



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



2023-2639
 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 7498 Van Ness Avenue,
 Hubbard, Ohio 44425, Trumbull County

Investigative Activity: Interview of Other Person
Involves: ██████████
Activity Date: 10/9/2023
Activity Location: ██████████ ence –
 ██████████ Hubbard, Ohio 44425
Authoring Agent: SA Charles Moran #67

Narrative:

On October 9, 2023, at 1127 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chuck Moran (Moran) interviewed ██████████ ██████████ at her residence. SA Moran identified himself and provided a business card to ██████████ SA Moran explained BCI's role and offered condolences to ██████████ for the loss of her husband, Shawn Thomas (Shawn).

SA Moran asked ██████████ if she went to the hospital after the incident. ██████████ said she went to the police department after the incident, but did not go to the hospital.

SA Moran asked ██████████ for details about what happened during the evening hours on October 3, 2023. ██████████ said Shawn had been "drinking all day." She said Shawn was "very argumentative and irrational." ██████████ said she went upstairs and Shawn also went upstairs and he began "choking" her. She said Shawn also began "hitting and punching" her. Shawn left the bedroom.

SA Moran noted that ██████████ had a yellow/purple colored bruise on her left cheek near her mouth. ██████████ also showed SA Moran a yellow/purple colored bruise on her left collarbone and a purple colored bruise near the outside of her left elbow. She told SA Moran she had multiple purple colored bruises on her left thigh and calf.

██████████ said there have been "situations" with Shawn in the past where she has not called the police. She said she was "very afraid" during the incident on October 3, 2023. She said the incident occurred throughout the morning, afternoon, and evening. She arrived home from work and Shawn was sleeping. He awakened and "started all over again and it wasn't like any other time." ██████████ continued, "Then when he got the gun um, I was on the phone with 911 and the guy talked him and he told him just to call off the cops, 'we don't need any cops.'" ██████████ confirmed that Shawn told the dispatcher not to send the police. ██████████ was in the bedroom and did not see the police arrive. She believed Shawn saw the police arrive and left the bedroom and went downstairs. ██████████ believed that Shawn had a "shotgun" because there was a box of shotgun

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shells “dumped out” on the dresser. She last saw Shawn going downstairs with the shotgun. ██████ did not see Shawn leave the house and did not hear him interacting with the police.

SA Moran asked ██████ if Shawn called her after he left the house. She said she received a call and a voicemail at 2126 hours that night, but Shawn did not say anything on the short voicemail. She played the voicemail and SA Moran noted that Shawn did not say anything.

██████ said the entire incident was bizarre. She recalled the police asking if there was anyone that Shawn would listen to and they eventually called Shawn’s mother, Roberta Thomas (Roberta), and asked her to go to the police department. Roberta called Shawn’s brother, Eric Thomas (Eric), and he went to the police department too. No one was there so they came to the scene.

SA Moran asked ██████ about Shawn’s phone. She said Shawn’s phone number was 724-557-4876 and the provider was AT&T. Initially, ██████ was uncertain if the AT&T account was a joint account or solely in her name or Shawn’s name. She later checked her AT&T app on her phone and told SA Moran that the account was in Shawn’s name. ██████ said she wanted to try to obtain Shawn’s phone and get phone numbers for people that she did not have numbers for so she could tell them what happened to Shawn.

At 1138 hours, SA Moran received a phone call and it inadvertently ended the Axon Capture audio recording.

██████ told SA Moran that she heard Shawn had the shotgun in his left hand and she thought that was odd because Shawn was right-handed.

SA Moran asked ██████ if Shawn had any mental health issues, suicidal ideations, or substance abuse issues. She said Shawn was not suicidal and did not have mental health issues. She said Shawn had a “build up” and was drinking alcohol “heavily” over the past several months. She said there were no major events that she was aware of in Shawn’s life that could cause severe stress.

██████ said Shawn worked for Extreme Machine in Hermitage, Pennsylvania. She said she learned that Shawn had left work on his own and was not sent home by the company.

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SA Moran asked [REDACTED] about the cameras on the exterior of her house. She said they did not record and were only used for live monitoring. She said they used to record, but the hard drive was damaged. She said Shawn tried to replace the hard drive, but was unsuccessful.

[REDACTED] showed SA Moran photographs she took of her bruises on her cell phone, but she did not want to send them to SA Moran and would not allow him to take photographs of her bruises. She described how Shawn "sat" on top of her while she was on her back and he punched and hit her, causing the bruises.

[REDACTED] told SA Moran that Shawn was "not this way" and even though there were incidents in the past between them that he would not have hurt the police officers. She said she felt bad that the officers had to shoot Shawn.

[REDACTED] asked SA Moran if he was recording their conversation and SA Moran told her that it was being recorded. SA Moran explained why it was being recorded and that it was better for the investigation that her details were reported accurately by SA Moran.

SA Moran asked [REDACTED] if she needed any assistance from a victim advocate. She said she did not need any assistance at this time, but might in the future. SA Moran told [REDACTED] to contact him if she needed assistance and SA Moran would get her in contact with the victim advocate.

The interview ended and SA Moran left the residence around 1200 hours.

The partially recorded audio interview was uploaded to Axon's Evidence.com under BCI case number 2023-2639. A copy of the audio recorded interview was later downloaded, placed in Matrix, and attached to this report.

Attachment:

1. Interview - [REDACTED] - Axon_Capture_Audio_2023-10-09_112738_67

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