



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



2024-3052

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 10300 block Silvercreek
Road, Doylestown, Ohio 44230, Medina County

Investigative Activity: Interview of Heather Septer
Involves: Heather Septer (O)
Activity Date: 10/06/2024
Activity Location: Telephone [REDACTED]
Authoring Agent: SA Jon Lieber #50

Narrative:

On Sunday, October 06, 2024, at 1254 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) interviewed Heather Septer (Heather), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on Saturday, October 5, 2024. The interview took place via telephone. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

Heather stated that she and David Septer (David) had separated over the summer. David had a drug and alcohol addiction. Heather stated that she finally decided to end the relationship. Heather gave dissolution paperwork to David on September 26, 2024. On Thursday (October 3, 2024) David told Heather that he was not going to sign the papers. On October 5, 2024, Heather and David further discussed the dissolution. Heather stated that the conversation “..wasn’t very civil” [3:11]. Heather then took both kids with her to take pictures for homecoming. David showed up for the pictures also. After pictures, when they were all in the parking lot getting ready to leave, David threw the dissolution papers into Heather’s car and said that he wasn’t going to give her anything.

Later, their daughter began to text Heather while she was at dinner for homecoming. The daughter said that David kept calling her and telling her that he loved her and that he wanted her to know that. Heather said that in the past, whenever David has been kicked out of the house, he had used suicide to get back home. Heather said that this had happened about 3 to 4 times within the last few years. Heather told her daughter to ignore the calls from David and to enjoy her evening. Ultimately, the daughter was upset, so Heather went and picked her up. During that time, Heather had 11 missed calls, but no voicemails, from David. Heather then took her daughter to the homecoming dance.

Heather stated that around 1920 hours, she received a text message from David that alluded to suicide. Heather said that because David gave a location, she took the

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message seriously. Heather then informed law enforcement of the text message. Heather then sent a text message to David telling him that police were on their way to help him. David then called Heather. During this conversation, Heather told David that this isn't the way to handle things and that the police were on their way to help him. David responded by saying that he was prepared for them (police). David confirmed that he did have weapons on him. Heather then called the police back and told them that David had weapons on him and that he said that he was prepared for the police. Heather stated that this was the last communication she had with David, and she believed that it was around 2015 hours.

Heather said that the police told her and her family to lock their doors and to not let David into their houses. Heather stated that she was later informed by police that they had pinged David's phone near Wadsworth High School. Heather informed police that her daughter was at the homecoming dance at the high school. The school was then put on lockdown.

SA Lieber asked how long David has had an alcohol and drug addiction. Heather stated that David began drinking alcohol before they met. Heather stated that they have been together for 23 years and were married in August 2005. After high school, David entered the U.S. Marine Corps and served in Kosovo. Heather stated that she did not know when David started using drugs, but she estimated that David was in his early 20s. Heather stated that she was under the impression that David's drug use had stopped for some time. Heather stated that at one point she found drugs and David said that he was quitting. David went to counseling and outpatient rehab. David never thought that he needed help and, as a result, David would stop going to counseling. SA Lieber asked what type of drugs David would use. Heather stated that it started out with pain pills such as Oxycodone. It later turned to heroin and cocaine. Heather stated that David was supposed to be taking medication for his flashbacks from his time in the Marine Corps.

Heather stated that on November 6, 2023, David was in a vehicle accident where he broke his hip. Heather stated that during that time she had to take David back to the hospital because "he started going crazy" [12:46]. David was put on some medications, but they ultimately learned that David had relapsed, as David was also in rehab during that time.

David worked in heating and cooling. David and Heather have 2 children, a 16-year-old daughter and a 12-year-old son.

Heather stated that when she would draw the boundaries about David's drug and alcohol use and kick him out of the house, he would be gone a little while and then he

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would call and say his goodbyes to everybody and apologize. Heather would then tell David to come back home, and they could figure out how to help him. Heather stated that few months later something would happen again.

