



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 2001 E. Livingston St., Celina,
Oh. 45822

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Miss Hannah D Pawelski (W)
Date of Activity: 08/25/2023
Author: SA Jason A. Snyder, #176

Narrative:

On 08/25/23, Special Agent (SA) Jason Snyder (Snyder) and Special Agent Tiffany Najmulski (Najmulski), with the Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), conducted a recorded interview of Hannah Pawelski (Pawelski). The interview was conducted at the Mercer County Sheriff's Office (Mercer SO), located at 4835 State Route 29, Celina, Oh. 45822.

Both SA Snyder and Pawelski agreed to meet this date and location. Pawelski was advised that she did not have to talk to agents and could leave at any time. Pawelski voluntarily agreed to speak to agents.

SA Snyder first provided Pawelski with items recovered from the Chevy Trailblazer which was registered to her. The items were baby care items for her daughter whom she was with at that time. SA Snyder gave Pawelski an Inventory/Receipt for the items recovered from the Trailblazer. See consent to search report for all of the details of the items returned.

Pawelski was already provided water and was sitting down when agents arrived. Pawelski had a bandage on her hand. SA Snyder asked Pawelski if her injury was due to the incident in the park in Celina that morning. Pawelski stated that the injury was from a previous event, days earlier.

Pawelski has been in a relationship with Corey Andrew for three years. They share a child together and live together in an adjacent town in the country not far from Celina. Andrew was raised by his grandparents.

SA Najmulski asked Pawelski what had happened that morning concerning Andrew and the Celina Police Department (Celina PD). Pawelski stated that she, Andrew, and their child were sitting in the Eastview park located at 2001 E. Livingston St., Celina, Oh. 45822. Both of them were playing games on their phones. The Trailblazer, which Andrew was driving, was parked facing the shelters in a north direction. During the interview, SA Snyder stated that the

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Trailblazer was pointing in the direction of west. When looking at a map of the park, the direction that Pawelski described the Trailblazer facing was north.

An officer from Celina PD approached their car on the driver's side and stated that the park had been closed. The officer was a white male, about 6' tall, skinny, and wearing a Celina Police uniform. Pawelski did not see the officer's patrol car emergency light on. She did not know exactly where the officer cruiser was during the incident. She believed that the cruiser was near the park entrance or in the field.

The officer wanted their identification for his records. Pawelski provided the officer with her identification. Andrew stated that he did not have his identification with him. Pawelski advised that the officer was calm and not aggressive toward Andrew or her during the time they were parked.

The officer saw that a marijuana cigarette was sitting on the driver side dashboard. The officer asked for Andrew to hand him the cigarette. Andrew refused. The officer again asked for the cigarette. Andrew again refused. The officer stated, "We're not going to do this." The officer stated that he would just issue a citation. Andrew started to "freak out". Andrew put the Trailblazer in reverse and "took off".

During this interaction, another Celina PD Officer arrived. Pawelski did not know he was there until right before the Trailblazer started to move.

Andrew then backed up a little, almost hitting the officer near the Trailblazer. Andrew then put the Trailblazer in forward and drove toward a "stadium", and then turned and made a circle in the parking lot. The officers started firing at the trailblazer at that time. While Andrew was driving, Pawelski thought that Andrew was close to hitting the officer with the Trailblazer. After making one and a half circles, Andrew drove to the bike path. Andrew began to "seize" and foam was coming out of his mouth. Pawelski called Andrew's grandparents. She advised them where Andrew was. She then started hearing commands from the officers.

Officers commanded Pawelski to come out of the Trailblazer. Pawelski told the officers at that time that she had her baby in the backseat. Pawelski did not believe the officers knew that her child was in the back of the Trailblazer before that time. Officers placed Pawelski in handcuffs and then approached the Trailblazer. They pulled Pawelski's child out of the Trailblazer and then started medical aid to Andrew.

SA Najmulski asked Pawelski why Andrew did not comply with the officer. Pawelski stated that Andrew has been diagnosed with autism and has anger issues. Andrew did graduate high school and had a valid driver's license during the incident. Andrew received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for his autism and an unknown disability. It was Pawelski's opinion, from previous times while Andrew had been under stress, that he becomes unpredictable or "triggered".

Pawelski also pointed out that Andrew did not have a good relationship with law enforcement officers in the past. Several of Pawelski's family members are in law enforcement. She explained that they and others have not treated Andrew "well" over the years. Pawelski

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believes that Andrew was in trouble in the past, but she did not have any details.

SA Najmulski asked Pawelski if Andrew had taken any illegal or prescription drugs before their interactions with Celina PD Officers. Pawelski explained that Andrew had not used any drugs at that point, but did have the marijuana cigarette available to be smoked soon.

SA Snyder asked Pawelski what Andrew said to the officer during the start of the incident. Pawelski explained that Andrew did not say very much to the officer or her. Some of the conversation was about the owner of the car, which Pawelski is registered to the Trailblazer.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance 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 elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions.

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