



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



2024-2371

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 197 West 8th Ave., Columbus,
Ohio 43201 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Owen Cline (W)

Date of Activity: 08/11/2024

Activity Location: Cline, Owen – Home – 1517 Worthington Street, Columbus, OH 43201

Author: SA Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On Sunday, August 11, 2024 at 1455 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) and Columbus Division of Police Detective Art Hughes (Det. Hughes) interviewed Owen Cline (Cline), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on Sunday, August 11, 2024. The interview took place at 1517 Worthington Street, Columbus, Ohio 43201. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

SA Holcomb and Det. Hughes identified themselves and asked Cline if he would be willing to speak; he agreed. Cline is currently a senior at Ohio State University (OSU) and has lived at 1517 Worthington Street for two years. Cline is actively involved in the ministry program called Young Life and many of his roommates are also involved in the program.

Cline stated that Asante Miller (Miller) used to live with them in the house. Miller went to Pickerington Central High School and went to school with a couple of guys that lived in the house. Cline and his roommates knew that Miller kind of struggled at times and attempted to help him out. Miller moved into the house in August 2023.

Throughout the year, Miller got more difficult to live with. Cline said that Miller showed signs of bipolar disorder. He would be hanging out and then “flip a switch” and start to get extremely angry about things. Miller didn’t really respect his roommates’ personal belongings. Cline said that there was nothing ever physical with Miller and the other males that lived in the house, but they did feel threatened at times.

Around June 29, 2023, Miller got into an altercation with Matthew (who doesn’t live there anymore) and Miller accused him of something extremely strange. When Matthew woke up the next day, he found out that Miller took his car without permission. Miller came back without

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the car, and they eventually found that car around Cleveland Avenue. The car owner did not press charges against Miller. After this incident, they asked Miller to move out of the residence.

Cline believes that Miller was then homeless after they asked him to leave. He never saw Miller after this incident. Cline stated that Miller was not an OSU student and Miller worked at various warehouses during his time staying there.

Cline stated that they had to walk around on thin ice with Miller at times. He continued to say, "...And today, the intensity was a surprise, and really unfortunate, but like, a situation like that I don't think we were crazily caught off guard by it."

SA Holcomb then asked Cline about how the incident unfolded today. Cline said that he was woken up around 7:50am by Dominic Iempesta (Iempesta). Cline was told to call 911 and that Miller was in the house. He then looked at his phone and saw numerous texts from Brad Weaver (Weaver). Weaver text Cline that Miller broke in and that Cline needed to call 911.

Cline told 911 that when Miller stole the car previously, they knew he had a firearm and that from his past with Miller, knew him to be dangerous. Cline told the dispatcher the code to give responding officers to enter the front door. Cline and Iempesta then locked themselves in their rooms on the second floor.

Cline then heard the police come in and then he heard what sounded like Miller running out the back door. About five minutes later, he saw Miller running towards the house [towards the front of the house] and multiple CPD officers following. Cline didn't think he was running back towards the house but more running away from CPD officers.

About a minute after seeing Miller running, Cline heard approximately five gunshots. He said it sounded like the gunshots came from the back of the house.

All the roommates then gathered upstairs and locked themselves in a room. Cline then received a return call from a 911 dispatcher asking for information regarding Miller.

SA Holcomb asked if Miller ever threatened anyone when he lived in the house. Cline said he never threatened him but would have discussions and would get worked up and say that they would have to fight.

Cline said that he never saw a firearm when he was living in the residence. He believed that Miller used marijuana and alcohol and found an empty OxyContin pill bottle.

SA Holcomb asked Cline if he could forward the texts between Weaver and himself. A PDF of the text thread has been uploaded to Matrix and have been attached to this report.

The interview concluded at approximately 1516 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

References:

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Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-08-11 – Owen Cline Interview (2024-2371)

Attachment # 02: Texts between Owen Cline and Brad Weaver

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3:24



Brad >



New name and photo available

Bradley Weaver

Update



Today 7:38 AM



Asante is here

7:38 AM

Hey, i'm in the parlor and want to call the cops but he's downstairs with me. Can you call the cops from upstairs/3rd floor

7:47 AM

You need to call the police

7:50 AM

Okay

7:51 AM

Sorry man

7:52 AM

I just woke up

7:52 AM

It's okay

7:52 AM

He's just down here listening to music

7:52 AM

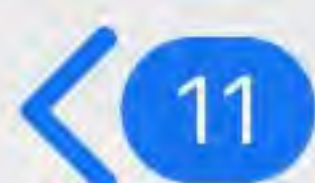
Is he inside?

7:52 AM



iMessage





Brad >

**New name and photo available**

Bradley Weaver

Update

It's okay

7:52 AM

He's just down here listening to music

7:52 AM

Is he inside?

7:52 AM

Yes

7:52 AM

Don't come down here

7:52 AM

I told don

7:52 AM

Dom

7:52 AM

Okay

7:52 AM

Just call the cops from up there so he doesn't tweak

7:52 AM

I'm pretty sure he smashed a window, but idk. I heard the loudest glass break ever

7:53 AM

I also don't know how they'll get in

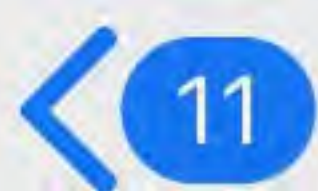
7:53 AM



iMessage



3:24



Brad >



New name and photo available

Bradley Weaver

[Update](#)



I also don't know how they'll get in

7:53 AM

If they knock on the door i'm afraid he'll freak out

7:56 AM

Keep me posted

7:56 AM

I called

7:58 AM

Where is he?

