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Bureau of Criminal Investigation  
Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 428 Foster Ave, Cambridge (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Ivan Gadson (W), Ivan Gadson, Jr. (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 06/16/2023  
**Activity Location:** Brown, Taurean Devonte – Home – 428 Foster Avenue, Cambridge, OH 43725, Guernsey County  
**Author:** SA James Poole

**Narrative:**

On June 16, 2023 at approximately 0233, Ohio Bureau of Investigations (BCI) Special Agents James Poole (SA Poole) and Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) interviewed the Father of Taurean Brown (Brown), Ivan Gadson (Gadson). Also present was Brown's brother Ivan Gadson Jr. (Gadson Jr.). The interview took place at the scene located at 428 Foster Ave, Cambridge, OH 43725. Gadson and Gadson Jr. were identified as being potential witnesses to the Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) that involved the now deceased Brown. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by these witnesses.

This interview was audio recorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview:

Ivan Gadson stated he received several phone calls from Brown earlier in the morning. When asked about what was discussed Gadson stated Brown was going on about being a disappointment, not wanting to be a burden on anyone anymore, and was "just talking crazy." Gadson stated the conversation was not normal, but didn't think anything of it. Gadson then stated he received several calls from Yvette Brown (Yvette), Brown's mother stating the police were at the house and wanted to speak to Brown about a domestic violence incident. Gadson explained he later learned that the police had the house surrounded and was demanding Brown come out. Gadson said he tried calling Brown but he didn't answer, so he checked his Facebook which showed Brown live on Facebook video. When asked about what Brown was doing on Facebook live, Gadson stated nothing important just walking around the house talking. Gadson wouldn't give anymore details regarding Brown being on Facebook live.

Prior to the interview SA Poole spoke with Ivan Gadson Jr. (Gadson Jr.) who did not want to be interviewed alone and joined in on his father's interview, Gadson, about halfway through.

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Gadson explained how he felt obligated to drive from Cleveland to the incident location which took him two (2) hours. He informed Gadson Jr. of the situation who stated he started to head that way, but was about three (3) hours away at the time. Gadson stated once he arrived, around 6pm, several different police agencies had Brown's house surrounded. Gadson explained an unknown officer gave Gadson a brief synopsis of the scenario and wanted Gadson to use a bullhorn to get Brown to come out. Gadson explained his frustration about how that wasn't going to work and wanted to go inside the house. Gadson stated he was denied to enter the house and tried using the bullhorn pleading for Brown to come out, but received no responses. Gadson watched as multiple officers threw gas and smoke grenades into the house. Demanding for Brown to come out, but never received a response.

Gadson explained around 7pm the officers sent in a robot in which they told him identified Brown with a gun between his legs and was possibly deceased from a bullet wound to the head. Gadson expressed his frustration that after knowing that officers still waited and continued to throw gas and flash grenades into the home. After the storm passed by, Gadson stated about fifteen (15) officers ran into the house and found Brown deceased.

Gadson Jr. explained how the officers used a robot on wheels to go in the home several times and even used a flying drone to enter the house. Gadson Jr. stated Brown called him earlier in the day explaining how much he loved him, missed playing video games with him when he was younger, and didn't want to be a disappointment to the family anymore.

SA Poole asked Gadson if Brown had a history of mental illness. Gadson stated Brown was diagnosed earlier as a child, but he was denied from getting him official diagnosed due to custody rights, but that Brown has needed help before. When asked what he was diagnosed with Gadson couldn't remember.

SA Poole asked if Brown had prior encounters with Law enforcement. Gadson stated, "Yes," and explained how Brown has been through the court systems several different times for crimes including domestic violence and has been to jail before.

SA Poole asked while at scene if Gadson or Gadson Jr. heard or seen any officers fire their weapons. Both Gadson and Gadson Jr. stated, "No."

The interview concluded at 0249.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: Ivan Garson and Ivan Garson jr interview 6-16-23 0233