



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



2025-2243

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 3013 Mohawk Street,
Middletown, Ohio 45044 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Amanda "Amy" Tolfree (W)
Date of Activity: 07/13/2025
Author: SA Kenneth J. Smith, #53

Narrative:

On Sunday, July 13, 2025, at 2247 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents (SA) Kenneth Smith and SA Steven Seitzman interviewed Amanda "Amy" Tolfree (Tolfree), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Sunday, July 13, 2025. The interview took place over the telephone at 313-303-1253, as Tolfree resides in Michigan. Tolfree was called by the involved-subject, Ronald Kerr (Ronald), during the events that occurred on July 13, 2025. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

SA Smith asked Tolfree to recount her interactions with Ronald and Denise Kerr earlier in the day on July 13, 2025. Tolfree stated that her uncle, Ronald Kerr, had called her earlier in the day on July 13th and said that him and his wife, Denise, were fighting over marriage issues. The main issue was that Ronald felt that Denise was cheating on him. According to Tolfree, the phone call was between 4pm-5pm.

There was a second phone call from Ronald later. She said that on this call, Ronald was more upset and kept stating that she was cheating on him and he found out through her phone and Apple Watch. Ronald asked Tolfree about suicide and what they do in Michigan for assisted suicide. Tolfree explained to him about 72 hour holds. Tolfree somehow knew that Denise had left the residence and was worried that Ronald was going to harm himself.

Tolfree then called Denise and had a conversation about her working it out and not cheating on Ronald. Denise told Tolfree that Ronald was making it all up for attention. Tolfree asked about doing a welfare check on Ronald and this upset Denise. At 1642 hours, Tolfree received another phone call from Ronald that she didn't answer. Ronald left her a voicemail stating, "I love you and I'll see you in heaven." Tolfree later learned that Ronald had already shot Denise and that the police had not yet arrived. Tolfree stated that approximately 45 minutes later she received a phone call from Dakota Schneider and was told that Ronald had shot Denise and was subsequently shot and killed by the police. Tolfree said that Ronald told her earlier that he hadn't slept in 3 days.

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The interview was audio recorded and concluded at 2258 hours. A copy of the audio recorded interview is attached to this investigative report.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2025-07-13 Phone Interview of Amanda Amy Tolfree

References:

No references.