7:58 AM

Front room

7:58 AM

Listening to music

7:58 AM

Okay

7:58 AM

Where are you?

7:58 AM

Parlor

7:58 AM

Okay

7:58 AM

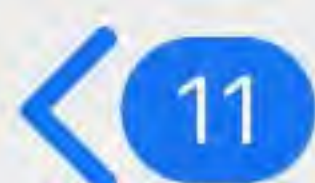
I talked to him for a sec, nothing

7:59 AM



iMessage





Brad >

**New name and photo available**

Bradley Weaver

Update

I talked to him for a sec, nothing crazy

7:59 AM

He walked in here and I said "what's up man, what're you up to" and he just walked back to fromt room

7:59 AM

Maybe I could open the back door?

7:59 AM

I think they're here what do i do

8:02 AM

Did you tell them the code

8:02 AM

They're coming

8:03 AM

I told them the code

8:03 AM

Okay

8:03 AM

I'm really scared he's gonna freak out and come in here

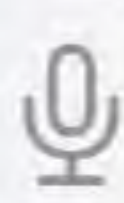
8:03 AM

Tempted to go outside

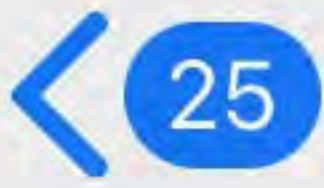
8:03 AM



iMessage



4:06



Brad >



New name and photo available

Bradley Weaver

Update



I would lock the door

8:04 AM

I can't on parlor door

8:04 AM

And it's just open

8:04 AM

Dang citizen report of break-in
50 ft away hits different rn

8:04 AM

Are you confident it's him?

8:05 AM

Asante

8:05 AM

I saw him and talked to him

8:05 AM

Oh right

8:05 AM

Okay

8:05 AM

Ur good

8:05 AM

Yeah stay in there they know it's dangerous

8:05 AM

I'm also 95% sure he broke a



iMessage



4:06



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Brad >



I'm also 95% sure he broke a window in i thought it was upstairs at first

8:06 AM

Nothing up there smashed?

8:06 AM

Idk I haven't left my room

8:06 AM

Locked it

8:06 AM

Gotcha

8:06 AM

I heard legit the loudest glass crash ever

8:06 AM

So i assume that's how he got in

8:06 AM

Where is dom

8:06 AM

Upstairs

8:06 AM

I told him not to come down

8:06 AM

Good

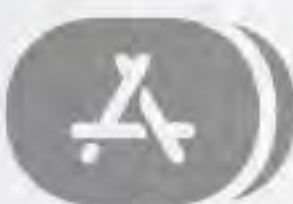
8:06 AM

Sirens coming

8:07 AM

That's crazy they have them on

8:07 AM



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4:07



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Brad >



I know

8:07 AM

I think they turned them off

8:07 AM

Good

8:07 AM

I think they're here

8:07 AM

Pray rn

8:07 AM

They are

8:07 AM

Praying

8:07 AM

Did they just come in

8:07 AM

About to

8:07 AM

He has a gun

8:08 AM

Pray hard cline

8:08 AM

Dont stop praying rn

8:09 AM

He ran over

8:09 AM

He's gone

8:09 AM

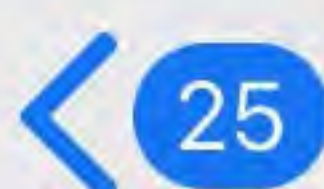
Police said one street over

8:09 AM



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Brad >



I heard it

8:09 AM

Wdym

8:09 AM

I heard it on the radio and i hear them yelling

8:09 AM

Like he wasn't inside?

8:09 AM

He left out a window proolly

8:10 AM

Or back door one of them

8:10 AM

He's def not in here, do i walk out of parlor

8:10 AM

So they didn't arrest him?

8:11 AM

I would just stay in there

8:11 AM

He either ran or they have him rn

8:11 AM

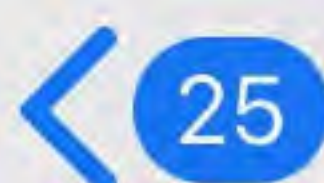
I heard them yell get on the ground, and then dude's radio outside the window said "he's one street over hiding on the porch"

8:11 AM



iMessage





Brad >



I think you would've heard like
your under arrest or something
right

8:11 AM

Asante also cocked a gun in the
kitchen and i've never been more
scared in my life

8:12 AM

Legit

8:12 AM

Are you serious?

8:12 AM

Yes

8:12 AM

Like before they came in

8:12 AM

Cline i heard it

8:12 AM

Yes

8:12 AM

He said "oh shit" and cocked it

8:12 AM

Police said "come out with your
hands in the air" like yelled it and
then said "suspect has a .33"

8:12 AM

They'll come in and let us know
when we're safe

8:13 AM



iMessage



4:07



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Brad >



Yeah that makes sense

8:13 AM

I'm shaking so bad

8:13 AM

Same

8:14 AM

Police said put the gun down

8:15 AM

He's inside

8:16 AM

Or is that u

8:16 AM

Cline are you at the front door

8:16 AM

Keep praying

8:26 AM

Are police securing our premises here?

8:35 AM

Read 8:35 AM

I don't know

8:35 AM

We r still in parlor

8:35 AM

I cant hear any police i assume they have him though

8:35 AM

Or are still trying

8:35 AM



iMessage

