

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



2022-1316 Officer Involved Critical Incident - Ackerman Izak (V)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

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Summary:

On Tuesday, June 21, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Christopher Hamberg and Special Agent Supervisor Scott Stranahan conducted an interview with George Pritchett regarding the Officer Involved Critical Incident involving the Allen County Sheriff's Office and Quincy Pritchett. During the interview, George Pritchett provided details of his involvement with Quincey Pritchett over the last several days. The interview was conducted at the Allen County Sheriff's Office and was audio/video recorded.

Narrative:

On Tuesday, June 21, 2022, the Allen County Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) regarding an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred in the City of Lima. During the course of the investigation, Agents received information from family members of Quincy Pritchett that another male, identified as George Pritchett was in Quincy's vehicle at the time of the OICI. Agents previously reviewed Allen County Sheriff's Office dashcam video and confirmed that Quincy Pritchett was the driver and sole occupant of the maroon Buick. Quincy Pritchett's family was adamant that they received information that George Pritchett as involved in this incident.

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 audio recording. 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 or responses. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the audio recording.

While speaking with Quincy Pritchett's family in the lobby of the Allen County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), George Pritchett called the Sheriff's Office. ACSO Lieutenant (Lt) Bret Rider briefly spoke with George Pritchett. George Pritchett explained that he wanted to speak with investigators concerning this investigation. George Pritchett provided a call back number of 567-242-1787.

A short time later, investigators placed a call to George Pritchett. George Pritchett stated that he wanted to speak with investigators regarding this incident in an effort to "clear his name." George Pritchett agreed to speak with investigators but stated that he did not have transportation to the Allen County Sheriff's Office. George Pritchett indicated that he was currently staying at the Fourth Street Apartments which are located at 758 East 4th Street, Apartment B-7, Lima, Ohio. George Pritchett agreed to meet investigators a short distance away from the apartments and he would be transported to the ACSO. Approximately 20 minutes later, investigators met with George Pritchett in the rear parking lot of the City of Lima Fire Department, Station #2. George Pritchett was then transported to the ACSO without incident.

Upon arrival at the ACSO, George Pritchett was escorted to an interview room. George Pritchett indicated he suffered from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and requested that the door to the interview room remain open. Investigators explained to George Pritchett this interview was voluntary and he could end the interview at any time. George Pritchett stated he understood and agreed to speak with investigators. During the interview, George Pritchett provided the following details.

SA Hamberg began the interview by obtaining some background and identifying information from George Pritchett. George Pritchett then provided investigators with his address and cellular telephone number. Investigators then requested George Pritchett provide details regarding any knowledge he had pertaining to this investigation.

According to George Pritchett (George), Quincey Pritchett (Quincy) is his uncle. George stated he was with Quincy several hours prior to this incident. George indicated he and Quincy were together using drugs and drinking alcoholic beverages. George stated he wanted to go home and ultimately, Quincy drove George home. Upon arrival at George's apartment (on Fourth Street) in Lima, Ohio, Quincy walked him to the door to ensure George was able to make entry. Once George was inside the residence, Quincy departed the area. According to George, Quincy said he was going to stop and check on A.K.A. "Scorch G" (later identified by George as Maurice Reynolds). George had no other information regarding additional locations Quincy might have stopped at after George was dropped off.

George stated approximately thirty (30) minutes later, Quincy called George's cellular telephone and asked for a lighter. Quincy asked George to meet him at the front door of George's residence with the lighter. During their telephone conversation, Quincy told George he was "getting pulled over" [by the police]. Quincy did not tell George the location of where he was being pulled over. It was later determined by reviewing recent call history in George's cellular telephone, that this call occurred at 2:32 a.m. The call log showed George tried calling Quincy back several times beginning at 2:51 a.m. with no success.

