



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



2024-4066

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1004 Park Lane, Apartment A,
Middletown, Ohio (Butler County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Michael Christopher McIntosh (W)
Date of Activity: 12/24/2024
Activity Location: Middletown Police Department – Business – One Donham Plaza,
Middletown, OH 45042
Author: SA David Hornyak, #112

Narrative:

On Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at approximately 2222 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Steve Seitzman and (SA Dave Hornyak) interviewed Michael McIntosh, relative to the officer-involved critical incident that occurred on Tuesday, December 24, 2024. The interview took place at the Middletown Police Department. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

Prior to the interview, the agents learned from the Middletown Police Department (MPD) that Mr. McIntosh was the son of Christopher Gorak who was shot and killed during the officer-involved critical incident. MPD also advised that McIntosh, who was present for the incident, was not criminally involved and had been brought to the station to be questioned by BCI.

When the agents approached Mr. McIntosh, he expressed he was present when his father was shot by officers, but did not know his father's condition. The agents had to inform Mr. McIntosh that his father was in fact deceased. Mr. McIntosh became understandably upset, but stated that he was able to tell the agents what happened that day leading to the incident.

Mr. McIntosh said he and his father lived together at the incident location and were both home for the evening to celebrate Christmas Eve. Mr. Gorak was depressed and has had "...a really awful year." Earlier in the day, Mr. Gorak got into an argument with an employee at UDF and was having "...a bad day." At one point, Mr. McIntosh was in his bedroom when he smelled smoke and came out into the living room to check the source. Mr. Gorak had started a fire in the apartment's fireplace and the living room was filled with smoke. Mr. Gorak was repeating, "Everybody hates me." Mr. Gorak had also removed the smoke alarm in the apartment.

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Mr. McIntosh said he needed to open the exterior doors in order to clear the smoke and went onto the balcony to breathe. Mr. Gorak continued to repeat that no one cared for him and pointed his finger in Mr. McIntosh's face leading Mr. McIntosh to punch Mr. Gorak. A neighbor who saw the altercation from below yelled up asking if she needed to call someone. Mr. McIntosh speculated that she must have later called the police. After punching his father, Mr. McIntosh retreated into his bedroom upset about the incident.

From his bedroom, Mr. McIntosh later heard knocking at the front door followed by gunshots. He came out of his bedroom to find police officers pointing their guns at him. He raised his hands in response and saw his father lying on the ground.

Mr. McIntosh said Mr. Gorak owned a pistol. He speculates that the police may have opened the apartment door and Mr. Gorak may have pulled a gun in response. Mr. McIntosh said Mr. Gorak had done so before when Mr. McIntosh came into the apartment unexpectedly. Mr. McIntosh then clarified that Mr. Gorak did not pull out his pistol that time, but only stated to Mr. McIntosh that he could have shot him. Mr. McIntosh said that Mr. Gorak often carried the pistol in his back pocket. Mr. Gorak previously had "a few firearms" and currently had a shotgun and crossbow on the wall.

Mr. McIntosh said that Mr. Gorak was drinking heavily on the day of the incident and was fully intoxicated, specifying further that Mr. Gorak became intoxicated every night. Mr. McIntosh said that he did not believe his father would ever kill himself, but often would talk about dying stating that no one would care if he died.

As Mr. McIntosh was not able to immediately return to the apartment and did not have his cell phone, the agents assisted Mr. McIntosh in contacting his Uncle Joe Gorak, who was his only local family member. The agents then coordinated with Joe Gorak in obtaining a ride and place to stay for Mr. McIntosh.

Prior to the conclusion of the interview, the agents advised they would obtain victim's services information for Mr. McIntosh. The interview concluded at approximately 2247 hours. The interview was audio recorded. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

Prior to Mr. McIntosh departing the police station, with the assistance of MPD, the agents obtained and provided information for a local victim's advocate and local service for Mr. McIntosh to contact for his emotional support and further local assistance.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-12-24 / Michael McIntosh interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.