



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



2024-1474

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 16100 Van Aken Blvd.,
Shaker Heights, OH

Investigative Activity: Declination of Involved Officer Interviews by Counsel
Involves: ██████████ (S), ██████████ (S),
Attorney Tom Hanculak (O)
Activity Date: 06/25/2024
Activity Location: BCI, 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Nicholas Valente #139

Narrative:

On June 25, 2024, at approximately 1245 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente spoke with Attorney Tom Hanculak via telephone after exchanging emails attempting to schedule a date and time to interview the involved Euclid Police ██████████ ██████████ and ██████████ (██████████). Attorney Hanculak advised SA Valente during the phone call that neither officer would participate in a formal interview with BCI agents. SA Valente requested Attorney Hanculak send SA Valente an email noting the same. Attorney Hanculak did send SA Valente an email noting this decision. A copy of the email was attached to this report.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. Email - Attorney Tom Hanculak Declining Interviews

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Nicholas Valente

From: T.M.Hanculak, Esq., <tmhanculak@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 12:56 PM
To: Nicholas Valente
Subject: Re: Euclid

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Nick, as we discussed, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will pass on providing a statement upon advice of counsel.

Take care and thanks.

tom.

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On Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 02:57:42 PM EDT, Nicholas Valente <nicholas.valente@ohioago.gov> wrote:

Hi Tom. I can do anytime Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday that week. Thursday or Friday would be preferable. Just tell me when/ where and I'll be there.

Thank you,

Nick



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From: T.M.Hanculak, Esq., <tmhanculak@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 2:45 PM
To: Matthew Armstrong <Matthew.Armstrong@OhioAGO.gov>
Cc: Nicholas Valente <Nicholas.Valente@OhioAGO.gov>
Subject: Re: Euclid

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Nick, can you email me some dates and times for a potential statement session for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the week of June 24?

My office.

tom.

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On Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 03:16:33 PM EDT, Matthew Armstrong <matthew.armstrong@ohioago.gov> wrote:

Ok Thanks Tom. Agent Nick Valente will be scheduling those. I have cc'd him on this email so you can schedule direct with him.

Thanks,

Matt



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From: T.M.Hanculak, Esq., <tmhanculak@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 2:58 PM
To: Matthew Armstrong <Matthew.Armstrong@OhioAGO.gov>
Subject: Re: Euclid

Matthew, right now I believe both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] may be willing to provide a statement. Scheduling is a bit of a pain. The rest of this week is not available for me. Next week, I'm going to try and take some days off first ones since before the first pandemic. So maybe, depending on their schedules the week of 6/24.

tom.

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On Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 06:50:21 AM EDT, Matthew Armstrong <matthew.armstrong@ohioago.gov> wrote:

Thanks for letting me know Tom. When you have a decision from the other two Euclid officers who fired during the Shaker standoff please let me know.



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From: T.M.Hanculak, Esq., <tmhanculak@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 6:04 PM
To: Matthew Armstrong <Matthew.Armstrong@OhioAGO.gov>
Subject: Re: Euclid

Matthew, regarding [REDACTED], he declines to provide a statement. I agree.

thanks,

tom.

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On Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 08:08:39 AM EDT, Matthew Armstrong <matthew.armstrong@ohioago.gov> wrote:

Yes they did discharge their weapons at the standoff in Shaker.



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From: T.M.Hanculak, Esq., <tmhanculak@aol.com>

Sent: Saturday, June 8, 2024 8:07 AM

To: Matthew Armstrong <Matthew.Armstrong@OhioAGO.gov>

Subject: Re: Euclid

Matt, right now, no way. But let me check again.

As I understand it, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did not discharge their weapons, correct?

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On Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 08:02:34 AM EDT, Matthew Armstrong <matthew.armstrong@ohioago.gov> wrote:

Hello Tom,

Just checking in to see if any of the officers your representing will be participating in interviews regarding their involvement in the OIS's in Euclid and Shaker. If so, we would be interested in getting those scheduled. The officers are [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Thanks,

Matt



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From: Matthew Armstrong
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2024 11:08 PM
To: 'T.M.Hanculak, Esq.,' <tmhanculak@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Euclid

Sounds good. I'll try calling you sometime after that.

Thanks Tom.



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From: T.M.Hanculak, Esq., <tmhanculak@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2024 11:01 PM
To: Matthew Armstrong <Matthew.Armstrong@OhioAGO.gov>
Subject: Re: Euclid

Matt, I'll get out of Court around noon tomorrow. Take care.

tom.

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On Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 10:26:43 PM EDT, Matthew Armstrong <matthew.armstrong@ohioago.gov> wrote:

Good evening Tom,

That rumor is correct. I have the Euclid case. Tragic would be an understatement.

Shaker is going to be someone else. I'll get you their info once I know who.

I'll reach out to you tomorrow just to touch base.

Thanks,

Matt



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From: T.M.Hanculak, Esq., <tmhanculak@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2024 8:37 PM
To: Matthew Armstrong <Matthew.Armstrong@OhioAGO.gov>
Subject: Euclid

Matt, rumor has it you might be assigned. I'll be representing the Euclid officers. The Shaker FOP members (Sgt and up) may be assigned to me as well.

Horrible, just horrible.

tom.

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