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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 5611 East Third Street, Mineral
City, OH, Tuscarawas County, 44656

Investigative Activity: Interview of Betsy Martin
Activity Date: 9/28/2022
Activity Location: Third Street NE and Fairview Road NE, Mineral City, OH
Authoring Agent: SA Jon Lieber #50

Narrative:

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 1232 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) and SA Joe Goudy (Goudy) interviewed Betsy Martin (Betsy), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. The interview took place at the intersection of Third Street NE and Fairview Road NE, Mineral City, Ohio. Also present during the interview was Nancy Martin (Nancy). Nancy is the mother of Everett Martin (Everett). The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

SA Lieber asked Nancy if she had any idea about what was going on or why Everett may have been upset. Nancy said that Everett's girlfriend got a new boyfriend and kicked Everett out of the house. SA Lieber asked how long ago this happened. Nancy said it has been a couple weeks because Everett came to live with her [Nancy].

Betsy said that she received a telephone call from Everett's daughter saying that Everett was dead. Betsy said that she thought that Everett went to work today. Betsy learned that Noah Martin (Everett's son) was on Third Street NE, where Everett was. Betsy woke up her mother, and they drove to 5611 Third Street NE to see what was going on. Betsy said that Everett missed his dogs.

Betsy stated that she is the sister of Everett Martin. Betsy said that before Everett and his girlfriend (Courtney) broke up, both Everett and Courtney would work a lot. Everett would call Betsy to talk and he would be drunk. Betsy said that one night she went to Everett and Courtney's house (5611 Third Street NE, Mineral City, OH) so that Everett could fix the brakes on her vehicle. Courtney told Betsy that she had told Everett that if he doesn't get his shit together and quit drinking whiskey, then she is done with him. Betsy said that she told Courtney, "Good for her." At that time, Everett got mad and told her to shut up. After that, Betsy didn't hear from Everett for a couple days, so she checked the Sheriff's roster and saw that Everett was arrested on a Saturday. Betsy said that Everett wouldn't talk to her about what happened. Betsy said that she believes that it was two Saturdays ago that Everett was arrested. Betsy said that she believes he was arrested for a domestic with harassment and that Everett threatened to kill

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Courtney and her new boyfriend over the phone. Betsy said that Everett had all of their father's guns at the house on Third Street, and the police came and confiscated all of the guns.

After Everett got out of jail, he began to stay at the house where Betsy and Nancy live. Betsy said that last night, when she got home, Everett said that he can't wait to get his alcohol bracelet off so that he could get drunk. He also said that when the cops show up, he wants Betsy to take mom (Nancy) and the dog and leave. Betsy said to him that he is doing good and staying away from Courtney; he just needs to go to work and get cleaned up.

SA Lieber asked Betsy if she knows how Everett got to the house on Third Street today. Betsy said that she can see Everett's truck parked at the house. Betsy said that she saw Everett this morning for a brief time before he was getting in the shower. Betsy asked him what he was doing, and Everett said that he was going to go to work. Betsy said that she didn't know the name of the company that Everett worked for but that it is an oil field company. Nancy said that Everett worked there for a couple years.

SA Lieber asked Betsy if Everett had a problem with alcohol. Betsy said that Everett was a bad alcoholic. She said that she told Everett that he was doing good recently because he wasn't drinking, due to his alcohol monitor.

SA Lieber asked if she had any idea where Everett may have obtained the gun he had with him today. Betsy said that she had no idea. SA Lieber asked further about the comment that Everett made about the alcohol bracelet being removed. Betsy said that Everett has a probation officer but she doesn't know his name. She said that Everett said that he was going to be getting the bracelet off in five days. Everett said that when the cops show up, he wanted Betsy and Nancy to leave because he wasn't going to go peacefully. Betsy asked him what he was going to do. Everett said that he wasn't going to do anything. SA Lieber asked why Everett thought that he would be arrested. Betsy said that it was for drinking while he had the ankle monitor on.

SA Goudy asked what time Everett left the house this morning. Betsy said that she didn't know but she thought it was around 7:00 AM to 7:15 AM. Betsy said that when Everett goes to work, he usually leaves the house between 7:00 AM and 7:30 AM. Betsy said that she doesn't think that Everett has been going to work recently. Everett told Betsy over the last few days that he didn't want to go to work. Everett did say that he was going to work this morning though.

Stacie Metcalf (Stacie) came into the conversation and stated that she owns both bars that are located in Mineral City. The names of the bars are The Drunkin' Uncle and The TV Tavern. She said that Everett has not been in either of the bars all week.

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Betsy said that Everett did not make any mention about coming to the house on Third Street today. SA Lieber asked how long Everett has been with his ex-girlfriend, Courtney. Betsy and Stacie said that it has been 17 years. She and Stacie provided Courtney's last name as "Digenova" and her birthday as October 28, 1974. Betsy said that a few nights ago, Everett told her that Courtney kept texting him to come over. SA Lieber asked Betsy if she knew who Courtney's new boyfriend is and if he is living in the house on Third Street. Betsy said that she does not know who the man is or where he lives. SA Lieber asked if Everett had a history of domestic violence. Betsy stated that she doesn't know. Betsy said that she believes that the main issues between Everett and Courtney relate to Everett's alcohol use and Courtney's new boyfriend.

SA Goudy asked if Everett was an all-day drinker. Betsy said that Everett was to the point where he could have a couple of beers and be drunk. She said that's how bad his alcoholism was. She said that Everett would buy a fifth of vodka and drink it.

SA Lieber asked Betsy if she had Everett's cell phone number, and if she knew if there was a passcode on the phone. Betsy said that she doesn't know about a passcode, but she provided Everett's telephone number as (330) 663-1055. She said that if there is a passcode on the phone, it is probably the birthdate of one of his children. Betsy said that Everett has two children.

Betsy said that Everett owns all of the vehicles that are currently on the Third Street property. Betsy said that a couple nights ago, Everett seemed "jumpy" and paranoid. Betsy said that she smelled marijuana on Everett, and she told him that he cannot have that in her house. Everett told Betsy that he doesn't bring it in the house. Betsy said that many years ago, Everett had an addiction to crack but he hasn't touched crack in years.

The interview concluded at approximately 1252 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.