SA Lieber asked if David was a gun owner. Heather stated that David owned "longer guns" [15:08]. Heather said that to her knowledge David did not own any pistols. Heather stated that their son was at David's parents' house earlier in the evening on Saturday, October 5th. The son told Heather that he overheard his grandfather telling other family members that David had taken the guns out of the house. Heather said that her son is 12 years old with ADHD (Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder) and he doesn't always hear clearly. Heather said that David normally kept the guns in a safe in their marital home. However, after David was kicked out of the house he took the guns to his parents' home.

Heather stated that David was on probation for possession of fentanyl. Heather stated that the fentanyl was found when David got into the accident in Creston, Ohio (November 6, 2023). Heather stated that the fentanyl wasn't in David's system but it was found in his work vehicle. A couple days after the accident, David's supervisor found the fentanyl in the work truck that David was driving. At the time of the accident David was working for a company named CKP Heating and Cooling.

SA Lieber asked about the text message that Heather received at 1920 hours. SA Lieber asked if Heather could screenshot and send any messages from October 5th to SA Lieber. Heather stated that there was just one message. At 0122 hours, on October 6, 2024, SA Lieber received a screenshot image via text message. A copy of the message can be seen below. It has also been attached to this report.

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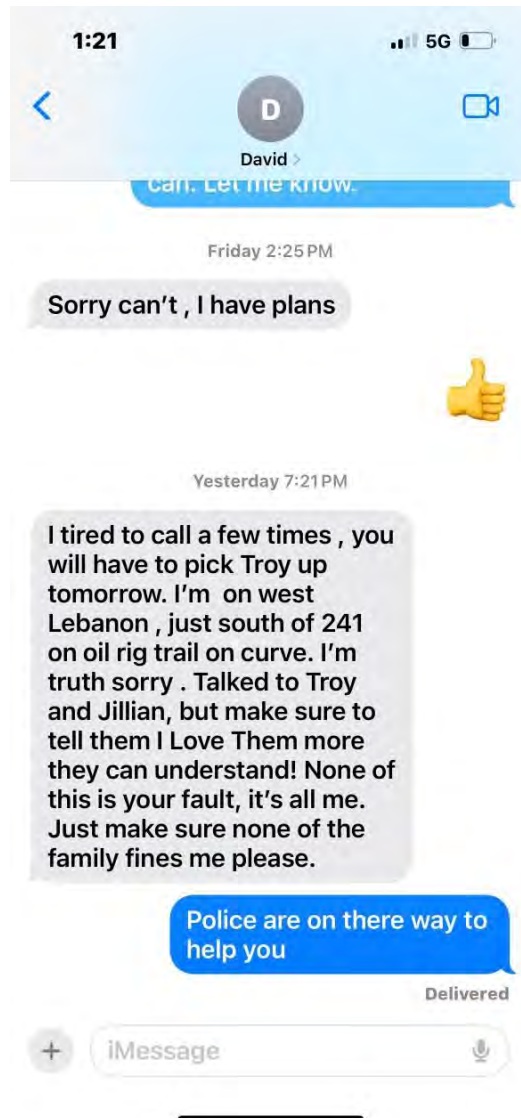


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Heather stated that police would inform her of various locations where they were able to ping David's phone. Heather later was told that David was pronounced dead.

Heather said that since May (2024) she has tried to limit her contact with David to things about the sports games of their children and schedules.

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The interview concluded at approximately 0120 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. 2024-10-06 Heather Septer interview
2. 2024-10-06 Text message screenshot from Heather Septer

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David >

Can. Let me know.

Friday 2:25 PM

Sorry can't , I have plans



Yesterday 7:21 PM

I tired to call a few times , you will have to pick Troy up tomorrow. I'm on west Lebanon , just south of 241 on oil rig trail on curve. I'm truth sorry . Talked to Troy and Jillian, but make sure to tell them I Love Them more they can understand! None of this is your fault, it's all me. Just make sure none of the family fines me please.

Police are on there way to help you

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