslage asked Vorhies if she had any surveillance cameras at her residence in which she replied, "No."

This interview was concluded at approximately 2239 hours. The interview was audio recorded. See audio recording for further details. SA Eveslage took a photo from inside the residence where Savanna Vorhies was watching the OICI and attached the photo to this report.

It should be noted that Savanna Vorhies gave a written statement to the Marysville Police Department prior to her recorded interview with SA Eveslage. See attachment # 03 for further details on the written statement.

Attachments:

- Attachment # 01: 2022-05-30 Savanna Vorhies Interview
- Attachment # 02: Front window POV of 1551 Meadowlark Lane
- Attachment # 03: Savanna Vorhies statement

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Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.

Exhibit 2



Exhibit 3



CITY OF MARYSVILLE DIVISION OF POLICE
WITNESS STATEMENT

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| NAME: Savanna Vorhies | DOB: 05/24/1993 | STATE ID #: [REDACTED] | INCIDENT NO: |
| ADDRESS: 1551 meadowlark ln, Marysville, Ohio, 43040 | HOME PHONE: 614 670-1894 | WORK PHONE: | DATE/TIME OF STATEMENT: 5-30-2022 @ 8:20pm PAGE: 1 OF 2 |

I hereby make this voluntary statement to an officer of the Marysville Division of Police as attested to by my signature below. I further stipulate the following statement is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Lindsay ~~asked~~ asked me to drive her by Brittangs mothers to get her son. because matt was refusing to bring him to her. at the time we arrived back to my house matt had already dropped maddox off. about 5 minutes into returning matt had pulled up into the grass jumped out angry telling lindsay not to ever go around brittangs moms. he then stated "your lucky I dont put a bullet between your eyes" and pulled out a gun and pointed it at lindsay. He went back to his truck and opened all the doors sat on the back for a minute and then I called the police back after getting the children upstairs at this time matt was backing the truck up into the street where he rolled up the windows and was just sitting. the police arrived at the same time brittany was pulling up. the next thing I know the driver door opens as if matt was getting out of the truck and then I heard 3-4 shots fired and brittany running over to matt. looking from the window I believe the officers started CPR. also at some point between matt pacing back and forth in the yard he told maddox "today is the day your dad dies".

NATURE OF OFFICER:

Off 915

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS:

Savanna Vorhies



CITY OF MARYSVILLE DIVISION OF POLICE WITNESS STATEMENT

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Q. WHO IS MATT?

A. lindsay's husband

Q. DID YOU SEE MATT WITH A FIREARM IN HIS HAND?

A. YES

Q. CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE GUN?

A. Black handgun

Q. WHO IS LINDSAY?

A. my fiancée's sister

Q. DID MATT MAKE ANY OTHER VERBAL THREATS TO ANYONE TODAY?

A. Not that I'm aware of.

Q. WHEN MATT WAS SITTING ON THE BACK OF THE TRUCK, DID HE HAVE A GUN WITH HIM?

A. yes he had a gun holder on his back pants where he placed ^{the} gun.

Q. WHY DID MATT REFUSE TO BRING HIS SON TO HER?

A. because they (him and maddox) were visiting brittany.

Q. DID YOU HEAR ANYTHING WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVED?

NO. I WAS INSIDE THE HOUSE WITH WINDOWS A SHOT.

NATURE OF OFFICER:

[Signature] 915

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS:

Savannah Vorheis