

Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Investigative Report







Investigative Activity: Case Opening and Initial Response

Involves: Mason French (S),

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(S), Stacy Pride (V)

Activity Date: 01/16/2025

Activity Location: 350 South Arch Avenue, Alliance, OH 44601

Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente

Narrative:

On Thursday, January 16, 2025, at approximately 0810 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Lieutenant Matt Shatzer of the Alliance Police Department (APD) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident which occurred in the area of the fifth-floor hallway of 350 South Arch Avenue, Alliance, Ohio. BCI Special Agent Nick Valente (SA Valente) responded to assist, arriving at approximately 1038 hours. Also responding from the BCI Special Investigations Unit were Special Agents Allison Fletcher (SA Fletcher), Jesse Bynum (SA Bynum), John Tingley (SA Tingley), Jack Shea (SA Shea), and Special Agent Supervisor Chuck Moran (SAS Moran). Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence.

The shooting incident involved a subject, Mason French (French), and members of the Alliance Police Department. The incident resulted in the death of Mason French.

A copy of the request for assistance letter is attached to this investigative report.

SA Tingley and SA Shea responded to the APD and introduced themselves to the involved officers. SA Tingley and SA Shea photographed the two involved officers. SA Tingley and SA Shea also collected the firearms used by these two officers during the incident. Both involved officers declined to participate in formal interviews with BCI agents at that time. Refer to the investigative report detailing this activity for further information on the officer introductions, photographing, and weapons collection.

SA Valente, SA Fletcher, SA Bynum, and SAS Moran, conducted interviews with multiple tenants and relatives of French and Stacy Pride (Pride). French is alleged to have shot and killed Pride during or immediately preceding the officer-involved shooting. Refer to

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the investigative reports detailing the neighborhood canvass and the interviews of these parties for further details on what they shared with agents.

SA Fletcher obtained verbal confirmation and written documentation from Kristy Grigsby, Alliance Senior Towers, Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority, owners and operators of the apartment building where the incident occurred, noting Pride was the sole tenant/resident of the apartment she was living in. SAS Moran relayed this information to Stark County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Dennis Barr (Prosecutor Barr). Prosecutor Barr advised agents that based on the above information they could lawfully enter the victim's apartment without first obtaining a warrant.

A copy of the written documentation obtained from Alliance Senior Tower was attached to this report.

BCI Crime Scene Agents Chad Holcomb, Larry Hootman, and Special Agent Supervisor Ed Lulla processed the crime scene. Refer to the investigative reports detailing the processing of the crime scene for further information on that activity.

At approximately 1440 hours SA Valente took possession of all 33 evidence items collected relative to this investigation from SA Hootman. SA Valente transported the evidence to BCI Richfield where it was secured at 1645 hours. Refer to the investigative report detailing the transport of evidence for further information on this activity.

References:

None

Attachments:

- 1. Request to Investigate Letter
- 2. Alliance Senior Towers Documents

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The City of Alliance, Ohio, 44601

Police Department



470 EAST MARKET STREET

PHONE 330.823.5532 FAX 330.823.5523

Date: 01-16-2025

From: Captain Don Wensel
Operations Commander
Alliance Police Department

To: SA Nick Valente BCI SIU

The Alliance Police Department is requesting the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation with the investigation of the officer involved shooting which occurred on 01-16-2025.

Should you have any questions about this request, please contact me by phone at 330-324-0784 or by email at wenseld@alliancepolice.com.

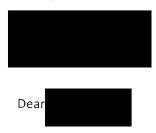
Thank you,

Don Wensel

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350 South Arch St Alliance, OH 44601

11/26/2024



This is to notify you that on the basis of our recent review of your income and family composition your rent has been adjusted to \$273.00. This new rent is effective beginning February 01, 2025.

This notification amends Paragraph 3 of your lease agreement, which sets forth the amount of rent you pay each month.

Please visit the site office within 7 days of receipt of this notice to sign and receive a copy of the HUD-50059. The HUD-50059 must be signed by the head, co-head, spouse and all other adult members of the household. The copy of the HUD-50059 provides the information on your income that we used to calculate your new rent and the amount of rental assistance, if any, HUD pays monthly on your behalf.

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You may call (330) 823-1063 if you wish to arrange a meeting to discuss this change.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Sincerely,

DaNicca Baker

Occupancy Specialist

<u>Alliance Senior Tower, LLC</u> does not discriminate on the basis of disability status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs and activities.



Owner's Certification of Compliance with HUD's Tenant Eligibility and Rent Procedures

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For Personal Records ONLY - not for Submission to the Federal Government

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