



Ohio Attorney General's Office
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Investigative Report



2024-1584
Officer Involved Critical Incident, 27695 Tracy Road, Walbridge,
OH 43465, (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Daniel Sprague (W)
Date of Activity: 05/24/2024
Activity Location: - 27695 Tracy Road, Walbridge, OH 43465
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Narrative:

On May 24, 2024, Special Agents (SA) Tiffany Najmulski (Najmulski) and (SA) Chris Hamberg (Hamberg) went to Friendly Park Village at 27695 Tracy Road Lot 293, Walbridge, Ohio, to speak with Danny Sprague II (Sprague) who had been with the decedent, Beau Purtee (Beau) before the incident occurred. The following is a summary of the interview which was digitally recorded and is attached to this report and the case file.

Danny was at a funeral for his friend Arthur Purtee (Arthur). While there, Danny said he did not notice Beau at the funeral home until he saw Beau putting little bottles of alcohol that were still full in the flower plants. Danny said he had never met Beau before but knew Beau and Arthur were cousins. Friends of Arthur decided to go back to Arthur's home and reminisce and Beau came along. Beau arrived first, then Scott Mendoza (Scott) and his wife Amanda, and Danny and another friend Ace Stone (Ace) showed up.

Danny said the music was turned on and everyone was hanging out. Mendoza and Ace came outside to look at flying discs (Frisbee-like). Danny and Amanda were inside with Beau.

According to Danny, it was not long after they were there that Beau began pulling a gun in and out of a holster. Danny thought Beau was going to shoot his privates off because Beau was having difficulty getting the gun in and out. The second time Beau pulled the gun out he had the gun pointed at Danny and Beau dropped the clip. Danny told Beau there was still one in the chamber. Danny did not know for sure if there was one in the chamber but he did not want to take any chances. Danny said Beau fumbled around with the gun and put it back. Danny thought Beau saw Danny react because Beau's actions terrified Danny.

Danny then walked outside to get Scott, but Scott had run off to get a frisbee. Danny then walked back inside the trailer and heard Beau telling Amanda a story about "sucking turtle dicks". Danny's first thought was to tackle Beau because of the gun incident but then thought

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better of it. Instead, Danny went to the bathroom trying to give himself time to think of what to do.

When Danny came out the bathroom, he got the idea to yell to Scott outside and said, "Hey your wife is getting mad at me". Danny said it was random and got Scott's attention. As Scott came into the trailer, Amanda walked out. Danny heard Beau ask Scott "Who's the bad man tonight?". Danny said Scott told Beau everyone is chilling and that no body was bad. Danny said he heard Beau say something similar to "I'm the bad man or I don't want to be the bad man".

Scott brought Beau outside at which time Danny saw Beau drop an alcohol container and throw up. Beau then walked to Danny's vehicle and was trying to get into Danny's truck. Danny asked Beau to move out of the way because Danny wanted to leave. Beau started arguing with Danny saying Danny's car was actually his. Beau was trying to stick his keys into Danny's car. Danny told Beau his Ford keys were not going to get him into a Chrysler. Danny was trying to distract Beau so he could get Amanda in the car.

Danny told Ace that something was not right with Beau and that Beau had a gun. Ace told Danny to take Amanda and go. Amanda and Danny went Wendy's to wait until the police came and talked to them.

Danny said he had never seen Beau before, and that Beau was very strange acting. Danny said Beau scared him and he did not want to be around him.

Danny had no further information to provide and the interview concluded.

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 audio recording. 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 or responses. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the audio recording.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Danny Sprague