



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



2020-3388

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Records Received, Review of Records

Involves: Andre Hill (S)

Date of Activity: 12/29/2020

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Narrative:

On Tuesday, December 29, 2020, Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Kevin Barbeau received the attached *Preservation of Evidence/Spoliation Notice* from the counsel representing Andre Hill's estate, Richard Wright & Michael Schulte. It is known the attached request is reference to a Columbus Division Police (CPD) Officer-Involved Critical Incident where CPD Officer Adam Coy and Officer Amy Detweiler responded to the area of 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, Ohio. During said call, Ofc. Coy fired his firearm striking Andre Hill, who eventually died from injuries he sustained.

SAS Barbeau reviewed the attached and noted the request to return Hill's vehicle. It should be noted the vehicle in question did not belong to Hill and was returned prior to this date. Additionally, this request appears to have been routed to Zach Klein, Columbus City Attorney.

The attached was forwarded to Special Prosecutions Anthony Pierson for reference.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Preservation of Evidence Spoliation Notice



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RE: *Preservation of Evidence/Spoliation Notice*
Re – Estate of Andre Hill

Dear Counsel:

Wright & Schulte has been retained as local counsel to represent Andre Hill's estate with respect to Mr. Hill's death. The purpose of this letter is to request preservation of certain evidence related to Mr. Hill's death.

As you likely would anticipate, we wish for Mr. Hill's personal property, including, but not limited to his vehicle to be returned, and/or made available for inspection immediately in light of your Criminal Division's conclusion of its investigation and the subsequent finding by the grand jury.

You must also preserve and/or return all evidence of any type relating to Mr. Hill's death and the circumstances surrounding it. This includes, but not limited to his personal property, and any written material such as witness statements.

Please do not dispose and/or destroy any of this property or material, as I expect that it will be both discoverable and admissible in any potential litigation that may arise out of Mr. Hill's death. Failure to preserve this material will result in a request for a spoliation instruction at any trial in this matter as well as a demand for all other sanctions available under the law.

Please call me at (937) 435-7500 with the requested information. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Richard W. Schulte
Michael L. Wright
Ben Crump

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