



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



2024-0590
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 500 N. Nelson Road,
Columbus, Ohio 43219

Investigative Activity: Telephone Interview
Involves: Yolanda Maria Jennings (W)
Date of Activity: 02/23/2024
Author: SA Ryan D. Scheiderer, #89

Narrative:

On February 23, 2024 at approximately 1331 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) made telephone contact with Colin Jennings' (Jennings') mother, Yolanda Jennings (Yolanda). The purpose of the contact was for SA Scheiderer to introduce himself and to obtain historical background information on Jennings. The following is a summation of the contact with Yolanda and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording.

After introductions, SA Scheiderer explained that BCI would be investigating the circumstances surrounding the shooting death of Jennings and that BCI's investigation would be separate from anything the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) may do. SA Scheiderer explained he would be the lead investigator and the point of contact for Yolanda moving forward. SA Scheiderer asked Yolanda some background questions and learned the following information:

Yolanda resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Yolanda explained she is the Philadelphia Chapter Coordinator for Crime Survivors For Safety and Justice. Yolanda mentioned she may be retaining a "lawyer" regarding the death of her son.

Yolanda explained that Jennings was a "sweet young man" who didn't participate in "gang banging" and didn't use "drugs". Yolanda stated she sent Jennings to live in Columbus with her daughter, Amadea Jennings (Amadea), because Philadelphia was "so bad". According Yolanda, Jennings was autistic, had ADHD, social anxiety, and other mental health issues and that is why he was living at the residential facility at 500 N. Nelson Road.

Yolanda was aware of Jennings' current boyfriend, Christopher Stone (Stone). According to Yolanda, Stone was "emotionally abusive" towards Jennings. Yolanda described incidents where Stone would post stuff on Facebook about Jennings that were degrading. Yolanda stated Stone would tell Jennings that no one loved him except Stone. Yolanda was aware that Stone was just recently released from prison, but not sure of the details of why he was incarcerated. Yolanda stated Jennings would only tell her it was his fault why Stone was incarcerated. When Jennings

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and Stone first met, Stone told Jennings he was a police officer. When Yolanda told Jennings that Stone was lying about being a police officer, "*all hell broke loose*" and Stone became upset with Jennings for not "standing up" for him with Yolanda. Jennings told Yolanda he met Stone on 'Tinder'.

Yolanda was aware that Jennings had made previous comments about committing suicide and attempted it several times. When asked if Jennings had ever attempted to get someone else to end his life, Yolanda answered "*No...No. He would never be even think of trying do nothing like that*". Yolanda did clarify that she didn't know what Jennings was thinking on February 22, 2024, when he was fatally shot by police. Yolanda confirmed Jennings didn't have any past arrests or criminal convictions.

Yolanda expressed that most of the young people in her family are focused on the actions of the police at the time Jennings was shot and killed, but she is more concerned about what Stone did that could have influenced what occurred. Yolanda inquired if charges could be filed against Stone. SA Scheiderer explained that was premature and that the investigation had just started.

Yolanda inquired what occurred causing her son to be killed. SA Scheiderer explained that CPD was sent to the incident location for a domestic disturbance and reports that Jennings was attempting to harm himself. When officers arrived, there was a confrontation between officers and Jennings which resulted in one of the officer discharging their firearm and killing Jennings. SA Scheiderer explained he couldn't provide any additional details, but confirmed the incident was captured on the officers' Body Worn Cameras (BWC). SA Scheiderer explained the investigative process and how the case file would be turned over tot the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office to be presented to the Grand Jury.

Yolanda explained she would be meeting with CPD and they would be showing her the BWC footage. At the conclusion of the telephone call, SA Scheiderer sent Yolanda a photograph of his business card so that she would have all of his contact information.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Yolonda Jennings Telephone Call 2.23.2024