



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



2019-3029

Officer-Involved Critical Incident – Richland County Jail

Investigative Activity: Document Review
Involves: Alexander J. Rios (S)
Date of Activity: 09/20/2019
Activity Location: BCI Richfield Northeast Regional Office – 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286, Ohio County
Author: SA Eric Lehnhart, #84

Narrative:

On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Eric Lehnhart received a copy of a court order that was signed by Mansfield Municipal Court Judge Jerry Ault. A service copy of the court order was provided to OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital by the Richland County Sheriff's Office to produce the following information:

"Medical Records for Alexander J. Rios, DOB 05/08/1991, SSN: [REDACTED] pertaining to date September 20th 2019 through present date, including: Any and all medical records, Emergency Room Reports, Discharge Summaries, Operative Reports, History and Physical Clinic / Progress Notes, Drug / Alcohol Treatment, Radiology Reports, Laboratory Reports, Immunization Records."

On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital produced the court ordered records. Special Agent Lehnhart obtained copies of these records from Captain Donald Zehner on Tuesday, October 1, 2019. A copy of the court order is attached to this report. Please refer to these documents and/or the attachment for further details.

Records Synopsis

Mansfield Fire Department

On Friday, September 20, 2019, at 0002 hours, Mansfield Fire Department Rescue One (1) responded to 73 East 2nd Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902, the Richland County Jail for an unresponsive inmate with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in progress.

After arriving on scene, paramedics and firefighters were led through the sally port garage to the jail booking room. Alexander J. Rios (Rios) presented to the responding medical team on the floor in a supine (on back) position with Deputy Lieutenant Steve Boyd performing CPR.

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[REDACTED]

OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital

Alexander J. Rios (Rios) was transported to the emergency department of OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital via the Mansfield Fire Department, Rescue One (1).

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Urine Drug Screen

The urine drug screen was ordered by Dr. John Andrew Stein, M.D. at 0025 hours on Friday, September 20, 2019. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Attachments:

- Attachment # 01: 2019-09-20 Mansfield Fire Department Report 19-47330
- Attachment # 02: 2019-09-20 Rios, Alexander OhioHealth
- Attachment # 03: 2019-10-01 OhioHealth Search Warrant

The content of this investigative report is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, treatment, or analysis. Reliance on any information provided by

Special Agent Lehnhart or any supporting employee of the Ohio Attorney General's Office is solely at your own risk. Please refer to the attached records for a full accounting of the medical visit.

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AFFIANT STATES THE FACTUAL BASIS FOR SUCH BELIEFS ARE:

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2019, INMATE ALEXANDER RIOS WAS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED AT THE RICHLAND COUNTY JAIL, LOCATED AT 73 E 2ND ST. MANSFIELD, OHIO IN RICHLAND COUNTY. INMATE RIOS WAS SUICIDAL WITH EXTREME CONFUSION, ERRATIC BEHAVIOR AND WAS BEING COMBATIVE WITH CORRECTION OFFICERS.

2. RCSO CORRECTION OFFICERS WERE HAVING DIFFICULTLY RESTRAINING INMATE RIOS, DUE TO HIS ENHANCED STRENGTH. INMATE RIOS BECAME UNRESPONSIVE AFTER BEING RESTRAINED BY CORRECTIONS OFFICERS. INMATE RIOS WAS TRANSPORTED TO OHIO HEALTH HOSPITAL FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION.

3. A SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED OF INMATE RIOS CELL. A SMALL CLEAR, PLASTIC BAGGIE WAS FOUND IN INMATE RIOS' CELL. IT IS BELIEVED THIS BAGGIE CONTAINED AN UNKNOWN DRUG. IT HAS BEEN COLLECTED AS EVIDENCE.

4. ON 09/27/2019 AT 1755 HOURS, INMATE ALEXANDER RIOS WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT OHIO HEALTH MANSFIELD HOSPITAL.

5. THE AFFIANT REQUESTS A SEARCH WARRANT TO OBTAIN MEDICAL RECORDS FROM OHIO HEALTH HOSPITAL, LOCATED AT 335 GLESSNER AVE MANSFIELD, OHIO IN RICHLAND COUNTY, FOR INMATE ALEXANDER RIOS, TO FURTHER THE INVESTIGATION.


SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 1st DAY OF October 2019.


JUDGE MANSFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

Search Warrant

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Mansfield Municipal Court
Mansfield, Ohio
Richland County, Ohio

State of Ohio : Alexander J. Rios
County of Richland : 30 E. Main St.
Wakeman, Ohio 44889

TO: Sheriff J. Steve Sheldon, Richland County Sheriff's Office, and any and all members of his agency. Chief Keith Porch. Mansfield Police Department and any and all members of his agency. The Attorney General Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigations Dave Yost office, and any, and all members of his agency.

GREETINGS: Whereas there has been filed with me an affidavit, of which the following is a copy:

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335 Glessner Ave Mansfield, Ohio DBA: Ohio Health Hospital Medical Records Section.

There is located the following property, for which search authorization and seizure is sought, to wit:

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Evidence from Investigation .

2921.36 Illegal conveyance of weapons, drugs or other prohibited items onto grounds of detention facility or institution.

THESE ARE THEREFORE TO COMMAND YOU IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OHIO, WITH ALL NECESSARY AND PROPER ASSISTANCE, TO ENTER, IN THE Daytime, INTO THE BELOW DESCRIBED; 335 Glessner Ave Mansfield, Ohio DBA: Ohio Health Hospital Medical Records Section.

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Given under my hand this 1st day of October, 20 19, at 1:47 o'clock, [P.M.].



JUDGE, Mansfield Municipal Court

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JOURNAL ENTRY FOR SEARCH WARRANT

MANSFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT
MANSFIELD, RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO
JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter having come on for consideration this day, and it appearing to this Court upon the affidavit attached thereto and incorporated herein, and any testimony transcribed

And made a part thereof, that there is probable cause to believe that the offense which is substantially stated in the affidavit has been committed;

And it is further appearing to this Court that any persons, premises, and places for which search authorization is sought, and all property sought to be seized, are within the jurisdiction of this Court;

I, the undersigned Judge, therefore order that a search warrant be issued under my signature and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and the Rules of Criminal Procedure, that it be directed to, Sheriff Steve Sheldon Richland County Sheriff's Department, and any and all members of their command; that it be served within three (3) days from issuance of said warrant; and that return be made promptly.

DATE 10-1-19, 2019 at 147 o'clock P M



JUDGE, MANSFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

MANSFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT
(RETURN FOR SEARCH WARRANT)

I, _____, witnessed the taking of the above property and making of the inventory of such described property that was seized in compliance with this search Warrant.

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

NAME OF CHIEF OR SHERIFF

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 20__.

JUDGE, MANSFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

RECEIVED THIS RETURN ON THE __ DAY OF _____, 20__, AT __ o' clock __ M.

It is hereby ordered that the property seized be held in the custody of _____ until further order of the Court.

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Det. R. #78 RCSO

SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 12:18 PM, Sep 20, 2019 DAY OF _____ 2019.

[Signature]

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12:19 PM, Sep 20, 2019

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