



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: Tom Patton (W)
Date of Activity: 06/16/2024
Activity Location: – 8401 south dixie highway, Rudolph, OH 43462
Author: SA Christopher Hamberg, #69

Narrative:

On June 16, 2024, Special Agent (SA) Chris Hamberg (Hamberg) of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) interviewed Tom Patton (Tom) regarding the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) involving the Wood County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) and deceased individual George Eric Taylor (Eric).

The interview was digitally recorded. The audio file is attached to this investigative report.

SA Hamberg asked Tom if he had any information regarding the OICI. Tom stated that Eric and his (Tom's) brother, Matt were best friends. Tom stated yesterday Eric called Matt and needed to be picked up at his wife's residence in Piqua, OH. Eric's wife's kicked Eric out of the house and Eric's motorcycle had broken down. Tom stated that Matt lived in Lima and went down to pick up Eric when Matt's truck broke down. Tom stated that Matt called him and asked to be picked up and stated Eric needed picked up also.

Tom stated that he brought both Eric and Matt up to Matt's residence at 8401 South Dixie Highway in Wood County, OH around 2200 hours. [The residence were the OICI occurred]. Tom stated that Eric met his wife about six (6) months ago, whom had two (2) kids from a previous relationship when Eric married her and moved into her house in Piqua, OH. Tom added Matt came up to this residence to mow the lawn and take care of other house duties on occasion.

Tom stated he received some text message from Matt around 0215 hours on June 16, 2024, stating there were some issues at the residence with Eric. Tom added that around 0300 hours Matt called him and told him that he (Matt) needed Tom at the residence right away.

SA Hamberg was told that when Tom arrived at the residence, he was met with other first responders that we were working on Eric. Tom added that he worked on life flight and assisted on emergency runs. Tom stated he assisted with life saving measures, but Eric was

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deceased.

SA Hamberg asked Tom how Eric was interacting with him the previous day when they were together. Tom stated that Eric was sad and reserved. Tom stated he did not witness the OICI.

Tom had no other information to share regarding the OICI and the interview 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 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 reader refer to the audio recording in its entirety.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Audio Interview of Tom

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