

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



2024-2620 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4206 Northridge Rd., Alexandria, OH 43001 (L)

Involves: Connie Plott (W)

**Date of Activity:** 08/30/2024

Activity Location: Connie Plott – 114 W. Shields Street, Newark, OH 43055

Author: SA David Wieging, #122

### Narrative:

On August 30, 2024 at approximately 1431 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent David Wieging (SA Wieging) interviewed Connie Plott (Plott) at her residence located at 114 W. Shields Street, Newark, Ohio, 43055. Plott was interviewed as a witness of an Officer-Involved Critical Incident which had occurred at her daughter's residence located at 4206 Northridge Road, Alexandria, Ohio, 43001. Also present during the interview was Plott's boyfriend, Paul Ramsey, whom resides with Plott.

It was reported on August 30, 2024, Douglas Plott (D. Plott) and Diane Bell (Bell), brother and sister, were involved in a dispute and D. Plott attempted to stab Bell with a knife. This behavior prompted a 911 call where the Licking County Sheriff's Office and Johnstown Police Department responded. When law enforcement responded, they encountered D. Plott, who was holding a knife at Bell and using Bell as a shield towards law enforcement personnel. Both the deputy and officer discharged their firearms and struck D. Plott. D. Plott died as a result of his injuries and Bell was transported to the hospital with miscellaneous lacerations. Additionally, there was a fire at the residence, which was allegedly ignited by D. Plott.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be the most relevant to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information obtained during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Plott identified her three children, Douglas Plott (54), Donald Plott (52) and Diane Bell (51). She stated Douglas was pretty much homeless and Diane had lost her husband approximately two years ago. It was believed Douglas moving in with Diane would be mutually beneficial, but Douglas "never gave her (Diane) a dime." Plott said that Douglas would go into the bathroom carrying on and talking to himself. Douglas would never go to the doctor and was never diagnosed for having a mental health condition, but Plott believed Douglas should have

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## been medicated.

The last time Plott talked to Douglas was at the end of May. Plott told Douglas that he should find his own place and move out of Diane's, but that's when he (Douglas) started yelling at Plott and hung up on her. According to Plott, Diane works from home and Douglas did not have a job. She added Douglas just had a hip replacement in April.

When asked how Plott became aware of what had transpired at Diane's home, she stated Diane sent her a text message at 0914 hours, indicating that Douglas was threatening to kill her. Plott read the text messages between her and Diane and a copy of the text thread is attached to this report.

Midway during the interview, Mark Weiner with Victim Services at the Licking County Sheriff's Office, arrived at Plott's residence.

Ramsey stated that Douglas had commented that he would never go back to jail. They stated Douglas had previously been in prison. Ramsey opined that once Douglas observed law enforcement arrive this morning "all hell broke loose." Plott stated that she heard from Donald that Douglas went after Diane once he saw law enforcement and that the doors had to be kicked in. She also heard that Douglas had Diane in a choke hold and law enforcement told him to drop the knives.

Plott stated she spoke with Diane who was hospitalized and that she was okay. Plott related Diane suffered, for the most part, defense wounds in an effort to fight off Douglas.

SA Wieging's interview with Plott ended at approximately 1503 hours.

A copy of the audio-recorded interview with Plott is attached to this report.

#### References:

No references.

#### Attachments:

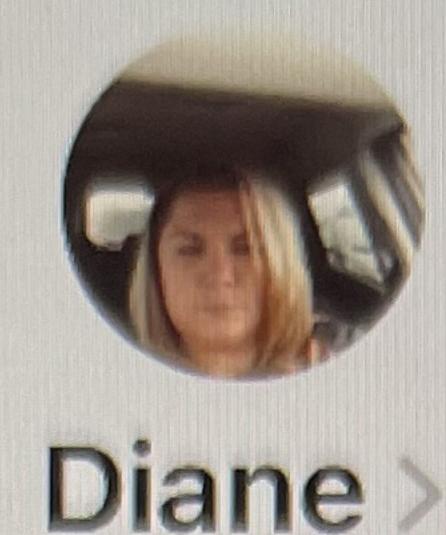
Attachment # 01: Text Thread between Diane Bell and Connie Plott 8.30.2024

Attachment # 02: Audio Interview with Connie Plott 8.30.2024

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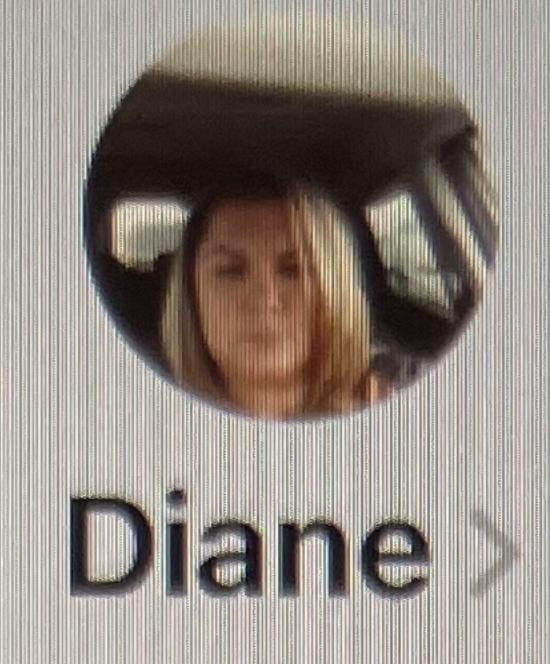
Text Message
Today 9:14 AM

He just threatened to kill me. Said I better kill him before he kills me

I told him to stop spitting on the floor. Caught him walking out bedroom. Said my smoke us killing him and he tired of it. Hates his life has no money. Said he kill me then







his life has no money.
Said he kill me then
himself

You have done nothing but try to help him I don't know why he would say that

Call 911 help

You want me to call

He just tried to stab me with 2 butcher knuves

Help









Diane)

Call 911 help

He just tried to stab me with 2 butchef knuwes

Help

Donaldis calling for help

They are on the mark way



Text Message

