



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)

**Investigative Activity:** Attempt to Locate/Contact  
**Involves:** Jennifer M Summers (O), Clinton Jacob Summers (O)  
**Date of Activity:** 08/13/2024  
**Author:** SA Kyle Douglass, #126

**Narrative:**

On August 13, 2024 at approximately 0932 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) contacted Jennifer Summers (Jennifer), mother of Asante Taaj Omar Miller (Miller), to request an interview. The interview was requested in regard to an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) involving Miller which occurred on August 11, 2024. On this date, Miller was involved in an encounter with police officers from the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) and the Ohio State University Police Department (OSUPD). CPD officers attempted to make contact with Asante Miller in response to a forced entry/break-in at 1517 Worthington Street. Upon CPD arrival, Miller attempted to flee the location and an exchange of gunfire occurred at 242 West 8th Avenue. Officers from CPD as well as the OSUPD pursued Miller to 197 West 8th Avenue, where he had barricaded himself. While attempting to locate Miller inside the structure, CPD and OSUPD officers were fired upon and at least one responding law enforcement officer returned fire. CPD and OSUPD officers retreated from where Miller had barricaded himself, and a single gunshot was heard shortly after. Miller was later located in a bedroom closet and found to be deceased with a potentially self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. No law enforcement officers were injured during this incident.

Jennifer was advised of the nature of the interview and was informed that her statement to BCI was voluntary. SA Douglass spoke to Jake Summers (Jake), husband of Jennifer and stepfather of Miller. Jake stated Jennifer was not prepared to make a statement to BCI regarding Miller or any information she might have relative to the OICI on August 11, 2024.

SA Douglass explained to Jake the role of BCI in the investigation of police-involved critical incidents and use of force. Jake asked questions about Miller and the incident, and SA Douglass provided information to Jake regarding the investigative process of OICIs. Jake explained he and Jennifer preferred to wait until they had more information from CPD regarding the incident involving Miller before they decided if Jennifer would consider providing a statement to BCI.

The conversation concluded at approximately 1014 hours.

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**References:**

No references.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: Interview Attempt Audio – Jennifer Summers+Jake Summers 08.13.2024