



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



2022-1564
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1132 Ashwood Drive, South
Charleston, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Donald Coberly (W)
Date of Activity: 07/24/2022
Activity Location: Coberly, Donald – Home – 1130 Ashwood Drive , South
Charleston, OH 45368, Clark County
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Narrative:

On July 24, 2022 at approximately 1653 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Ryan Scheiderer obtained a recorded statement from Donald Coberly (Coberly) regarding the July 24, 2022 Officer-Involved Critical Incident between numerous law enforcement agencies in Clark County, Ohio, and the resident of 1132 Ashwood Drive, Cole White (White). As a result of the incident, Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Deputy Matthew Yates (Deputy Yates) was fatally shot by White. White and his mother, Jodie Arbuckle (Arbuckle) were later found deceased inside White's residence after it had been consumed by fire. The following is a summation of the contact with Coberly and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording.

Coberly resides at 1130 Ashwood Drive with his sister and brother-in-law, Jimmy Carr (Carr). Coberly stated that he normally walks his dog at approximately 0800 hours and would sometimes observe White walking up and down the street barefoot and carrying a machete. On this date, Carr left the residence at approximately 0830 hours and Carr's wife was already at work. After walking the dog, Coberly watched a Formula One race on television which ended just before 1100 hours. After the race ended, Coberly heard vehicles out front. When he looked out the window, Coberly observed several sheriff's office cruisers and an Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) cruiser in the street. Coberly exited the residence to see what was happening and was ordered back inside his residence by a deputy. From time to time, Coberly would glance out a window and was able to observe the deputies with their firearms aimed at White's residence. Coberly observed a grey SUV parked in front of White's residence and contacted Carr to see if he was aware of what type of vehicle White's mother owned, but Carr wasn't sure. Coberly advised that when White's mother would visit, she would have a difficult time getting into the residence to check on White. After about thirty (30) minutes, Coberly observed three or four deputies approach White's residence and it sounded like the deputies were trying to "break down" the door. Shortly after that, deputies contacted Coberly and ordered him to evacuate his

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residence. Coberly and his dog then left the area on foot. Coberly never heard any gunfire.

After leaving the residence, Coberly was told by someone in the neighborhood that there was a hostage situation at White's residence. Coberly had not witnessed anyone other than the sheriff's office at White's residence. Coberly denied taking photographs or recording video the incident and stated there wasn't any cameras at his residence.

Coberly wondered how long it was going to take before something happened with White. Coberly stated the sheriff's office did a welfare check on White three to four weeks prior. Coberly stated White appeared to be "under the influence" whenever he observed him outside. Coberly was unaware of White possessing any firearms. Coberly didn't provide any additional information.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-24 / Donald Coberly Audio Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.