



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Dystanie Lydelle (W)
Date of Activity: 12/22/2020
Activity Location: – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, OH 43221, Franklin County
Author: SA Perry K. Roeser, #114

Narrative:

On December 22, 2020, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was asked to investigate an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI), which involved the Columbus Division of Police (CPD). BCI was notified CPD responded to a suspicious person/vehicle complaint in the area of 1062 Oberlin Dr., Columbus, Ohio. When officer(s) arrived on the scene, they encountered Andre Hill in the garage of the above residence. During the contact, a CPD officer discharged his firearm at Mr. Hill, who later died from the gunshot injuries. Special Agent (SA) Perry Roeser was contacted and asked to assist with the OICI. Special Agent (SA) Richard Ward was assigned as the lead investigator from BCI.

SA Ward asked SA Roeser to interview a female named Dystanie Lydelle, who was in the residence of 1062 Oberlin Dr. at the time of the shooting. SA Roeser found Dystanie in a marked Columbus Police cruiser parked in the street. SA Roeser approached the vehicle, correctly identified himself, and asked her for a voluntary interview. Dystanie agreed to the interview and all parties walked to SA Roeser's unmarked police vehicle for the interview.

At approximately 0737 hours, SA Roeser first explained the role of BCI and why we were on the scene of the incident. SA Roeser then gained necessary information from Dystanie, followed by questioning. Dystanie said that she has lived at the above residence for two years with Billy, later identified as Billy Wadley, and considers him a boyfriend. Dystanie further noted she was still married to her husband Tyler Bowman, and they share children.

SA Roeser asked Dystanie if she knew Mr. Andre Hill. She said yes that they had a child together and his name was Kiser. Dystanie said Andre was on his way back from Cincinnati and was supposed to drop Christmas money off to her. She said they had been on the phone and Facebook messenger with each other all day and she knew he was coming over. Dystanie wasn't sure how much money she would get.

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Dystanie said she was on the phone with Andre when the police approached the vehicle Andre was operating on Oberlin Dr. Dystanie noted while on the phone with Andre, she heard the cop ask, "what are you doing"? Dystanie said she heard Andre explain to the cop he was waiting for Dystanie. Dystanie said she listened to the cop say, "Have a good night." Dystanie then said she told Andre to come up to the house because she knew he didn't have a driver's license. Dystanie said she was on the phone with Andre the whole time and watched him walk up the driveway from the front window. Dystanie said at that point; the cops weren't following him. She said she went to put her shoes on at the front door and get a "smoke." Dystanie said the police were at their vehicles in the roadway, and she believed they were getting ready to pull away. Dystanie said Andre mentioned over the phone, "what's this cop doing" and then said, "I ain't doing nothing." Dystanie then stated that is when she heard the gunshots. I asked Dystanie if she opened the back door for Andre? She said no, she didn't have a chance to.

Dystanie said after the shooting, she looked outside and saw the cops "puking." Dystanie then explained she woke Billy up and told him what had happened and then attempted to go out and speak to law enforcement. Dystanie said she went outside and was told to go back into the house by the cops.

SA Roeser asked Dystanie if Andre had ever carried a gun and she said never. SA Roeser asked if Andre had a CCW permit and she said no. SA Roeser asked Dystanie if she heard a commotion in the garage, she said no. Dystanie was asked if she heard any officers give commands and she said no.

Dystanie indicated she had known Andre for eight years and the vehicle Andre arrived in was his boss' (Bruce Robinson) truck, Chevrolet Tahoe. Dystanie said she and Bill were home all night except when they left earlier in the day for food.

SA Roeser asked Dystanie for consent to search her phone at the scene. She agreed and signed the appropriate paperwork, see attachment. Special Agent Justin Root from BCI Cyber Crimes was on scene and was given the paperwork and the phone. After the phone was extracted, SA Roeser placed the phone back in the home of Mr. Wadley at Dystanie's request.

The interview was concluded at approximately 0755 hours. For additional details of the communication, the interview was audio recorded, see attachment.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:2020-12-22-03-26-51-D. Lydelle

Attachment # 02:BCI consent form



CONSENT TO SEARCH



Date & Time 12-22-20
Location Kenny Rd at Oberlin Rd, Columbus, Ohio

I, Dystanie Lydelle, 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

SA Perry Doers
to conduct a complete search of my

☐ premises, and all curtilage

☐ any vehicles

☒ personal property, to wit: iPhone SE

☒ computer, cellular telephone, or electronic device, (including data acquisition, copying, and analysis), to wit: _____

located at

Kenny Rd @ Oberlin Rd - Columbus, Ohio

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.

Dystanie Lydelle
Signature

Date/Time

Dystanie Lydelle
Printed Name