



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



2024-1814
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 8401 South Dixie Highway,
Rudolph, Ohio 43462

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Christine Korb (O), Kathleen Heyman (O), Thomas Bodnar (O)
Date of Activity: 06/16/2024
Activity Location: – 8401 south dixie highway, Rudolph, OH 43462
Author: SA Joshua S. Rammel, #175

Narrative:

On June 16, 2024, Special Agent (SA) Josh Rammel (Rammel) spoke with Christine Korb (Korb), Kathleen Heyman (Heyman) with Weston Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Thomas Bodnar (Bodnar) with Central Joint EMS regarding the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) involving the Wood County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) and deceased individual George Eric Taylor (Eric).

The interview took place at the location of the OICI, 8401 South Dixie Highway, Rudolph, Ohio. The conversation was recorded using a digital audio recorder. A copy of the recording was attached to this investigation.

SA Rammel made contact with Korb, Heyman, and Bodnar outside of the residence near the front door. Korb and Heyman identified themselves as the initial responders to the scene and Bodnar stated he arrived shortly afterwards.

Korb advised that she personally knew Eric and that she was the individual who contacted Eric's friend Matt Patton (Patton) to respond to Eric's house when EMS received the first wellness check call for Eric. Korb stated that she is Patton's ex-wife. Korb mentioned that she knew that Patton had already been with Eric earlier in the day and wanted to inform him that EMS was being called for Eric. Korb clarified that she did not tell Patton to come to Eric's house to check on him, but that she just wanted to pass on the information to Patton that Eric was receiving a wellness check.

Korb further advised that Weston EMS received a wellness call and was staged down the road at "the storage containers" while the WCSO was interacting with Eric. Korb advised that once they were called to the scene after Eric was shot, they immediately provided medical attention to Eric which included CPR and other forms of aid. Korb stated that CPR was not working because Eric had lost too much blood and that it kept coming out despite EMS's efforts.

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Approved By SAS Scott A. Stranahan on
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Heyman and Korb indicated that they were staged down the road immediately upon arrival and were never on the scene prior to the shooting and did not perform any form of medical analysis on Eric. Korb and Heyman stated that Life Flight was called but they did not transport Eric due to Eric being pronounced dead at the scene. Cygnet's Fire Department was also present, but that they just set up the landing zone for Life Flight. Bodnar mentioned that he also performed CPR on Eric while at the scene.

Heyman indicated that they were listening to the radio traffic and heard about the shooting over the radio prior to being dispatched to the scene from the staging area. Heyman and Korb advised that they were too far away from the residence to hear any gun shots when they occurred.

At that time Heyman, Korb, and Bodnar did not have any additional information to provide or questions for SA Rammel. The conversation was then concluded.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. 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 recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: interview with weston EMS 2024-06-16