



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



2022-2608  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 28 North Paint St., Chillicothe  
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**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Brian England (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 11/21/2022  
**Author:** SAS Kevin Barbeau, #142

**Narrative:**

On Thursday, November 17, 2022, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation responded to the Ross County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) located at 28 North Paint St., Chillicothe, Ohio. BCI was requested to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (shooting) that occurred on this date between RCSO Sergeant Eric Kocheran (involved officer) and Nicholas Mitchell (involved party). During an interaction between Sgt. Kocheran and Mitchell there was an exchange of gunfire and Sgt. Kocheran was injured and transported to Grant Medical Center (Columbus). Mitchell was transported Adena Medical Center where he died.

On November 21, 2022, Special Agent Supervisor Kevin Barbeau contacted Brian England by cell phone. England contacted BCI prior to this date and advised he wished to talk to someone regarding Mitchell, leaving his cell phone number.

SAS Barbeau called the provided telephone number and a male answered identifying himself as England. SAS Barbeau identified himself and the reason for the call. England explained he has known Mitchell for four (4) or five (5) months and worked at a local music store, BBB Music Center (643 Central Ave., Chillicothe, Ohio 45601). England would classify Mitchell as a "friend" and felt Mitchell did not have many friends and knew of no family members. England did advise he met Mitchell's girlfriend, but only on one (1) occasion and did not know her name. England did not know much personal information about Mitchell and said he knew Mitchell was a Veteran and former heroin user. He noted he was "clean" and thought "he was defiantly clean around us."

Mitchell was a regular in the store and would spend hours in the store. England described Mitchell as a "caring, and loving man...fantastic dude...all around good guy." Also, England said Mitchell was always a "conspiracy theory guy" and over the past month and a half these discussions about conspiracy theories became more frequent to the point Mitchell would not stop these discussions. Mitchell gave examples of the theories involving aliens, government, etc.

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England noted another coworker (Steve Irwin) could have additional information. England advised Mitchell was last seen on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, wearing the same clothes Mitchell was wearing in the body worn camera footage. England said he does not have a bunch of personal knowledge about Mitchell but felt it was important that he express his feelings that Mitchell was having some sort of mental breakdown.

England said Mitchell did not talk about hearing voices in his head and there was NO discussion that he (Mitchell) wanted to hurt children nor that people were going to hurt his family.

The interview was concluded at 1224 hours.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: Brian England Audio Interview