



Ohio Attorney General's Office
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2021-0888

Officer-Involved Critical Incident- 500 South Cleveland Ave, Westerville

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Dominique Cruz

Activity Date: 4/12/2021

Activity Location: 500 Cleveland Ave, Westerville, OH

Authoring Agent: SA Matt Collins, #151

Narrative:

On Monday, April 12, 2021, at 1746 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Collins (SA Collins) interviewed Dominique Cruz (Cruz), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on Monday, April 12, 2021. The interview took place at 500 Cleveland Ave, Westerville, OH. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual. While Cruz utilized the term "patient" in identifying Miles Jackson (Jackson), for the sake of clarity, SA Collins utilized Jackson's name in documenting this report.

Cruz is a paramedic with the Mount Carmel Hospital and began her shift at 1200 hours. Cruz stated she was aware of Westerville Medic 111 bringing Jackson to the hospital for a possible overdose earlier that day. When Cruz began her shift, she understood Jackson was brought back into the hospital for apparently the same reason. Cruz stated she witnessed Jackson acting "very agitated." She further stated Jackson said he did not want to be there and that he wanted to leave.

Cruz said she was the one who had done Jackson's "blood draw" and urine sample. She explained to Jackson if he were to make things easier and to allow them to do their jobs he would most likely be released sooner. Cruz said she'd brought Jackson food because he was claiming he was hungry. According to Cruz, Dr. Asher was treating Jackson and permitted him to have food. Cruz said those things appeared to calm Jackson and he was not as agitated. However, when she returned to give him food, she recalled Jackson being handcuffed to the bed. Cruz said this was the last interaction she had with Jackson prior to the shooting incident involving police.

Cruz said she was in the process of sending another patient's blood draw to the lab through their vacuum tube system located at the physician's desk, when she heard "officers kinda grappling" with Jackson in bed #9. Cruz said she heard officers "calling out to the desks, saying that he had a gun." Cruz said she believed Dr. Singhal and Leanne Welsh were also present at their desk. Cruz stated she could only see "limbs" due to her angle. She said she could see what appeared as Jackson "squirrelling himself out of a grasp or something."

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Cruz said she believed people were trying to call security (on their security line) but Cruz took it upon herself to physically go to the security desk. She described speaking with a security officer at the desk. She told him, "Hey, they're saying he has a gun in there." Cruz said, as she and the security officer were rounding the corner to come back into the ER, she heard shots. Cruz stated, specifically, she heard two (2) shots and a taser. After hearing the shots, she and other staff (believed it was Dr. Asher and Robinette) exited through the EMS bay.

While outside, "everyone was trying to get ahold of police." Cruz said she witnessed officers responding. She said after seeing the first group go in, they "heard another volley of shots."

Cruz was asked if she had received any results of the blood draw or if she knew if there was anything known in his system. Cruz believed the results were probably done, but she had not seen them prior to the incident. Cruz stated she was aware of the medics asking Jackson what he'd taken and Jackson stated it was Percocet.

The interview concluded at approximately 1802 hours.

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