George remained on the telephone with Quincy during the traffic stop. George said "I don't know how to make the noises out on the phone that I was hearing...but you know, I heard them [police] say 'Get Down, Get Down, Get Down.' Then I heard him say 'Alright, Alright, Alright." George stated he became worried because the phone call ended at that point. George said he then began calling different family members to see if Quincy arrived at their house. Later in the morning, George had a telephone conversation with a family member who told George that Quincy had been shot by the police. George also stated the family had been

concerned about Quincy as no one had been able to get a hold of him for several days. George said he was told by his brother that the "streets were saying" that George was involved in this incident. George indicated he had no involvement and he was at home at the time of this incident.

Investigators then asked questions of George in an effort to clarify his timeline of events. According to George, he had been with Quincy since Sunday June 19, 2022 and they were driving Quincy's maroon Buick sedan which had a broken windshield [Note: during the processing of the scene, investigators noted that the front windshield of Quincy's vehicle was shattered however there was no front end damage to the vehicle.]. Investigators then asked George if he could shed some light on the how the windshield was damaged.

According to George, he and Quincy were at the Walmart in Lima, Ohio when they ran into several individuals who "...randomly wanted some stuff [crack cocaine]." George said he knew he would not be able to obtain the amount of drugs the individuals wanted but felt he could get close enough. George stated that he agreed to obtain the crack cocaine for these individuals. According to George, his motivation was to make enough money so he could purchase crack cocaine for himself so he could "get high." George admitted that he has a crack cocaine problem and said he and Quincy used about \$100 worth of crack cocaine per day. George indicated the windshield was broken during this transaction. According to George, he and Quincy assisted these individuals in purchasing crack cocaine. George said he and Quincy devised a plan to keep a portion of the crack cocaine for themselves. George said Ouincy dropped him off at George's aunt's house as if George was going to purchase an additional quantity of crack cocaine. George indicated he did not purchase any additional quantities of crack cocaine but rather, hung out at his aunt's house while Quincy remained with the other individuals. George said he later learned while he was at his aunt's house, the individuals became involved in an argument with Quincy where an item was thrown at Quincy's windshield causing the damage.

George stated during the evening of Monday, June 20, 2022, he and Quincy were at a residence in Lima, Ohio (unknown address). Also present at this residence was a white female named Naomi and a white male named Dustin. According to George, Quincy, Naomi and Dustin left the residence for a brief time before returning a short time later. Upon their return, George said he became uncomfortable because other individuals were more "high" than him and he wanted to go home. A short time later, George and Quincy departed the residence. According to George, they stopped and purchased cigarettes before George was dropped off at his apartment on Fourth Street in Lima, Ohio. Investigators asked George if he had any identifying information for Dustin. George looked in his cellular telephone and found a contact card for Dustin Trau with cellular telephone number, 937–477–1686.

George said when they arrived at his apartment, Quincy walked with him to the door. George estimated he arrived home somewhere between 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. George indicated Quincy parked his vehicle a short distance from George's apartment. George recalls they used a trail and had to climb a fence to get to his apartment. George said he asked Quincy to come with him to the apartment, because prior to leaving several days earlier, George and his girlfriend had an argument. George was fearful his girlfriend would still be angry and not let him in the apartment. If that was the case, George planned to leave again with Quincy.

Investigators asked George why he and Quincy had to climb a fence to get to George's apartment and did not simply park in the parking lot. George explained that on Sunday, June 19, 2022, one of his cousins (an individual that George identified as DB) was involved in a physical altercation with individuals in the parking lot of the Fourth Street apartments (the location of George's apartment). According to George, he and Quincy were present during the altercation. George recalled that Quincy "took a gun off" an individual who was involved in the altercation. Investigators asked George if he knew what type of gun Quincy took from the individual. George could not recall the exact make of the gun but thought that it might have been a .40 caliber. George said he personally did not handle the firearm, but recalled that Quincy showed him the gun. George described the gun as being black in color with a silver "piece on the slide part at the top" that was small. George recalled at one point Quincy stored the gun inside a blue and silver lunch box inside the trunk of Quincy's vehicle. George also recalled the lunch box was moved to the back seat of Quincy's vehicle.

