

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



2024–1513 Officer Involved Critical Incident – 6382 Georges Creek Drive, Columbus, OH 43110 (L)

Investigative Activity:	Interview with Witness
Involves:	Erykah King (W)
Date of Activity:	05/16/2024
Activity Location:	Scene – 3682 Georges Creek Road, Canal Winchester, OH 43110
Author:	SA Matthew Collins, #151

Narrative:

On Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 0710 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Collins (SA Collins) and City of Columbus–Division of Police (CPD) Det. Gillette interviewed Erykah King (King), relative to the officer–involved shooting which took place on Thursday, May 16, 2024. The interview took place in the area of Gender Road and Georges Creek Drive. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual. Prior to the interview, SA Collins was made aware of King being argumentative or otherwise uncooperative. Due to King being in the rear of a CPD patrol car and it being unknown what she'd previously been told by other officers, SA Collins introduced himself and advised King of her Miranda Rights.

King advised the incident occurred at her apartment (6382 Georges Creek Dr.). King said it was only she and her daughter who lived at the apartment. King's daughter was not present during the incident. SA Collins asked King, in referring to the events that occurred that night, who all was present at the apartment. King stated it was her uncle, Rafael Warfield, her friend, Camara. Camara was later identified as Camara Gates. King described she and Warfield being close in age and he was King's mom's brother. She also stated, the reason for them hanging out last night was due to Warfield having his 21st birthday.

King continued describing the events from the previous night related to Warfield's birthday celebration. King said they'd gone to O-H Pizza, where King's mom was present. King said Warfield had consumed thirty (30) shots of "Espolon" which she described as a tequila.

King said her mom dropped them all off at King's apartment and Warfield began immediately "trippin' out." She further described it as "drunkness." She said Warfield was being aggressive as well. King indicated Warfield and Gates were "like a couple." King stated, during the argument between Gates and Warfield, her glass coffee table got broken. King said she tried to get Warfield out of the house in order to calm him down. King said she'd ultimately pushed

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Warfield out the door and she heard him banging on the door. King said she called the police and as she did, she heard Warfield continuing to "bang" on the door. King said Warfield kept getting louder and louder, so she decided to go back downstairs and let Warfield back in. When she went downstairs, she found the front door was wide open, but Warfield was not around. King described seeing all of Warfield's belongings outside the front door and Warfield must have been the one to throw the items outside. King said she could hear banging on the back door and figured it to be Warfield. She went to the back door and attempted to open it, however, the door was "jammed," according to King.

King said she walked away from the back door and was still on the phone with the police. King said she was told by the person on the phone, officers should be pulling up soon. King said she went upstairs and locked herself in her room with Gates. King said she then heard a male voice in her house and she was telling the person on the phone, "he's in my house. He's in my house." King said she then realized it was officers who were inside her house.

King did not visually witness the shooting incident involving police. King stated she had heard two shots though, because she was in her room. King also explained, there were two or three bullet holes in her front door that were from a previous incident (she described a road-rage incident nobody she was familiar with were involved, began shooting at each other and bullets went into her apartment).

SA Collins asked King about Warfield having a firearm on his person. King stated Warfield did not have one and did not own one. SA Collins asked her about information being reported that Warfield was inside the house threating people including himself. King stated that was probably when she heard the police coming inside the house. SA Collins confronted King with the fact he understood officers responded to this location because of the information related to a gun and Warfield threatening people in the home. King agreed, saying, "yeah, he was threatening us. He was threatening to beat her up." SA Collins asked who and King replied, "my friend, his girlfriend." SA Collins brought up Warfield making any comments about killing himself. King said Warfield had a green knife in his hand, which belonged to King. King described Warfield having the green handled knife held up to his neck. King said, "I'm like, oh, what? I went in my room and closed the door. I'm like, you're trippin, like you're about ta—forget hurting somebody else, you're about to hurt yourself. Okay, this is deeper than what the fuck we're thinking at this point. Like, but he ended up going outside."

The interview concluded at approximately 0728 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-05-16 Erykah King Interview_audio

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