



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



2024-1658

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 2212 Tryon Rd.,
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

Investigative Activity: Interview with Kathleen and Kevin Koski
Involves: Kathleen Koski (W) Kevin Koski (W)
Activity Date: 06/01/2024
Activity Location: Tryon Road, Ashtabula
Authoring Agent: SA Cory Momchilov #64

Narrative:

On June 1, 2024, as Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) was on scene of this incident, he noticed several individuals speaking with an investigator with the Ashtabula County Coroner's Office. SA Momchilov deduced that these individuals were family members of John Perry (Perry).

The individuals were later identified as Perry's sister, Kathleen Koski (Kathleen), and her husband Kevin Koski (Kevin). SA Momchilov made contact with the individuals who agreed to speak with him.

SA Momchilov asked Kathleen and Kevin if they were on scene earlier. They advised that they were. SA Momchilov asked what made them come to the scene. Kevin stated that he and Kathleen use to live in Perry's house, 2212 Tyron Road, and yesterday, they had received a call from an old neighbor who advised them about an issue with Perry.

Kathleen also stated that the sheriff's office had called her nephew Nathan (Nathan Lukkarila). SA Momchilov asked Kathleen if her brother suffered from any mental issues. Kathleen responded, "Yes, yes" SA Momchilov asked Kathleen if Perry had ever been diagnosed. Kathleen responded, "Yes." Kathleen stated, "I don't know if the official, he had paranoia, that was the main thing, I don't know if he was also schizophrenic, I don't know, possibly. He was diagnosed, he was on medicine for like eight years, but I think he was over medicated, at that time, he had to rely a lot on family members to get him groceries, like he just wouldn't leave the house and I would come over and help him pay his bills and things like that. Well, he took himself of the medicine and in the beginning, I think when they first get off, it's okay for a while."

Kathleen continued, "It was a year, over a year he was off of it, the decline."

Kevin then stated, "As recently as 4 or 5 months ago, the neighbors said 'perfect neighbor' they interact with him great. The neighbor across the street that called 911 told us, for 20 years he was a great neighbor."

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SA Momchilov asked Kathleen when she last saw Perry. Kevin interjected and stated, "Probably six months ago." Kathleen confirmed that it has been approximately six months. Kathleen stated that Perry had been distancing himself from family members recently. Kevin stated he thought maybe Perry felt that everyone was conspiring against him.

Kevin stated that Nathan came to Perry's residence last week, knocked on the door and did not get a response. However, Nathan did mow Perry's yard during that time. Kevin continued, "It seems like those types of things triggered, like when we talked to John the last time, he was complaining 'I never asked you to do this or that' it was almost like he was irritated that..."

Kathleen interjected, "That I went and helped him, 'I never asked you to clean my house' his anger was elevated." Kathleen explained that prior to Perry taking medication, she described Perry's behavior as more depressed, suicidal and embracive toward family members.

Kathleen stated, "We knew something wasn't right." Kathleen stated she called the sheriff's office a couple a weeks ago to talk to them about a wellness check stating, "I didn't know what to do."

Kathleen and Kevin stated they didn't arrive on scene until about midnight. Kevin explained that Nathan had told him that he knocked on Perry's door earlier, and Perry had "pulled a gun on him."

SA Momchilov asked Kathleen and Kevin if they witnessed the shooting. They advised they did not see the shooting but they did hear it. SA Momchilov asked Kathleen if they were aware that Perry had a gun. Kathleen stated, "I did." Kevin stated, "To our knowledge he had shotgun, a 9mm handgun, and a muzzle loader."

SA Momchilov asked if Perry has ever threatened anyone with a gun before. Kevin responded, "No." Kathleen stated, "He was never like that, it was all about self-hate, do you know what I mean, like suicidal, not I'm going to hurt anybody, and he was, you know paranoid, he thought people were listening on his phone. That was part of it, none of us could get a hold of him because he wouldn't leave his phone on. It was all about self-hate and loathing. This, it just, I would have never seen this coming."

At the end of the interview, Kathleen stated, "I just have to ask this because, I, I, is it not normal to have any of the family member trying to talk him down or anything like that, is that something that you normally don't."

SA Momchilov replied, "Normally don't do?"

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SA Momchilov explained that it was his understanding that initially, deputies attempted to have Nathan speak with Perry. However, Perry pointed a gun at Nathan and the deputies. SA Momchilov further explained that usually, when something like that occurs, the police are not going to put other civilians in harm's way. SA Momchilov also stated that "they" tried to drop a phone in Perry's residence and Perry wouldn't pick it up. Kathleen replied, "That makes total sense to us because he wouldn't even use his own phone."

SA Momchilov stated, "I know family members have the best intentions and everything, but we're not going to put them, where they can get themselves hurt."

The interview with Kathleen and Kevin was audio recorded, the audio recording is attached to this investigative report.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. Audio interview of Kathleen and Kevin Koski

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