



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



2024-0590
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 500 N. Nelson Road,
Columbus, Ohio 43219

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Christopher M Stone (W)
Date of Activity: 02/22/2024
Author: SA Kyle Douglass, #126

Narrative:

On February 22, 2024 at approximately 1225 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) and Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) conducted an interview with Christopher Stone (Stone) as a witness to an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which occurred on February 22, 2024, involving Columbus Division of Police (CPD) and Colin Jennings (Jennings) in the parking lot of 500 North Nelson Road in Columbus, OH. During the incident, a CPD officer discharged their firearm. Jennings was transported to Grant Medical Center with alleged gunshot wounds, where he was pronounced deceased.

Stone agreed to provide a voluntary statement to BCI and answer questions regarding the incident. The following is a summation of the interview, specific details can be found in the attached audio recording.

Stone reported he has been living at Creekside Place Apartments (Creekside) at 500 North Nelson Road since January 27, 2024. Prior to residing at Creekside, Stone lived at 1543 Cordell Avenue in Columbus, OH. Stone explained he met Jennings while working at a Goodwill store on North High Street in Columbus, and the two eventually developed a relationship. Stone said he and Jennings have been in a relationship since November 2021.

Stone and Jennings live together at Creekside in Apartment 105. Stone explained Jennings was already living at Creekside before Stone moved there. Stone stated Jennings has a history of suicidal behavior. Stone also said Jennings was often dishonest, which caused frequent contention between them. Stone reported he just got out of prison due to a parole violation involving Jennings and did not want to be involved in any further situations which might result in Stone going back to prison. Stone recalled incidents in the past during which Jennings displayed suicidal behavior such as swallowing excessive amounts of pills, drinking chlorine bleach, and attempting to jump in front of a moving bus. Stone said Jennings had been seeing a therapist weekly, and has seen psychiatrists before as well.

Stone recalled a previous incident which occurred approximately two weeks ago, when CPD

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had to be called to due Jennings's behavior. Stone had an argument with Jennings, allegedly about about Jennings's deceptive behavior. Stone believed Jennings had swallowed several entire bottles of pills. Stone immediately called 911. Stone advised 911 that Jennings was in possession of a knife. When police arrived, Jennings still had a knife which he ended up dropping on the ground. Due to Jennings potentially overdosing on the pills he had taken, he was transported via ambulance to Grant Medical Center (Grant). Stone rode with Jennings in the ambulance. Jennings was discharged from the hospital later that evening. Stone and Jennings returned home, and Jennings was still upset.

On the morning of the date of the OICI, Stone claimed he and Jennings were arguing about lies Jennings had been telling. Stone told Jennings he was leaving, then Jennings began making suicidal statements and was displaying self-harming behavior by pushing a kitchen knife against his wrists attempting to puncture the skin. Stone told Jennings to stop, then Jennings started "raking" the knife up and down his arm between his wrist and elbow. Stone again told Jennings to stop before he hurt himself bad enough to have to go to the hospital again. Stone called 911 and Jennings tried to stop Stone and take the phone from him. Stone said the 911 operator was on the phone and could hear everything Jennings was saying.

Stone moved from inside the apartment into the hallway, with Jennings grabbing his arm in an attempt to prevent Stone from leaving. Stone explained there were security cameras in the hallway, which he wanted to ensure captured his interaction with Jennings. Jennings fell to the floor and latched onto Stone's leg. Stone was still on the phone with 911 at the time and asked them to have CPD who were en route to "step it up" because the altercation was becoming physical. Stone recalled shoving Jennings away when Jennings grabbed him. Stone was prepared to restrain Jennings to prevent him from hurting himself or someone else.

Stone estimated CPD arrived five to seven minutes after he had dialed 911. Stone recalled Jennings ran past him and exited the building through the front door. Stone was unsure where Jennings went after he exited the building. Stone did not see or hear any of Jennings's interaction with CPD when they arrived. Stone said he looked outside through a window on the first floor and saw police vehicles on scene with flashing lights. Stone initially thought CPD had tased Jennings and did not realize at the time that Jennings had been shot. Stone said the property manager (female), an unknown male, and possibly another individual were also looking outside. Stone believed the property manager ran outside to see what was happening, and Stone described her demeanor as "not very happy" when she came back inside. Stone denied hearing gunshots, and said he could not hear what anyone outside the building was saying.

Stone believed Jennings had not been taking his prescribed medications since he was discharged from Grant approximately two weeks ago. Stone denied Jennings threatened him directly or came after him with the knife. Stone explained Jennings went back into the apartment and changed into a brown coat and blue jeans before he ran outside, which is when Stone believed Jennings may have grabbed the knife.

Stone confirmed he had been physically threatened by Jennings in the past, specifically with a knife. Stone claimed Jennings made a statement, "Bitch I'll stab you," to Stone. Stone estimated this occurred approximately a year and a half ago. Since then, Jennings has made threats to harm himself as well as threats towards law enforcement. Stone remembered after the previous

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time the police had been called due to Jennings's behavior, Jennings had stated he "should've stabbed a cop."

Stone had two cell phones in his possession. Stone described one as an "internet phone" which he only uses on Wi-fi, and another cell phone he uses for phone calls and text messages. Stone said there was an audio recording on his internet phone of a previous incident with Jennings making threats to kill himself. Stone agreed to provide the audio recording to BCI.

Stone was asked about a parole violation he had previously mentioned. Stone explained he had served a ten-year prison sentences for convictions of kidnapping and aggravated robbery, and is currently on parole after being released in 2021. Stone said he had violated his parole due to Jennings being in possession of an airsoft gun, which had been observed by Stone's parole officer during a home visit. Stone went back to prison for nine months, and was released on January 27, 2024.

Stone explained Jennings's mother, Yolanda Jennings (Yolanda), lives in Philadelphia, PA. Stone believed Jennings had most recently spoken to his mother several days ago on the phone. Stone did not know Yolanda's phone number.

Interview concluded at approximately 1301 hours.

At the conclusion of the interview, Stone provided verbal and written consent for BCI to obtain a digital copy of the aforementioned audio recording from his internet phone. SA Holcomb received the audio recording file via email, which was uploaded to the Evidence.com case management system.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-02-22 Christopher Stone Interview Audio

Attachment # 02: BCI Consent to Search - Christopher Stone

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CONSENT TO SEARCH



Date & Time 2/22/24 1:15p
Location 500 N. Nelson Rd, Columbus OH

I, Christopher Stone, having been informed of the constitutional right not to have a search made of the premises, property, or items hereinafter mentioned without a search warrant (and of my right to refuse to consent to such a search), hereby authorize

Ohio BCI

- premises, and all curtilage
- any vehicles
- personal property, to wit: _____
- computer, cellular telephone, or electronic device, (including data acquisition, copying, and analysis), to wit: _____

located at 500 N. Nelson Rd, Columbus OH

These above-named officers/agents are authorized by me to take from my premises, curtilage, vehicles, property, computer, cellular telephone, or electronic device (as specified above) any letters, papers, materials, data, or other property which they desire. I state that I am a person who is authorized to give consent for the search of the above mentioned property.

This written permission is being given by me to the above-named officers/agents voluntarily, of my own free will, without threats or promises of any kind, I am not under the influence of drugs or alcohol that prevent me from understand this document, and I understand this document and the English language.

Chris Stone 2-22-2024 1316 JHRS
Signature Date/Time

CHRISTOPHER M. STONE
Printed Name