



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



2024-3413
Officer Involved Critical Incident – Bernard Park – 1105 Bernard
Ave., Findlay, OH 45840

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Samuel Milledge (W)
Date of Activity: 10/28/2024
Activity Location: Findlay Police Department – Business – 318 Dorney Plaza, Room
116, Findlay, OH 45840
Author: SA Jason A. Snyder, #176

Narrative:

On October 28, 2024, Special Agent (SA) Jason Snyder (Snyder), with the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), conducted a recorded interview of Sam Milledge (Milledge). This interview was conducted at the Findlay Police Department (Findlay PD), located at 318 Dorney Plaza, Findlay, Oh. 45839.

Due to the nature of the investigation, Special Agent (SA) Jason Snyder (Snyder) was requested to assist the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) with the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI).

Due to Milledge being thirteen (13) years old, his mother Maranda Rhodes (Rhodes) was present during the interview.

Rhodes had advised SA Snyder that Milledge had been in trouble with the law in the past. Milledge had current proceedings in the justice system. Due to this, SA Snyder provided Milledge with a Miranda Waiver (see attached waiver).

SA Snyder read the waiver to Milledge. Milledge stated that he understood his rights and was willing to make a statement without a lawyer present. He would make a voluntary statement to SA Snyder. This form was witnessed by Rhodes and SA Snyder.

SA Snyder asked Milledge what grade he was in and a few other personal information questions to set Milledge at ease. Milledge stated that he was in 8th grade. He understood right and wrong and understood basic social knowledge. Milledge was not

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Approved By SAS Scott A. Stranahan on
11/04/2024

under the influence of any drugs or alcohol.

SA Snyder asked Milledge about an incident which occurred at the park that day. The park is Bernard Park, located at 1105 Bernard Ave. Findlay. Milledge explained that he went to the park around 1830 hours. He met up with Autumn Pickney (Pickney) and Kalven Darapheth (Darapheth).

Milledge did not know Pickney very well. He had only known Darapheth for a few weeks. There were several other kids in the park all ranging from 5th to 7th grades. They were playing on the other side of the park.

Milledge met both Pickney and Darapheth at the park bench. He saw that they had five (5) alcoholic drinks on the bench. He asked them what they were doing. They told him not to worry about it. Darapheth was drinking one of the beverages. Milledge sat on the bench with both of them. Darapheth and Pickney talked for a few minutes. Milledge did not pay attention to what they were talking about.

After a few minutes, officers from Findlay PD arrived. They questioned Milledge, Darapheth, and Pickney. The two (2) officers confiscated the alcohol on the table. The officers talked to everyone and got contact information from them. The officers then contacted the guardians of everyone at the table.

The officers then talked to Darapheth's mother on the phone. When the officer was finished talking on the phone with Darapheth's mother, he took off running towards the railroad tracks. Milledge watched as Darapheth ran over the railroad track and down the other side. Milledge then could not see Darapheth anymore. A moment later, Milledge heard gunshots.

Milledge stated that he heard two (2) shots, a very little gap of time, and then several shots after. The total shots on the second time were nine (9) to ten (10) rounds fired. There was no distinction between the shots fired. Milledge did not know how far away the shots were fired nor who made the shots.

SA Snyder asked Milledge if he knew why Darapheth ran. Milledge only knew that when the officer told Darapheth his mother was on the phone; that Darapheth would be going to the station, Darapheth ran.

SA Snyder asked Milledge to draw a sketch of the area and where everyone was. See attached sketch for further details.

After the interview, Milledge provided SA Snyder with some texts he had made during the incident. SA Snyder took pictures of these texts to better assist on times of the incident and what Milledge texted during it. (see attached)

After this, SA Snyder thanked Milledge and Rhodes and they left the Findlay PD.

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This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: IMG_0155 (2)

Attachment # 02: IMG_0156 (2)

Attachment # 03: IMG_0157 (2)

Attachment # 04: Sketch from Milledge

Attachment # 05: Miranda waiver for Sam Milledge

Attachment # 06: 2024-10-28, Interview of Sam Milledge

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Momma



6:40 PM

12 is at Bernard and these niggas was drinking but I wasnt

If u want to come down here do it now

I'm still at work

Alr well if these niggas pull stupid shit imma flip out

Bc I wasn't even drinking

Who was drinking?

Vin and some girl

Your brother will be there soon

Don't be mouthy.

Ale

Alright

i mean it



RCS message



10:46

5G

← M Momma



I know

6:44 PM

You need to apologize for calling him bro

I did

6:44 PM

But like as soon as I pull up these cops show up bro

You swear you weren't drinking?

Swear

6:45 PM

To god

Okay

6:45 PM

Come to Bernard now

They jus shot this nigga cause he ran

Unread

im on my way

7:14 PM

TODAY



Outgoing call
Oct 28, 6:53 PM

5min 17sec

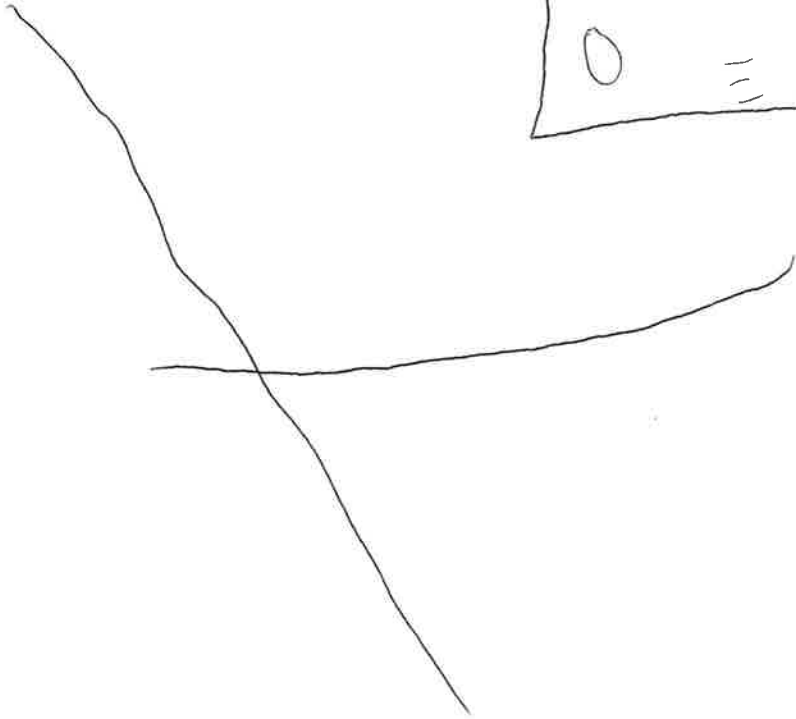
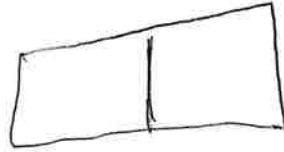
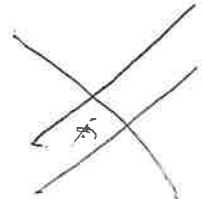


Call



Message





Samuel
 Miller
 Oct 28 2024



Miranda Waiver

Warning of Rights

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

SM You have the right to remain silent.

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

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

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

SM 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.

M Rhodes

Witness

Signed

Samuel Milledge

Date

OCT 8 2021

Time

10:08

SA Jason Snyder

Witness

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.

M Rhodes

Witness

Signed

Samuel Milledge

Date

OCT 28 2021

Time

10:10

SA Jason Snyder

Witness