



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 Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 1019 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) and SA Jim Mulford (SA Mulford) interviewed Erykah King (King), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on Thursday, May 16, 2024. The interview took place in a car while her aunt, Margaret McBride, was sitting in the driver's seat. The vehicle was parked near the scene at the intersection of Gender Road and Pintail Creek Drive, Canal Winchester, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

King had previously been interviewed by SA Matt Collins earlier in the morning. Agents had received conflicting stories and approached King to conduct an additional interview.

Agents told King that things weren't adding up like when she was upstairs in the apartment, when she came out and the clothes that she was wearing. King said that they had just come from the bar and that it was Rafael Warfield's (Warfield) birthday. She said that they were all really drunk. Warfield and 'Nunu' (Camara Gates) got into an altercation.

King put Gates upstairs and left Warfield downstairs. She remembers hearing Warfield yelling. She then opened her door and looked down the steps to see Warfield. He was yelling, "I'll do it right now!" while holding a green knife. King said that Warfield has said that he hasn't been feeling like himself and that nobody wants him around. Warfield then started pulling out all his clothing and then went out the backdoor. She didn't believe that the backdoor was locked.

Agents asked King if Warfield had a gun. She replied with "No, not that I know of." She said that Warfield was not the type of person to have or carry a gun.

When Warfield went out the backdoor, King went back upstairs and called the police. She told the police that, "... he's tripping uh, he's uh, threatening to kill himself or something like that." While on the phone with 911, King heard four gunshots.

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Approved By SA James A. Mulford on
06/03/2024

Agents asked King why there was blood all over the apartment. She said that she wasn't sure and never saw him bleeding. King was asked how she got blood on her, she stated that she didn't know.

At 00:12:55 into the recording, King asked to talk to agents away from her aunt. SA Holcomb, SA Mulford and King went to a grassy area to continue to talk to King. King said that her memory isn't the best after she was shot in the head in Circleville in June 2023.

King said that Warfield had a lot of alcohol shots because it was his birthday and that when they got home, Warfield and Gates got into a petty argument. She believes that they were arguing for a long time and heard a 'ruckus', a table breaking and Gates calling for help. King then went downstairs and saw "Rafael tripping out" and "pushing her." King said that Warfield is aggressive at times, and that she had to push him off of Gates and tell him to "chill out". She then took Gates upstairs. That is when she looked down the steps and saw Warfield with the knife. He then started throwing his clothing outside and King called 911.

King and Gates were hiding in the closet and heard gunshots. After that she heard yelling in the house, opened the door and saw police officers.

SA Holcomb asked King how long Warfield had been talking about hurting himself. She said it's been probably two years. That's when his grandmother passed away.

The interview concluded at approximately 1042 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 #2 (2024-1513)