



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



2023-2210

Officer Involved Critical Incident - ██████████ Howland Township, OH 44484 Trumbull County

Investigative Activity: Interview of ██████████
Activity Date: 8-23-2023
Activity Location: 169 Niles Cortland Road NE, Howland Township, Ohio 44484
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Joseph Goudy #83

Narrative:

On Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 1130 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) conducted an interview with ██████████ (██████). This interview was in reference to the officer-involved critical incident that occurred earlier in the day at ██████████ in Howland Township. The interview was conducted at the Howland Township Police Department. ██████████ is the girlfriend to ██████████ (██████) and was staying at the residence during the time of the incident.

████████ stated around the time of the incident, her boyfriend ██████████ went downstairs. When ██████████ went downstairs, ██████████ stated she heard yelling and heard ██████████ and his mom trying to talk to Randall. ██████████ stated at this point she began to have a panic attack. ██████████ then called ██████████ and told her to stay upstairs. ██████████ stated ██████████ began to text her to get somewhere safe. At this point, ██████████ stated she was trying to find a place to hide upstairs in the bedroom. ██████████ stated ██████████ was also texting her to take the air conditioning unit out of the window and to go out onto the roof because it's not safe in the house.

████████ stated she began to panic because she's never been in a situation like this and that she was alone. ██████████ stated she wasn't able to get the air conditioner out of the window due to how heavy it was. ██████████ further stated she then hid under the bed. While under the bed, ██████████ stated she called 911 and was on the phone for a long period of time. ██████████ stated ██████████ texted her that his brother is going crazy.

When SA Goudy asked ██████████ what she heard from downstairs; ██████████ stated she heard ██████████ and his mom, ██████████ yell, "Put it down, put it down." At this point, ██████████ stated she didn't know what to do and stayed upstairs the remainder of the night. ██████████ stated Randall never went upstairs. ██████████ stated at one point, because the dog was making noise upstairs, she was nervous Randall would have heard that and came upstairs. While ██████████ was upstairs, she did not know what was going on downstairs and she knew it wasn't safe to go down there.

████████ stated her and ██████████ have been dating for 5 months, but she has known him for 8 or 9 months. When asked if she knew Randall; ██████████ stated he scared her until she got to know him.

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Once ██████ began to stay at the house more, she started hearing Randall talking to himself more, in which ██████ stated that scared her initially also, but after hearing Randall talk to himself, she became used to it and it didn't bother her anymore. When asked if ██████ heard Randall ever say anything about harming himself, ██████ said she did not. SA Goudy asked ██████ if she had ever heard Randall mention harming other people. ██████ stated Randall would say something along the lines of "when I get my hands on you" or "why don't you come over here and I'll show you," as he was referring to a friend named Brennan. ██████ didn't know anything more about Brennan. ██████ stated she had never heard Randall make any more threats towards anyone, including law enforcement. When SA Goudy asked ██████ if she had ever seen Randall handle a weapon in a threatening manner, she stated that she did not.

For further details, please refer to the audio interview conducted with ██████████ which has been attached to this report.