



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



2022-1545
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4851 Westchester Drive, Apt
101, Austintown, Ohio 44515

Investigative Activity: Document Review, Information Provided/Obtained, Meeting with Prosecutor

Involves: Imonie Theresa Hackett (S)

Date of Activity: 01/14/2023

Activity Location: Ohio BCI&I Richfield NE Regional Office – Business – 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286, Summit County

Author: SA Eric Lehnhart, #84

Narrative:

On Saturday, January 14, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Eric Lehnhart received an electronic mail (email) from Mahoning County Assistant Prosecutor Michael Jordan Yacovone.

In his correspondence, Prosecutor Yacovone stated:

Following review of the above-captioned submission. , please consider this correspondence a formal declination to present the case to the Mahoning County Grand Jury. A thorough review of your investigation was conducted, along with the cooperation of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Austintown Police Department. All accounts appear to be consistent and determinative that there were no crimes committed by Trooper [REDACTED] his call to action on July 19, 2022 was appropriate, within departmental policy, and, going further, was in response to and may have even deterred future deadly force by Imonie Hackett against herself, her son, other members of the general public, and any responding law enforcement officials.

The correspondence received from the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office is attached to this report. Please refer to this document for further information.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-01-14 Email from Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office

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Eric Lehnhart

From: Yacovone, Michael <myacovone@mahoningcountyoh.gov>
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2023 4:35 PM
To: Eric Lehnhart
Subject: FW: BCI Case Number 2022-1545 re: Imonie Theresa Hackett

You don't often get email from myacovone@mahoningcountyoh.gov. [Learn why this is important](#)

From: Yacovone, Michael
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2023 4:28 PM
To: 'ericlehnhart@ohioattorneygeneral.gov' <ericlehnhart@ohioattorneygeneral.gov>
Cc: Rivera, Ralph <rrivera@mahoningcountyoh.gov>; Andrews, Rob <randrews@mahoningcountyoh.gov>; 'dhjesse@dps.ohio.gov' <dhjesse@dps.ohio.gov>; 'rgavalier@austintowntwp.com' <rgavalier@austintowntwp.com>
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S/A Lehnhart:

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Officers were dispatched to Hackett's apartment to conduct a welfare check on her and her son, David. They encountered Hackett sitting in the threshold of her apartment door, appearing to change the locks on the door. Bullet cartridges and an empty holster were near by. Hackett refused to engage in conversation with officers; stood up, walked into her apartment and closed the door. Moments later, she reopened the door with a black handgun in her right hand.

Officers called to Hackett to drop the weapon as they retreated to a position of cover. Hackett would reenter her apartment and refuse to exit or engage officers in any meaningful way. Over the next 18 to 19 hours, Hackett ignored the attempts of multiple law enforcement agencies to communicate with her. Instead, Hackett was observed live streaming on Facebook, asking those who followed her, "Why is everyone acting so weird?" Several of those online at the time, plead with Hackett to seek the help she needed.

On Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at approximately 1306 hours, Hackett fired one bullet inside her apartment. At 1615 hours, Hackett appeared in a southside window, opened it and fired two bullets in the direction of federal and state law enforcement officials that were staged near the corner of her apartment. Immediately, OSHP Trooper [REDACTED] fired one bullet, ultimately striking Hackett in her left jaw, knocking her to the floor.

The only possible charges would, in my opinion, be against Ms. Hackett herself, but as she is deceased, any prosecution is obviously an unnecessary burden State and County resources.

Please utilize this correspondence in closing your case. I would further request that any and all evidence currently in possession of BCI be released to their respective departments should they wish to request to retain them.

I thank you for your time and attention to detail in this matter in the furtherance of justice and community transparency.

MICHAEL JORDAN YACOVONE

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