



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 428 Foster Ave, Cambridge (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Yvette Brown (W)
Date of Activity: 06/16/2023
Author: SA Kyle Douglass, #126

Narrative:

On June 16, 2023 at approximately 0157 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) and James Poole (SA Poole) interviewed Yvette Brown (Yvette) in response to an Officer-Involved Critical Incident which occurred the previous day at 428 Foster Avenue in Cambridge, OH. The OICI involved SWAT officers from Cambridge Police Department (Cambridge PD) and Yvette's son, Taurean Brown (Brown), who is now deceased. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual as a witness.

This interview was audio recorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview.

Yvette reported she has lived at 428 Foster Avenue with Brown since 2010. On June 15, 2023, Yvette had a doctor's appointment in the morning and was not home. Yvette recalled receiving a phone call from Brown sometime after 1430 hours, and another call while she was at the grocery store. Yvette said Brown seemed normal during these phone calls. Yvette was in the parking lot of the grocery store when Brown called again and told Yvette he needed her to come home because police were at the house. Yvette later stated she conducted a "three-way" phone call on her way to the house with Brown and his father. Yvette believed Brown may have been crying on the phone because she had a hard time understanding what he was saying.

When Yvette arrived at her residence at approximately 1515 hours, she said it was surrounded by police. Neighbors notified her they were looking for Brown. Yvette recalled seeing Brown's bicycle was at the house so she knew he was there. Yvette identified a Cambridge PD officer who was present, Cody Banks (Officer Banks), who she was familiar with from neighborhood interactions. Yvette said she was told by Officer Banks, "Something happened with Taurean and we need to talk to him." Cambridge PD officers on scene allowed Yvette to enter the home to locate Brown.

When she went inside, Yvette found Brown upstairs. Yvette believed Brown may have been

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crying, and told her he needed to talk to his brothers and his father. Yvette was asked what Brown said and she responded, "That we're gonna hate him," and he told Yvette he wanted to talk to his brothers. While she was inside, Yvette could hear police officers outside giving commands to Brown to come out of the house. Yvette was asked if police told her why they were looking for Brown. Yvette replied, "He kicked in his baby's mother's door, and he hit her." Police told Yvette the female had visible physical injuries. Yvette identified Brown's baby's mother as Pam Ingram (Ingram), but said she did not believe Brown could have assaulted her and stated, "It couldn't have been her." Yvette also mentioned someone telling her Brown may have assaulted a female named ██████ (last name unknown), who she stated is the mother of Yvette's oldest son's child. Yvette stated Brown was also saying it was ██████ when she was inside the house talking to him. Brown told Yvette, "It's something with ██████ y'all gonna hate me." Yvette recalled Brown crying and hugging her. Yvette told Brown he needed to go outside, but he refused. Eventually Cambridge PD officers called Yvette out of the house.

Yvette exited the residence and recalled there was a police negotiator on scene. The negotiator asked Yvette to call Brown and ask him to come out. Yvette called Brown several times and also sent him text messages. Brown did not answer the phone and did not respond to text messages, and Yvette's cell phone eventually died. Yvette was told by Cambridge PD that Brown may have been "live streaming" on Facebook, but she was not aware because she does not have a Facebook account or any other social media. Yvette reported Brown's father and brother had driven down from Cleveland and were also present.

Yvette recalled her neighbors Trina and Chris (last names not provided) and "Miss Jody" (last name not provided) were also home during the incident.

Yvette abruptly exited the vehicle and the interview was terminated at 0214 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Yvette Brown Interview Audio