



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



2022-1251
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 2280 Stelzer Road, Columbus,
OH 43215 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Desire Cotton (W)
Date of Activity: 06/07/2022
Activity Location: Franklin County Sheriff's Office – 410 South High Street,
Columbus, OH 43215, Franklin County
Author: SA Todd Fortner, #93

Narrative:

On Tuesday June 7, 2022, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to assist the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) in the investigation of an Officer-Involved Critical Incident. The location of the incident was 2280 Stelzer Road, Columbus, OH, 43215. FCSO deputies made contact with Pozz Striblin (Striblin) and other occupants in his vehicle in the parking lot at this location. Striblin was wanted for failure to register as a sex offender and was the suspect in a double murder the week prior. As deputies attempted to take Striblin into custody, he exits the vehicle with a pistol. Deputies fired, fatally wounding Striblin.

As part of the investigation, BCI Special Agent Todd Fortner (SA Fortner) and FCSO Detective Bryan Meister (Det. Meister) interviewed witness Desire Cotton (Cotton) at FCSO, 410 South High St., Columbus. Following is a summary of the interview. Audio of the interview is attached and should be referred to for further details.

SA Fortner and Det. Meister interviewed Cotton in an interview room at FCSO at 2324 hours. Cotton, who is 16-years-old, was accompanied by her mother Ashley Franks. SA Fortner read Cotton and her mother her Miranda rights. Cotton had been a passenger in the back seat of the vehicle. Cotton stated that the vehicle was occupied by herself and another juvenile, Jordan Jenkins, in the rear seat, her brother Deangelo Franks in the driver's seat and her cousin, Striblin, in the front passenger's seat.

Cotton stated that the four of them left her house, 3659 Foraker Drive, and drove to the nearby convenience store for snacks. She stated the police pulled up behind their vehicle in the parking lot with their lights on, pointed guns at them, and ordered them to put their hands up and get on the ground. She said she complied with their order, got out of the driver's side of the car and got on the ground. Cotton said she did not see what the others did. She said she then heard gunshots, possibly two of them. She looked up and saw Striblin lying on the ground in

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front of the store. She said she saw deputies go to Striblin and remove his shirt to administer aid and that's when she saw blood on him. Cotton said she was then placed in a police car.

Cotton was visibly shaken and did not recall any other details of the incident. She said she did not know if Striblin had a gun or ever carried one. Cotton said she did not know of Striblin's criminal past, including his warrant or his involvement with the prior homicide.

The interview was concluded at 2346 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Desire Cotton Miranda waiver

Attachment # 02: Desire Cotton Interview



Miranda Waiver

Warning of Rights

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court, or other proceedings.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions to have him with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop the questioning at any time. You also have the right to stop the questioning at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

Dezire Cotton

Witness

Ashley Adams

Witness

SA D. Todd Smith #93

Signed

Date

Time

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Waiver of Rights

I have read this statement of my rights and it has been read to me, and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me. I hereby voluntarily and intentionally waive my rights and I am willing to make a statement and answer questions.

Dezire Cotton

Witness

Ashley Adams

Witness

SA D. Todd Smith #93

Signed

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