

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



2023-2080 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 45 Great Southern Blvd., Columbus, OH 43207

Investigative Activity:	Interview with Witness
Involves:	Tracy Huntzinger (O), Alan Scott Satterfield (O)
Date of Activity:	08/09/2023
Activity Location:	Huntzinger, Tracy - Home - 885 Beech Street, Columbus, OH 43206, Franklin County
Author:	SA Chad Holcomb, #61

## Narrative:

On Wednesday, August 9, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation was requested to perform an independent investigation on the facts and circumstances surrounding an Officer-Involved Critical Incident which occurred in the area of 45 Great Southern Blvd., Columbus, Ohio. During the incident, Austin Huntzinger was shot and killed and a CPD officer was also shot.

On August 9, 2023 at 1428 hours, Ohio BCI Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb, SA Matt Collins and Columbus Police Sergeant Terry McConnell and Det. Bill Gillette attempted to make contact with Tracy Huntzinger at 885 Beech Ave, Columbus, Ohio. Tracy is the mother of Austin Huntzinger.

A female answered the door and Sgt. McConnell asked if she was Tracy; she confirmed. She was asked if Austin is her son; she confirmed. Sgt. McConnell told Tracy that Austin was in the process of committing a robbery this morning and that he was shot and killed.

Tracy stated that Austin hadn't been acting like himself lately and had a lot of mental issues. Tracy stated, "I kinda felt that the way his life was going it was not going to be good, a good outcome." Tracy's boyfriend, Scott Satterfield, stated, "I had a feeling. I mean he's had a lot of mental issues." Tracy stated that she felt like she could no longer help him. She was informed that he was shot by Columbus Police and that a CPD officer was also shot.

Tracy stated, "There's no reasoning with him [Austin] when he got mad or when he got something in his mind" and "He always told me if he had to go to jail again, he was going to make sure the cops took him out. That's exactly what he said". Tracy stated multiple times that the way he was living, she thought his life wouldn't go well.

Tracy was asked if Austin was in any counseling or drug treatment. She said that he has a lot

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of mental illness and hasn't been taking his medication. She thinks he was last in a treatment facility within the last year and that he has previously cut his arms. Tracy said, "... I can understand when someone would want to pull on a gun on him because of his behaviors, his mental health wasn't right".

Tracy said that Austin would occasionally stay with her but she didn't want his trouble around her. She said that she talked to him last night and that he didn't want to talk and that he "was in some sort of head-space". She stated she thought they were staying at the Kozy-Inn. She said that he has had a firearm in the past but doesn't have one now due to his disability. Tracy said that Xayla [Austin's girlfriend] bought a firearm recently.

Tracy retrieved her cell phone. She says she called him at 12:45pm [the day of the shooting] and left a message and called him four different times the day before. She said she had short conversations with him the previous day. Tracy said, "He's kind of a... I wanna say a narcissist. I don't wanna say that about my kid but it's the truth. It's the honest truth." Tracy was asked if Austin had ever been professionally diagnosed with anything. She replied, "He's ADHD, he's got mood swings, they felt like he has like a personality disorder".

Tracy stated that Austin has had multiple cell phones but the most recent number Austin had was 614–493–1534. She said that Austin just got this new phone number. She said that she doesn't trust Austin because of his behavior and that his mental health is not good. Tracy talked about multiple incidents regarding Austin and his behavior. She said the way Austin thinks is not realistic sometimes.

Tracy was asked by Sgt. McConnell if she would be interested in viewing the body worn camera (BWC) of the incident. She stated that she would like to view the video and invited investigators inside so she could view the BWC video. While watching the BWC, Satterfield stated, "He already said he wasn't going back to jail. He said he'd make a cop shoot him. He said I'll make them shoot me before I go back to jail. I don't care if I've got to pull a knife whatever I got to do."

The interview concluded at approximately at 1518 hours.

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

## Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Tracy Huntzinger Recorded Interview

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