



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



2022-1139
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 947 SR-28 Business, Milford,
Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Cynthia Centers (W)
Date of Activity: 05/20/2022
Activity Location: Centers, Cynthia – Home – 947 SR 28 #14, Milford, OH 45150,
Clermont County
Author: SA Douglas Eveslage, #66

Narrative:

On May 20, 2022, Special Agents Doug Eveslage and Kenneth Smith with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) responded to an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at 947 Business State Route 28, Milford, Clermont County, Ohio, involving the Miami Township Police Department and Camille Weems (Weems). SA's Eveslage and Smith interviewed Cynthia Centers (Centers) about witnessing a portion of the OICI in the parking lot of her apartment complex.

Centers stated that on May 20, 2022, she arrived home from work around 1705 hours, just after the shooting was finished. Centers said, "As soon as I saw the legs, I knew it was Camille." Centers told the officers on scene that she had paperwork of Weems' that she was holding in case anything ever happened to her. SA Eveslage asked Centers to describe what was going on when she arrived to her apartment complex and Centers stated that Weems was lying on the ground in front of the life squad and had several paramedics working on her. SA Eveslage asked if Weems was talking or moving, but Centers said that she never heard Weems say anything and Weems never appeared to move.

Centers stated that she has known Weems since she applied for an apartment a few months ago and has been helping Weems over the last several months since she does not have anyone in the area that cares for her. Centers explained that she learned Weems moved from Detroit, Michigan because of a bad situation, and also moved from the Madisonville area in Cincinnati because of similar circumstances. Centers said that Weems clearly had some mental health issues, and called her at one point to say, "It is nice to have someone that cares that lives next to me."

Centers advised that Weems has come to her apartment on several occasions to talk through some of her mental health problems when issues would arise, and that Centers had to call the

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life squad for Weems because Weems thought she was going to hurt herself. Centers believes that Weems has been transported due to mental health issues on three occasions since Weems has lived at her apartment complex in the last eight to ten weeks.

Centers told agents that Weems was a "recovering alcoholic that was still drinking alcohol and taking her medicine." SA Smith asked if Centers knew what type of medicine Weems was taking, but Centers did not know. Centers stated that she knew what days Weems would be acting "paranoid" because they have designated parking spots in their lot, and Weems would take a parking spot closest to the building if she was having mental health issues that day. SA Eveslage asked Centers if Weems had an official mental health diagnosis, but Centers said she was unaware of a diagnosis. Centers further explained that her ex-husband suffered from paranoid schizophrenia also and that was why she was familiar with Weems' condition.

Centers explained that Weems would tell her, "Did you hear those ladies talk? They asked me to do bad things, they are telling me I'm a bad person." SA Eveslage asked Centers if that was how their conversations usually went when Weems was having a crisis, and Centers said, "Yes." Centers said that Weems' "voices" would tell her to kill herself, hurt herself, or do bad things.

SA Smith asked Centers if Weems attempted to contact her today, but Centers said, "No."

After the Cynthia Centers interview was finished, she approached SA Smith about voicemails left by Camille Weems on Centers' voicemail. SA Smith recorded Weems' voicemails and they are attached to this report.

The interview was concluded at 2003 hours. This interview was audio recorded. See attachment #01 for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-05-20 / Cynthia Centers Interview

Attachment # 02: 2022-05-20 Cynthia Centers Voicemails from Weems

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.

Exhibit 2

Included as a separate file.