



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



2023-2210

Officer Involved Critical Incident - ██████████
Howland Township, OH 44484 Trumbull County

Investigative Activity: Dispatch Review Report
Activity Date: 10/23/2023
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Joseph Goudy #83

Narrative:

On Friday, October 20, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) received requested records and recordings from Howland Township Police Detective Jeff Edmundson (Edmundson). SA Goudy had previously requested all dispatch records, audio recordings (radio, 911 and phone), mobile data terminal (MDT) communications and any other dispatch/communications-related information as it relates to this incident.

911 Calls

20:10:14 – Call received from ██████████ stating, “my boyfriend’s brother is going crazy, um, we need the cops here.” After providing the address to dispatch ██████████ continued, “And, don’t, like, have them pull in, like, in an obvious way.” ██████████ advised that it was for her boyfriend’s brother and that her boyfriend texted her to call the police. When the dispatcher asked for the brother’s name, ██████████ provided the name of “Randall Fife.” (Randall) When the dispatcher asked ██████████ if Randall had been drinking or is he on drugs, ██████████ stated, “I’m not sure, I’m not sure, I’m upstairs I was told not to come downstairs, my boyfriend texted me and told me to call you guys that his brother is going crazy.” When the dispatcher asked ██████████ if there were any weapons in the house, ██████████ replied, “I’m not sure.” Shortly thereafter, ██████████ stated her boyfriend, ██████████ just texted her to go hide in the “cubby” in the upstairs attic. Later in the conversation, the dispatcher asked ██████████ if she knew if Randall was bi-polar or had any mental issues. ██████████ replied, “yes.” Later in the conversation, ██████████ is heard telling the dispatcher that Randall has guns in the house.

- 2023-08-22_20.10.14_Ch3.WAV
- 2023-08-22_20.12.10_Ch3.WAV
- 2023-08-22_20.14.36_Ch3.WAV
- 2023-08-22_20.18.34_Ch3.WAV

The remaining files from the 911 call that was initially provided only contained the dispatcher asking ██████████ if she was okay and asking her for status updates. ██████████ did not provide any further updates pertaining to this matter.

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Radio Traffic Recordings

No radio traffic recordings were provided by the Howland Township Police Department or the Trumbull County Regional Dispatch Center after multiple attempts to obtain them. (See case notes for further information.)

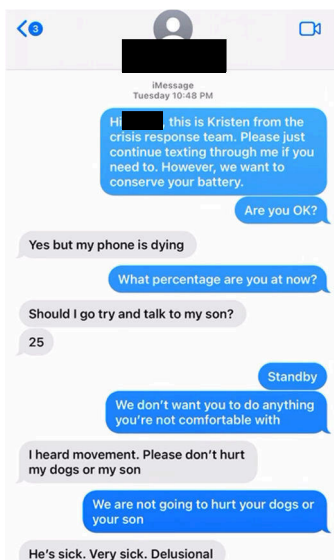
Crisis Response Team (CRT) Negotiations

On Thursday, October 19, 2023, SA Goudy met with Youngstown Police Department CRT commander Sergeant (Sgt.) Tyrone Upshaw (Upshaw) to retrieve the CRT communications that took place during the incident. The information provided was an audio file with a time of 3 hours, 43 minutes, and 26 seconds. After listening to the audio, it ended after 42 minutes and 57 seconds.

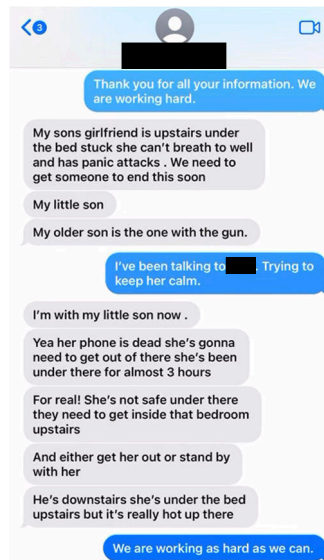
At the very beginning of the audio, the CRT negotiator placed a call to Randall. The CRT negotiator was heard saying, "UNINTELLIGIBLE, *you guys doin in there.*" The person on the other end was heard breathing and then hung up. Several more calls were made to Randall, which he did not answer.

Sgt. Upshaw also provided a video of the text messaging that occurred between [REDACTED] and the CRT negotiators. Below are the snippets that were provided.

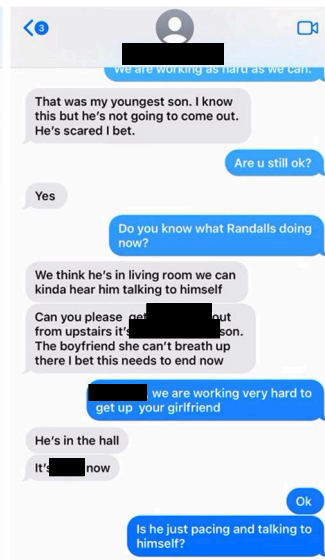
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(Image #1)



(Image #2)



(Image #3)

