



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



2023-0228

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 18697 Bagley Rd., Cleveland, OH
44130, Cuyahoga County

Investigative Activity: Case Opening
Involves: Southwest General Hospital Police Department (O)
Activity Date: January 23, 2023
Activity Location: BCI Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Matthew Armstrong #146

Narrative:

On Monday, January 23, 2023, at approximately 1841 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Ohio Attorney General's Office Special Prosecutions Section to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding the October 18, 2022, death of a patient at Southwest General Hospital. The request indicated the patient's death was the result of police action. BCI Special Agent (SA) Matthew Armstrong was assigned as the lead investigator.

Attachments:

2023-01-23 RFA from Special Prosecutions

From: Jonathan Lieber [Jonathan.Lieber@OhioAGO.gov]
To: Matthew Armstrong [Matthew.Armstrong@OhioAGO.gov]
Subject: FW: Southwest General Hospital
Sent: Tue 1/24/2023 1:58 PM GMT-05:00
Importance: Normal

From: Anthony Pierson <Anthony.Pierson@OhioAGO.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 6:41 PM
To: Jonathan Lieber <Jonathan.Lieber@OhioAGO.gov>
Cc: Tony Cillo <antcillo.cill@gmail.com>; Christopher Kinsler <Christopher.Kinsler@OhioAGO.gov>
Subject: RE: Southwest General Hospital

Agent Lieber,

I am requesting an investigation regarding the death of a patient at Southwest General Hospital, 18697 Bagley Rd., Middleburg Heights, Ohio in Cuyahoga County on October 18th, 2022 by police action. Please be aware that Southwest General has conducted investigations into this matter, however it is my preliminary analysis that any of these statements will be tainted with Garrity statements. As a result, when talking with Southwest General supervisors or administrators please keep that in mind and proceed with a fresh investigation. I have been told by Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Sal Awadallah that the appropriate contact person at Southwest General would be Tristan Harker at 440-821-7072.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Anthony D. Pierson



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Anthony,

Could you please email me with a formal request to conduct the investigation at Southwest General Hospital?

Thank you,



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