



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



2024-2620

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4206 Northridge Rd.,
Alexandria, OH 43001 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Donald Plott (W)
Date of Activity: 08/30/2024
Activity Location: Plott, Donald – Home – 276 Whitetail Trail, Johnstown, OH 43031
Author: SA Carrie Ryan, #58

Narrative:

On August 30, 2024 at 1435 hours, Special Agent Carrie Ryan and Special Agent Ryan Scheiderer arrived at 276 Whitetail Trail in Johnstown, Ohio, to interview Donald Plott (Donald), the brother of late Doug Plott (Doug), as well as the brother of Diane Bell (Bell). Earlier this date Doug was involved in a domestic dispute with this sister, Bell, involving a knife. Law enforcement was contacted and arrived at Doug's residence. An Officer Involved Shooting occurred and Doug died as a result of the shooting. The interview was audio recorded, for a more detailed version refer to the recording.

Donald explained earlier this same morning, at 0914 hours, Bell texted him that Doug told her if she did not kill him, he (Doug) was going to kill her and then kill himself. There were a series of text messages between Donald and Bell regarding Doug trying to hurt Bell and threatening her with butcher knives. Donald explained he called 911, while still corresponding with Bell. Bell also later told Donald she was also on the phone with 911. Donald explained the text exchange with Bell ended at 0936 hours. Donald later provided SA Scheiderer with screenshots of the text exchange with Bell, attached to this report.

Donald explained Doug was dealing with mental health issues and PTSD from a shooting, approximately 10 years ago, when he was shot twice in the chest and hand. Donald explained Doug used to sell drugs and someone shot him who was also involved with drugs. Donald noted he felt Doug's undiagnosed mental health issues have gotten progressively worse.

Donald further explained Bell's husband passed away approximately two (2) years ago, and for safety reasons due to living alone, Bell let Doug establish residency at her home. Since that time, Donald explained Bell has been threatened by Doug numerous times, including a physical incident [REDACTED] to Licking County Sheriff's Office. However, Donald noted [REDACTED] did not follow through with charges against Doug. Donald reported Doug was unemployed and was not offering to pay Bell to live at her residence. Donald noted Doug has had frequent mental health

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episodes and Bell has been asking Doug to leave for the last year; however, he had refused.

Additionally, Donald reported Doug was recently pulled over by a Licking County deputy and a firearm was seized from under his seat. Donald recalled Bell told him she believed Doug purchased an additional firearm after the law enforcement seized the other one. Donald noted Bell was in fear for her safety.

Donald noted that Doug had served a four-year state prison term for a drug offense and a two-year federal prison term for a firearms violation. Donald was not aware of Doug having a recent drug abuse problem and believed he only smoked marijuana.

Donald, nor his mother, have spoken to Doug for a year's time and Doug blames everyone for his problems. The interview with Donald concluded at approximately 1502 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-08-30 Audio interview with Donald Plott

Attachment # 02: Text thread 1 between Diane and Donald

Attachment # 03: Text thread 2 between Diana and Donald

Text Message
Today 9:14 AM

He just threatened to kill me. Said I better kill him before he kills me

9:14 AM

Why

9:15 AM

I told him to stop spitting on the floor. Caught him walking out bedroom. Said my smoke us killing him and he tired of it. Hates his life has no money. Said he kill me then himself

9:16 AM

That's his fault. He chose that life.

9:17 AM

Well he us now threatening to kill me. Said I better di something to him before he kills me

9:18 AM

I think you need to talk to Mark Wiener. He has a sheriffs department victim advocate, and could tell you what you need to do and how to protect yourself.

9:21 AM

Call [911](#) help

9:22 AM

He just tried to stab me with 2 butcher knives

9:23 AM

Get out of the fucking house

9:23 AM



Text Message



I can't lock in my work room

9:23 AM

Help

9:23 AM

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9:25 AM

I called 911

9:29 AM

Sheriff is on his way

9:29 AM

911 is getting ready to call you

9:29 AM

Ok

9:29 AM

Sheriff there

9:32 AM

What's going on

9:34 AM

On phone

9:36 AM

I just need to know you're safe

9:36 AM

Make sure you tell them that he is
a felon and has a pistol

9:36 AM

Let me know when you are safe

9:42 AM

Should I come out there

9:49 AM

Your mom and us worried. Please
let us know your safe

10:02 AM



Text Message

