



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



2021-1431

Officer Involved Critical Incident - Unknown, Kevin Richard Giesel (S)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Rosanne Couture
Activity Date: June 21, 2021
Activity Location: 55 W. Bagley Road, Berea, Ohio 44017
Authoring Agent: SA Jared Prill #137

On Monday, June 21, 2021, at approximately 1212 hours Special Agent (SA) Jared Prill (Prill) conducted an interview of Rosanne Couture (Couture) at her apartment complex located at 55 W. Bagley Road in Berea, Ohio. This interview took place in a common area of the apartment complex, on the fourth floor, and was recorded for further documentation.

Couture had been involved in a romantic relationship with Kevin Giesel (Giesel) starting around January 2021. This relationship continued through June 13, 2021, and the passing of Giesel. During the relationship, Couture advised that Giesel had been abusive with her at times during the relationship; that behavior typically consisted of pushing, shoving and verbal threats. This behavior was fueled by drug use that the two engaged in on nearly a daily basis, included mostly crack cocaine but also Percocet and Klonopin.

SA Prill asked Couture if she knew approximately how much of the narcotics Giesel was using on a daily basis prior to his encounter with law enforcement on June 13, 2021; she stated that he was spending approximately \$800 to \$1,000 a day for an ounce of crack cocaine. Couture stated that Giesel did sell some of this product but that it was mostly consumed by the two of them. Couture was also aware that Giesel owned multiple firearms, and stated that Giesel was always in possession of a pistol while traveling.

SA Prill asked Couture about the events that transpired between her and Giesel, during the late morning hours of June 13, 2021, that led to Giesel's interaction with law enforcement. Couture advised that she had been at Giesel's residence of 5714 South Park Boulevard in Parma, and that he no longer had money available to purchase narcotics. Because of this, Giesel was demanding that Couture pick up her prescription of Klonopin so he could sell the pills. Couture was against this idea, and the two engaged in a domestic altercation that led to Giesel forcing Couture in his vehicle against her will.

Couture knew that Giesel was in possession of a firearm during their altercation, and as the situation escalated, Giesel threatened to kill her. Couture further advised that she escaped from Giesel's truck in the city of Cleveland, and he dragged her back into his truck by her neck; telling people who observed the interaction that Couture was intoxicated and that everything was fine. After Giesel forced Couture back into his truck, he drove erratically advising Couture that he was going to tie her up in his basement and kill her.

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Couture advised that near the BP Gas Station, located at State and Brookpark Road in Parma, Ohio, she was able to grab Giesel's phone and throw it out the window. Giesel then stopped the vehicle and punched Couture in the face. SA Prill could still see significant bruising to Couture's face around the bridge of her nose and right eye; she advised the bruising was caused from this strike. Giesel exited his vehicle to retrieve his phone and Couture again escaped from his control. At this time, Couture advised that an unknown off-duty police officer intervened and confronted Giesel, who then fired a shot at the officer and fled the scene. Couture was then treated by officers and EMS personnel.

SA Prill asked Couture that if prior to this domestic incident, if she had ever threatened to call the police on Giesel to stop his physical abuse. Couture stated that she had previously threatened to do so, and Giesel responded that he had enough ammunition and firearms to take out the entire block (or a similar statement suggesting to her that Giesel would become violent if law enforcement encountered him).

While conducting the interview, SA Prill showed Couture a black-in-color cellular telephone that was recovered inside of the residence at 5714 South Park Boulevard, during the execution of a search warrant on June 14, 2021. Couture identified this device, a black-in-color ZTE cellular telephone (BCI evidence item #19), as belonging to her. Couture then provided written consent allowing the device to be searched by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. The interview concluded at approximately 1236 hours.



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