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Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



2022-1564

Officer-Involved Critical Incident- 1132 Ashwood Drive, South
Charleston, OH 45638

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Tylar Anderson

Activity Date: 7/24/2022

Activity Location: Near 1132 Ashwood Drive, South Charleston, OH

Authoring Agent: SA John Butterworth

Narrative:

On Sunday, July 24, 2022, at 1823 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Butterworth (SA Butterworth) interviewed Tylar Anderson (Anderson), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on Sunday, July 24, 2022. The interview took place at 1132 Ashwood Drive, South Charleston, OH. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

SA Butterworth asked Anderson if he could provide any details or information about the incident and in particular if he could provide information about the man who lived at 1132 Ashwood Drive, Cole WHITE. Anderson has known WHITE since they were young children and have lived in the mobile home park near each other for a long time. Anderson described WHITE as being "hyper-intelligent" who had been "battling demons." Anderson said WHITE had been battling schizophrenia and bi-polar disorder, which he had heard from WHITE's mother. Anderson commented on the possibility of WHITE being under the influence of "hallucinogenic" drugs like mushrooms, acid or DMT, however, when SA Butterworth asked what drugs WHITE had been under the influence of, or if Anderson had personally witnessed WHITE consuming drugs, Anderson said he had not seen WHITE take them, only suspected he was. When SA Butterworth asked Anderson if WHITE had spoke to him about these issues, Anderson said he had and it was around 6 months ago. Anderson did not know if WHITE had been seeing a doctor and stated his mother was his caretaker.

Anderson when on to talk about how WHITE had talked about "cult" type stuff, like ascension or rebirth type stuff. Anderson again said WHITE was hyper-intelligent and did not think that this incident was him. Anderson described that recently WHITE had turned off social media accounts, phone and internet. Anderson said he had not been working for the past 5 months after he was fired from American Pan for harassment or assault after he had been touching another employee's hair and smelling her hair. Anderson explained that for the past 3 years WHITE had been talking about these issues but he progressively got worse in the past 6 months.



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Anderson explained that two days ago, Friday, he observed WHITE laying on the floor of the trailer with a gun to his head. Anderson said he had to get a ladder to climb up and see WHITE with a gun to his head. Anderson said it was a .45 pistol that he saw WHITE have in his possession. Anderson knew WHITE to collect knives, swords, and guns, which Anderson said were nice guns. Anderson called the sheriff's office to report the incident, however, when deputies responded they told Anderson there wasn't anything further they could do at the moment as no one answered the door and they didn't know if anyone was inside or not.

SA Butterworth asked if over the past two days, since the incident on Friday (July 22nd) if there was anything in particular that Anderson saw or heard from WHITE. Anderson said he thought he had seen WHITE but wasn't sure and checked the trailer. The trailer at the time had 2X4 boards under the door handles like they were secured from the outside, not the inside of the trailer. Anderson did not see or talk to WHITE the day of the incident, and hasn't talked to him in 6 months. Anderson described WHITE as having "thousand-yard stare" as if he saw him but wouldn't talk at all. Anderson talked about how WHITE worked at American Pan and when he first started he seemed to be normal, however, he just started changing and started talking about the ascension stuff. Anderson said two days ago (Friday) was the last time he saw WHITE, and did not have a conversation with him. WHITE only looked and stared at him through the window and there was no conversation.

Anderson described seeing someone walk around the house last night (Saturday July 21st) as he dropped off food at the trailer, he thought he saw someone walking around and heard twigs breaking like someone was walking on them. When walking around the trailer, the 2X4 had been removed from the door and the door was open. Anderson said he did not have a good feeling and did not go inside the trailer as he thought it may be a trap. Anderson said he observed a light in the trailer Friday evening and went to check on it but on approach it sounded like someone was typing on a laptop and then it shut. There was no other sounds or visuals from the trailer and he left the area. Anderson said also that neighbors saw WHITE Friday, but Friday night the trailer was boarded up again. Anderson also said he thought there was a second person at the trailer as well, but had no idea who it was or could have been.

SA Butterworth asked Anderson if he heard or saw anything in regards to the incident this date. Anderson said he did not as he was not home at the time of the incident. Anderson said he and WHITE's mother had been talking and trying to get adult services involved or get WHITE some help. Anderson stated he had read text messages from WHITE's mother where they were arguing, but WHITE was "still there." Anderson felt that the downward spiral for WHITE happened quickly,



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and when Anderson offered to get WHITE help, he turned it down. Anderson said WHITE would eat sticks and leaves and couldn't understand how WHITE was surviving. Anderson said he had dropped off food for WHITE on Friday and Saturday but later saw the food still outside with a hatchet in it. Anderson could not provide any other information for WHITE or the incident that occurred on this date.

The interview concluded at approximately 1840 hours. SA Butterworth advised Anderson to contact him if other information is learned or if something else is recalled by Anderson that would need to be passed along regarding this investigation.

The interview was audio recorded. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.