

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



2022-1527 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 5760 US 62, Hillsboro, OH, Highland County (L)

Investigative Activity:	Interview with Witness
Involves:	Richard Jean Poulin (S)
Date of Activity:	07/17/2022
Activity Location:	- 361 W Third St., Dayton, OH 45402, Montgomery County
Author:	SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On July 17, 2022, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Highland County Sheriff Donald Barrera to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on US 62 near the Hillsboro Church of God (5760 US 62, Hillsboro, Ohio). The OICI entailed Highland County Sheriff's Office Sergeant **Example 1** firing a single, fatal shot at Richard Jean Poulin (Poulin) at the end of a vehicle pursuit.

BCI Special Agents Steven Seitzman and Kenneth Smith conducted a phone interview with Teresa Poulin (Teresa) on July 17, 2022, at 0925 hours. Teresa was interviewed because she was the registered owner of the Ford F-250 (Ohio Registration FZQ1756) that Poulin used to flee from law enforcement. The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device.

The details below summarize the pertinent portions of the recorded interview and are not a verbatim account. 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. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify the content of the interview.

Teresa confirmed she was notified by Highland County Coroner's Office Investigator James McKown, DDS, that Poulin was fatally shot by a member of the Highland County Sheriff's Office. Teresa advised BCI agents that Poulin was her ex-husband, and they divorced in October 2021. Teresa said she tried to remain on good terms with Poulin, but she said it was hard. She stated that Poulin resided in Hillsboro for approximately two years. She said they were married for twenty-one years prior to divorcing.

Teresa said she had a protection order against Poulin. She stated that he violated the protection order in 2021 after placing numerous harassing phone calls. She said he was violent towards her. She recalled an incident where he punched her in the face a couple of times in 2017. She

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said there was verbal abuse and "some knocking around and spitting in her face" throughout the relationship.

Teresa said Poulin drank a lot of alcohol, generally beer. She said he also drank tequila. She described him as an alcoholic. She said she also knew him to "get high" by "smoking crack."

Teresa expressed that she was surprised Poulin ran from law enforcement. She said, "He always pulled over." She said Poulin told her approximately two years ago, that he owned a gun, which she said he could not legally own because he was a convicted felon. She recalled receiving a phone call from a bartender at the Next Door Tavern in Columbus, who told her that Poulin had pulled a gun on her. Teresa said she asked Poulin about the incident at the Next Door Tavern, but he laughed at her.

Teresa said the last time she spoke with Poulin was during the afternoon on July 15, 2022. She said he sent her a text message saying something to the effect of "dying alone." She said she called him in the afternoon on July 16, 2022, to check on him. Poulin told her to "have a nice day" and ended the conversation. On the evening of July 16, 2022, Poulin sent her additional text messages accusing her son, David Seymour, of stealing from him.

On July 16, 2022, at approximately 2000 hours, Poulin called Teresa's son, David, and left a message, which she said was unintelligible.

Teresa took screenshots of the text messages and sent them to SA Seitzman. The messages are attached below. She also sent the voicemail Poulin left for her son, David. SA Seitzman reviewed the voicemail and confirmed it did not contain any pertinent information. The voicemail was added to the case file.

The interview was concluded at 0938 hours. The audio recording is attached below.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:	2022-07-17/ Phone Interview with Teresa Poulin
	Screenshot_20220717-095156_Messages 1 of 5
Attachment # 03:	Screenshot_20220717-095229_Messages 2 of 5
	Screenshot_20220717-095240_Messages 3 of 5
	Screenshot_20220717-095251_Messages 4 of 5
Attachment # 06:	Screenshot_20220717-095303_Messages 5 of 5

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Included as a separate file.

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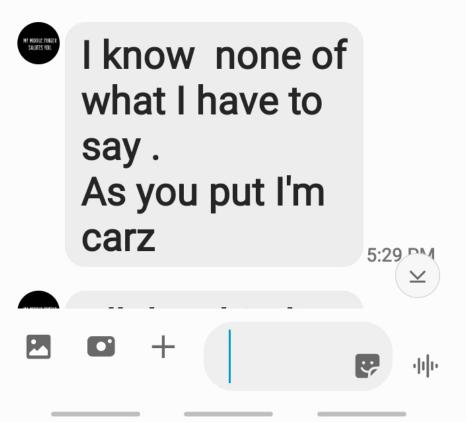
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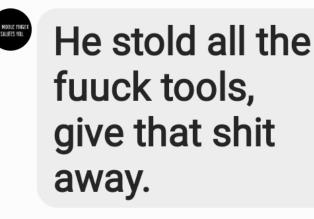
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Saturday, July 16, 2022





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