



Ohio Attorney General's Office
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2022-0498

Officer-Involved Critical Incident- 34 E. Fulton Ave., Columbus, 43215

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Kecia Meeks

Activity Date: 3/7/2022

Activity Location: Grant Hospital, Columbus, OH

Authoring Agent: SA John Butterworth

Narrative:

On Monday, March 07, 2022, at 1756 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Butterworth (SA Butterworth) and SAS Kevin Barbeau (SAS Barbeau) interviewed Kecia Meeks (Meeks), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on Monday, March 7, 2022. The interview took place at Grant Hospital, Columbus, OH. Also present during the interview was Patric Meeks. The purpose of the interview was to speak with the Meeks family about the Officer-Involved Critical Incident, BCI's role in the investigation and to introduce agents involved in the investigation.

On Monday March, 7, 2022, BCI SA Butterworth and SAS Barbeau arranged to meet with Kecia and Patric Meeks at Grant Hospital in regards to the ongoing investigation of an Officer-Involved Critical Incident between Kecia's son, Rayshawn Meeks, and law enforcement officers. The incident occurred at the Franklin County Commissioners parking garage earlier on Monday the 7th.

SA Butterworth, SAS Barbeau, Kecia, and Patric were escorted to a family counseling room located within the emergency department at Grant Hospital to speak in private. Upon entering the room, SA Butterworth introduced himself to the Meeks' and introduced SAS Barbeau as well. Upon speaking about the incident with Kecia, SA Butterworth talked to the Meeks' about BCI being a part of the Ohio Attorney General's Office and the involvement of BCI in these types of investigations is as an uninvolved third party. SA Butterworth explained to the Meeks' that BCI acts as an independent law enforcement agency and that agents are not affiliated with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office nor the Columbus Police Department. It was explained that BCI has to be requested to assist an agency to investigate an incident, which is what happened with this incident.

SA Butterworth asked if Kecia could provide any information on Rayshawn that investigators should know or insight into Rayshawn that she could speak of. Kecia said that Rayshawn has been going to a new job at the GOAT (a restaurant and bar) in Columbus. Kecia talked about Rayshawn having a 10-year-old daughter who lives with her mother, Marissa, and how Rayshawn



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has been visiting his daughter. In addition to Kecia and Patric, more family members were going to be arriving due to Rayshawn's condition, which Kecia stated to agents to be grave. Kecia said the last time she saw Rayshawn was approximately two days ago, the day before yesterday is how she described it to agents. At that time Rayshawn was at her home on Lilly Avenue in Columbus. Rayshawn had called Kecia around 0900 hours on Sunday March 6th and they spoke about him being excited for a new job. Kecia mentioned that Rayshawn had been in trouble in the past with "selling dope" and had spent time "in the pen," however, he had been doing good as of late. SA Butterworth asked Kecia if she thought that Rayshawn had been distraught lately or if she knew of him to be distraught and she replied, no he had not been.

Over the course of the conversation, Patric mentioned that he did not have a good view of the Columbus Police Department and agents spoke about BCI's involvement and being an independent law enforcement agency, not affiliated with Columbus Police or the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

After making agent introductions and speaking with the Meeks', SA Butterworth and SAS Barbeau expressed thanks to the Meeks' for taking a moment to speak about Rayshawn. SA Butterworth provided contact information to the Meeks' and asked them to call if they had any questions or concerns. Prior to leaving from the meeting with the Meeks', agents explained that this investigation will take time that will include many days and weeks before it could be finished. The Meeks' thanked agents for meeting and the meeting was concluded.

The interview concluded at approximately 1815 hours.

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