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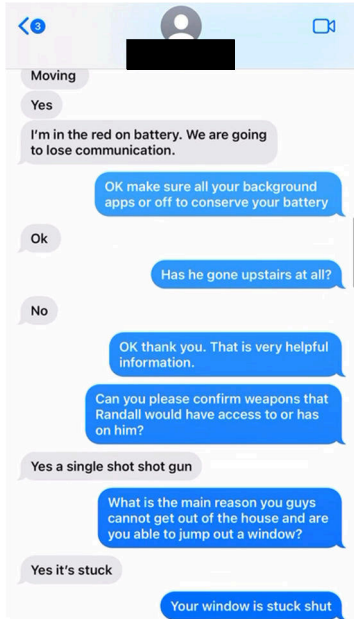


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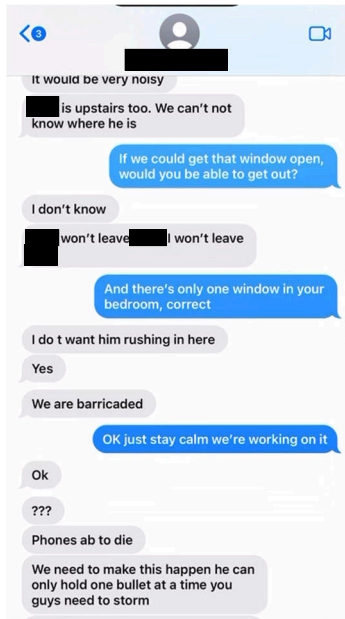


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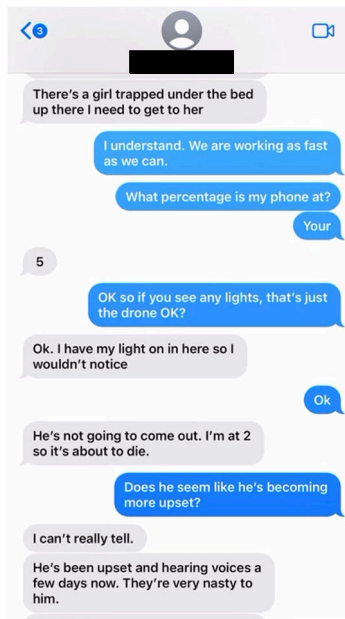
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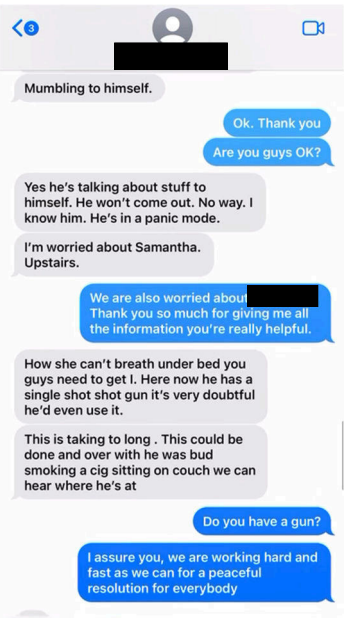
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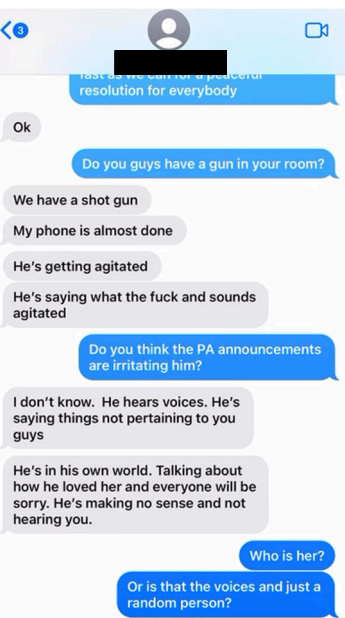
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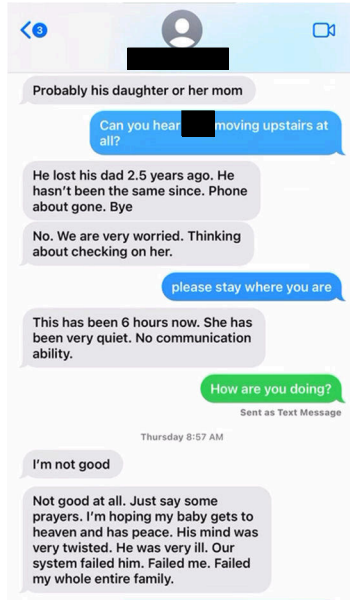


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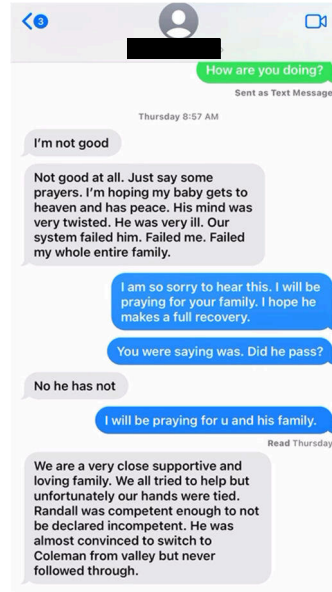


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(Image #10)



(Image #11)

The reader of this Investigative Report is encouraged to review all radio traffic in its entirety to obtain a clear idea of how the event occurred.

The relevant 911 calls were attached to this report. The additional 911 calls were placed on a USB thumb drive; the USB thumb drive was placed into the item section of the physical case file labeled as Matrix reference Item B.

Please refer to the attachments for further details.

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