



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



2024-2255

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 818 Cherryberry Dr.,
Columbus, OH 43228 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: William Beane (W)
Date of Activity: 08/02/2024
Activity Location: Beane, William – Home – 818 Cherryberry Drive, Columbus, OH 43228
Author: SA Jonathan Scale, #169

Narrative:

On Friday, August 02, 2024 at approximately 0144 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Jon Scale (SA Scale) and Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Officer Derrick Corbin (Officer Corbin) interviewed William Beane (Beane). BCI was requested to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI), which involved CPD and Benjamin Wheeler (Wheeler) that had occurred a few hours prior. Beane lives at the incident location of 818 Cherryberry Dr, Columbus, OH. Wheeler was shot and killed inside the residence during the encounter with officers. The purpose of this interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by Beane.

This interview was audio recorded. A copy of the recording is attached to this report and a copy was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the attached audio file for complete details. The following is a summation of Beane's interview:

Beane resides at 818 Cherryberry Drive along with the following people:

- Christine Beane, Gerald's wife and Benjamin Wheeler's mother (Christine)
- Gerald Beane, William's father (Gerald)
- Leah Sedor, William's girlfriend (Leah)
- Derrick Beane, William's son (Derrick)
- Benjamin Wheeler, Christine's son. (Wheeler)

Beane was at work at the time of incident. His girlfriend Leah called him and explained what was happening back at home. She said there was an argument between Gerald and Wheeler and Wheeler said that he was going to beat up Gerald. Leah said that is when Christine called CPD to respond. William said that he left work and arrived at home after the incident had happened, so he did not see or hear anything related to OICI.

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Beane said that he had always been worried about Wheeler's behavior. He said that he and Wheeler have had altercations in the past and Wheeler was always very "pushy and shovey". Beane explained that about six (6) months ago he and Gerald were playing cornhole in the front yard and Gerald fell and injured himself. Beane called an ambulance and when it arrived Wheeler came out of the house and tackled Beane to the ground and began hitting him. Beane stated that Wheeler did that because he [Wheeler] thought the ambulance was there to take him away.

Beane said that a few years ago Wheeler tried to commit suicide by hanging himself in the basement of the house. He said that he was then on suicide watch for a while and then received psychiatric help.

Beane said he was afraid every day because of the off the wall things that Wheeler would say. Beane said Wheeler was usually confined to his bedroom, but the last couple of weeks he has been in and out.

SA Scale asked if Wheeler had any weapons. Beane said that Wheeler always talked about weapons and told him that he had a gun, but Beane never saw gun.

This interview concluded at approximately 0152 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-08-02 William Beane interview audio recording