



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 914 Salt Springs Road,  
Youngstown, Ohio 44509

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Subject

**Involves:** James J Sheets (S), Heidi Ann Byler (O)

**Date of Activity:** 04/14/2022

**Activity Location:** Mahoning County Law Enforcement Task Force – 904 Sahara Trail, Suite 2, Boardman, OH 44514, Mahoning County

**Author:** SA John Jack Shea, #65

**Narrative:**

On April 14, 2022, at approximately 09:40 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jack Shea (Shea) interviewed Heidi Byler (Byler) at the Mahoning Valley Law Enforcement Task Force (MVLETF) Office, located at 904 Sahara Trail, Suite 2, in Boardman, Ohio. SA Shea interviewed Byler in reference to the officer-involved shooting involving James Sheets (Sheets). SA Shea contacted Byler after she approached MVLETF Officer Gus Lolakis with information pertaining to Sheets.

Byler started the interview by stating she was Sheets' aunt by marriage and the family called Sheets "JJ." Byler continued by saying she knew Sheets when he was growing up, and he would do anything to help a person if they needed it. When asked about Sheets' family, Byler told SA Shea that Sheets' mother died approximately 15–18 years ago. Byler also told SA Shea that Sheets had a sister and brother-in-law, Kayci and Joe Korchnak (Joe), but didn't think Kayci or Joe had talked to Sheets in years.

Byler also mentioned that Sheets was recently arrested in Columbiana County for domestic violence involving his former girlfriend, Christie. Sheets and Christie had two young sons together. Byler was told that Sheets' drug dealer bailed him out of jail and this person may have been "Pops."

When SA Shea asked about Sheets' drug use, Byler stated that Sheets started dealing drugs after his mother died. Byler went on to say Sheets trafficked heroin, fentanyl, meth and crack. According to Byler, Sheets wanted to quit drug dealing but didn't know how to get out. Byler was told that Sheets' drug dealer was a retired police officer that went by the name of "Pops."

When SA Shea asked about where Sheets lived, Byler stated that Sheets would "bounce" from place to place. SA Shea asked Byler about 1245 Midland Ave., in Youngstown, as a possible

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address for Sheets. Byler told SA Shea that she didn't know anything about the Midland address. Byler went on to say she thought he lived in a "trashy" looking brick house off of Midlothian Ave., that is close to the firehouse.

Byler was told by a person, who she did not want to mention, that Sheets always carried a gun and he would usually carry this gun under his arm. Byler went on to say that she was told that Sheets was driving a black SUV that was involved in a shooting on South Ave., in Youngstown, several weeks ago.

SA Shea asked Byler if she knew Lloyd or Dustin Greenwalt and how Sheets was driving Lloyd Greenwalt's car. Byler stated she did not know who's car Sheets was driving when he was killed. SA Shea also showed Byler a picture of Lloyd and Dustin Greenwalt, to see if she knew either Greenwalt. Byler stated she has never seen either Greenwalt.

Byler described Sheets as a person who was ready to die "either by his own doing or by a cop." She went on to say that the family understands that the police officer who shot Sheets was doing his job, but the sister would like to see the body-cam video.

This interview ended at approximately 10:07 hours.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment # 01: OHLEG Heidi Byler
- Attachment # 02: OHLEG Kayci Korchnak
- Attachment # 03: OHLEG Robert Korchnak
- Attachment # 04: Dustin Greenwalt OHLEG DL
- Attachment # 05: SwiftConnect - Lloyd Greenwalt



























