



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



2021-0957
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 3171 Legion Lane, Columbus,
OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Telephone Interview
Date of Activity: 04/22/2021
Author: SA Matthew Collins, #151

Narrative:

On April 22, 2021, at 1640 hours, Special Agent Matt Collins (SA Collins) received a call from Carrie Davis (Davis). Davis was returning a previous call by SA Collins. The purpose for the communication was due to SA Collins ultimately having spoken with Leia Smith. Smith had indicated that Davis, her aunt, may have additional information relating to the other three females who were present when Ma'khia Bryant (Bryant) was shot by police. Bryant's name will be used for clarity purposes.

Davis, a Lyft driver, indicated that on April 21, 2021, she had picked up three females from a hotel near the OSU campus. Upon speaking with them, the conversation revealed these three females were the same ones viewed on the news the night before. Davis said they were wearing the same clothes they were viewed wearing in the news video. Davis stated she recalled that the news reported these other three girls were there to beat up the female who was shot by police. As Davis later mentioned that to the girls, they explained that the news had everything wrong and it was actually the other way around. She further stated, the girls were telling her that Bryant's parents were "turning everything around." Davis said one of the other comments by the girls was, "The news is making this black and white thing and it's not. It had nothing to do with race."

Davis said the girls really didn't provide her with a lot of details relating to the incident. However, what she gathered from the three girls was that, "It was a foster parent situation and that the girl was like, going crazy and it's not the first time she's acted out like this." SA Collins said Smith had mentioned Davis saying something about the girls stating they had intended "to jump" the girl/s or otherwise "set them up." Davis chuckled and stated, no. SA Collins explained that sometimes things can get lost in translation. Davis again stated that this was not the case. Davis said the girls had told her, they were in town for a birthday.

Davis said she heard mostly from, "The girl that got thrown to the ground and was getting kicked by the guy, that was doing most of the talking." Davis said she had since watched the news video, after she transported the girls, and this was how she was identifying the female doing most of the talking.

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Attachments:

Attachment # 01:Phone Interview with Carrie Davis_Audio