Investigators asked George when he last saw Quincy in possession of this gun. George recalled he saw Quincy with the gun yesterday (Monday, June 20, 2022). George said he assumed Quincy was in possession of the gun the entire time. George indicated he asked Quincy if he still had the gun. According to George, Quincey grabbed his shirt near the belt line of his pants and said something like "we are good" or "yes." George could not recall exactly what Quincy said. George stated based on Quincy's statement coupled with Quincy's movements around the area of his waistband, was an indication Quincy had the gun on his person.

George stated on Sunday, June 19. 2022, following the incident at the Fourth Street apartments in Lima where Quincy took the gun, he and Quincy drove to Findlay, Ohio. While in Findlay, they walked around the city and went to a Walmart store. According to George, they needed money, so they "did a return" [of stolen merchandise] and received a Walmart gift card. George indicated the gift card was used to purchase gas. George also stated Quincy stole a cellular telephone from inside of a vehicle. George recalled the cellular telephone was a grey Apple I–Phone that was inside of a red case. Investigators asked if George recalled where this theft offense occurred. According to George, this incident occurred where Quincy's "baby mama lived." George thought Quincy placed the stolen cellular telephone inside his glove box.

George indicated following the theft of the cellular telephone, Quincy observed Findlay Police in the area. According to George, he and Quincy then departed the area and began driving back to Lima, Ohio. While driving to Lima, George said he fell asleep in the car.

George said following this incident, people have said George was with Quincy at the time of the traffic stop. George was told another person was inside of Quincy's vehicle and that person was responsible for shooting the Deputy. George was also told a third person also ran from Quincy's vehicle at the time of the traffic stop. Investigators asked George where this information was coming from. According to George, Dustin Trau has been telling people that he was also shot during this incident and had provided this information to the police. George said his brother (Laundavier Pritchett; cellular telephone number 260–577–0927) provided him with this information. Detectives from the Allen County Sheriff's Office later contacted the Lima Memorial Hospital and learned that Dustin Trau had not been recently treated for a

gunshot wound. Investigators asked George where his brother Laundavier Pritchett lived and George said he lived in Fremont, Indiana near Lake James.

Investigators then recapped the interview with George. George said after Quincy dropped him off at his apartment on Fourth Street in Lima, Ohio, Quincey left the area. George was aware Quincy planned to stop and check on A.K.A. "Scorch G" (later identified by George as Maurice Reynolds). George indicated a short time later, he received a telephone call from Quincy who wanted to borrow a lighter. During the telephone conversation, Quincy told George the police were "behind him" and that he was getting pulled over. George said he then heard a police officer telling Quincy to "Get on the ground" repeatedly. According to George, the call was terminated after that. During his telephone conversation with Quincy, George does not recall hearing other passenger's inside Quincy's vehicle. George said he also did not hear any gun shots being fired. George was unaware of Quincy having any mental health conditions. George was aware Quincy had a heart condition. According to George, Quincy also used crack cocaine and methamphetamine. George described Quincy as being a daily crack cocaine user.

SA Hamberg again asked George if he knew where the gun came from. George said he and Quincy were at the Fourth Street Apartments on Sunday when several individuals were involved in a physical altercation. George indicated as the fight was breaking up, Quincy reached into the waistband of one of the individuals and removed a firearm. Quincy and George then went to Findlay, Ohio. George said while they were in Findlay, the owner of the gun called Quincy several times and requested to get the gun back. Unknown individuals reportedly told Quincy there was a "body" on that gun and they wanted it back. Quincy reportedly told this individual he had already disposed of the gun (which they had not). George was unable to provide any additional details and the interview was concluded. Investigators from the Allen County Sheriff's Office then transported George back to his residence without incident. The interview with George was audio/video recorded. A copy of the audio portion of that interview has been attached to this Investigative Report (IR). As mentioned previously, this IR only serves as a summary of the interview and not a verbatim transcript. For further details refer to the audio from the interview.