



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



2024-1814
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 8401 South Dixie Highway,
Rudolph, Ohio 43462

Investigative Activity: Cell Phone Analysis and Review
Involves: George Eric Taylor (S)
Date of Activity: 08/13/2024
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Narrative:

On August 13, 2024, Special Agent (SA) Josh Rammel (Rammel) reviewed the data obtained by SA Rob Surgenor (Surgenor) of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Cyber Crimes Unit (CCU) from the analysis of the cell phone belonging to George Eric Taylor (Eric) regarding the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that took place on June 16, 2024, at 8404 South Dixie Highway, Rudolph, Ohio.

Due to the nature of the OICI investigation, the information deemed important to review is located in the call history, message history, social media history, and web search history in order to identify any additional information that may show Eric's intentions regarding the response from the Wood County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) on June 16, 2024.

The timestamps for all information included in this report is displayed as Eastern Daylight-Saving Time (EDT). The corresponding timestamps in the cyber analysis were displayed in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). During the month of June UTC is plus (+) four (4) hours when compared to EDT. For example, UTC 4am would be the same time as EDT 12am on the same date.

SA Rammel reviewed the call history from the dates of June 14, 2024, through June 16, 2024, in order to find any additional individuals whom Eric may have contacted, spoken with about Eric's mindset during this time, and if there were any mentions of suicidal or homicidal tendencies.

SA Rammel observed that on June 14, 2024, Eric contacted, attempted to contact, or missed a call from the following individuals.

1. Eric contacted the Ohio Department of Transportation District 2 Office at 419-373-4420.
2. Eric contacted Matt Patton at [REDACTED]
3. Eric missed a call from 419-373-7003. Further investigation by SA Rammel identified this

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number as potential Spam.

4. Eric attempted to call and also missed a call from contact "Jay ODOT Pony" at [REDACTED]. Further investigation by SA Rammel identified "Jay ODOT Pony" as Jamar Harris (Harris).

SA Rammel observed that on June 15, 2024, Eric contacted, attempted to contact, or missed a call from the following individuals.

1. Eric and Patton had multiple conversations back and forth throughout the day, as well as missed calls from each other.
2. Eric received a call from [REDACTED]. The contact was identified as "Ed SOHO". The phone call occurred at 11:22:46am and lasted for 4 minutes and 1 second. Further investigation from SA Rammel identified "Ed SOHO" as Edward Meyer (Meyer).
3. Eric contacted the Greenville Auto-Zone at 937-548-9777, and the Greenville O'Reilly Auto Parts at 937-548-0487.
4. Eric spoke with Harris at 12:52:26 for 10 minutes and 31 seconds. Eric missed an additional contact attempt from Harris later in the day at 07:06:14pm.
5. Eric spoke with an unidentified individual at 419-787-8695. The call occurred at 03:23:32pm and was 46 seconds in length. Further investigation by SA Rammel identified the number as belonging to Donna O'Neal/Armstrong (Donna) and the business The Crafty Corner Boutique.
6. Eric spoke with Robert Van Norman (Van Norman) at [REDACTED]. The conversation began at 11:33:14pm and lasted for 43 minutes and 34 seconds. After this conversation concluded, Eric missed additional contact attempts from Van Norman on June 16, 2024.

SA Rammel observed that on June 16, 2024, Eric contacted, attempted to contact, or missed a call from the following individuals.

1. Eric missed two contact attempts from Van Norman at 12:17:51am and at 12:26:43am.
2. Eric called the contact identified as "Blord" at [REDACTED]. The conversation began at 12:23:22am and lasted 17 seconds. Further investigation identified "Blord" as potentially being Richard Mehlich (Mehlich) or Elwin "Chuck" Bane (Bane).
3. Eric missed a call from the Sidney Police Department at 937-498-2351. The missed call occurred at 12:48:36am.

Additional phone calls were made from Harris, Meyers, and Donna on June 16, 2024, but they all occurred several hours after the conclusion of the OICI.

SA Rammel reviewed the message history from the dates of June 14, 2024, through June 16, 2024, in order to find any additional individuals whom Eric may have contacted, spoken with about Eric's mindset during this time, and if there were any mentions of suicidal or homicidal

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tendencies.

There were no message threads from June 14, 2024, that were deemed important to the investigation.

On June 15, 2024, Eric texted Josh Smith (Smith) at [REDACTED]. At 05:18:59pm Eric stated "she's (Jessica Taylor (Jessica)) done isn't she". Smith responded back that he did not know and had not talked to Jessica.

On June 15, 2024, Eric had a 43-message thread with number [REDACTED]. The number came back as belonging to Areli Olivares (Olivares). The messages began at 08:07:51pm and continued until 03:07:10am on June 16, 2024. Eric identified himself as "Jay's friend" which Olivares clarified as "Jamar's friend". The conversation thread was comprised of non-descript conversations between Eric and Olivares regarding their respective bad relationships and some flirting. Eric's last message was at 12:50:24am on June 16, 2024, with Eric apologizing that he was "to much". The last couple messages were from Olivares.

On June 15, 2024, Eric began a 71-message thread with Van Norman. The details of this message thread were previously described by SA Rammel in Investigative Report (IR) 26.

On June 16, 2024, Eric texted Donna at 01:13:32am stating "I'm (Eric) killing myself". Donna did not respond back to the messages until 08:29:51am with pleas for Eric not to harm himself and that he has people who love him including his daughters.

On June 16, 2024, Eric sent Jessica an unrecoverable file at 01:55:43am.

Additional messages were sent to Eric from other individuals on June 16, 2024, but all were hours after the OICI had occurred.

SA Rammel reviewed the web history from the dates of June 14, 2024, through June 16, 2024, in order to find any additional information that be important to the OICI investigation.

Between June 14, 2024, at 04:56:46am through June 16, 2024, at 01:20:04am Eric had 671 lines of web history. The following web history and searches were deemed important to the investigation.

1. Starting on June 14, 2024, Eric had multiple searches regarding divorce in Ohio and where he could pick up divorce papers.
2. On June 14, 2024, Eric search multiple auto repair shops in Greenville Ohio.
3. On June 15, 2024, Eric conducted multiple searches regarding how and where to change his address.
4. On June 15, 2024, Eric searched "60 days from today" and "60 days back from today".
5. On June 15, 2024, Eric searched multiple times "what will a 380 do to my face".
6. On June 16, 2024, Eric visited the website "veteranscrisisline.net" on multiple occasions.

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7. On June 16, 2024, Eric searched "Ohio can I shoot while drinking on my private property" and "can I hold my gun in the privacy of my own home if I'm drunk?".

8. On June 16, 2024, Eric visited the Wood County Sheriff's Office website multiple times with the majority of the visits to the "Police-to-Citizen" section of the webpage.

9. On July 3, 2024, Eric received a text from 53079 at 09:44:10am. The text was a confirmation for Eric's upcoming appointment with the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital in Toledo.

No additional information was recovered from Eric's social media activity that was deemed important to the investigation.

The complete cyber analysis provided by SA Surgenor was copied to an USB drive and labeled Attachment E. Attachment E was placed in an external case file associated with this investigation. The information contained in this report is only the information that was deemed important to the investigation. See Attachment E for the complete details of the cyber analysis.

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