



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



2022-1480
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5945 SR 48, Clearcreek
Township, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Mark E. Evers (S)
Date of Activity: 07/12/2022
Activity Location: Warren County Sheriffs Office – Business – 822 Memorial Drive,
Lebanon, OH 45036, Warren County
Author: SA Richard Ward, #55

Narrative:

On Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 2324 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agents Richard Ward and Steve Seitzman met with Sylvia Norris at the Warren County Sheriff's Office, 822 Memorial Drive, Lebanon, Ohio, for the purpose of an interview. Also present during the interview was the Warren County victim's advocate. Earlier this evening, Norris had contacted Clearcreek Police Department because of a domestic dispute between she and her husband, Mark Evers. During the officers contact with Evers, he shot Clearcreek Police Officer Eric Ney and Evers was shot by Clearcreek Police Sergeant Nicole Cordero.

Norris stated she and Evers have been married for eighteen years and have no children together, but Evers has a daughter from another marriage. According to Norris, she and Evers jointly own a business (horse farm) and their relationship has been turbulent for some time. Norris stated Evers has been verbally abusive for several years, but has not physically harmed her. Over the last few months, Norris stated Evers will "fly of the handle" over little issues. Agent Ward asked Norris if Evers abused drugs and/or alcohol and she stated, "No".

Norris stated she did not want to call the police tonight, but she'd "had enough." On this day, Norris stated the day started normally and because she had forgotten to wrap the horse's back legs, Evers became agitated. Because of this, Evers did not want the horses to participate in races slated for Saturday and requested the horses be "scratched," which Norris did.

Norris stated she left the residence and met with her mother and returned home at approximately 1730 hours. When she arrived home, Norris noticed the horses, which are normally fed at 1700 hours, had not been fed. Norris encountered Evers while feeding the horses in the barn, but the two did not speak and she continued to feed the horses. Norris stated when she returned to the house, Evers requested their laptop computer, which was inside her vehicle. Evers asked Norris if she removed the horses from the Saturday races and

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she replied, "yes", that he wanted them removed. Shortly thereafter, while Norris was upstairs, she heard a noise and observed from a window, Evers ramming her SUV with the Gator. Norris called 911 and informed the dispatcher that Evers was ramming her vehicle. While on the phone with 911, Evers attempted to grab the telephone while he asked who she was talking with. Evers left on the Gator and Norris walked down the lane toward the stone wall to hide and waited for the police. Agent Seitzman asked Norris why she hid and she stated Evers was mad and she was scared. While down by the residence entrance, Norris stated the two officers arrived together, but in separate vehicles. Norris remained with the female officer [Nicole Cordero] who drove her back up toward the track and the male officer [Eric Ney] proceeded up the lane.

While talking with the Sergeant Cordero, Evers called her and stated he wanted a divorce. Evers continued on and stated she (Norris) had mental problems and called her crazy. Evers attempted to call her a second time and she did not answer at the advice of Cordero. Agent Ward asked Norris if Evers knew the police were there, she stated Evers had ran from the police while on the Gator. Norris stated Cordero had Norris retrieve some clothing to leave the residence. Norris attempted to locate keys to the truck, but was informed by Cordero that she could use the SUV that was damaged. According to Norris, Cordero asked her if Evers was a threat to commit suicide and she responded he's a weak person and possibly could. Norris moved the SUV toward the exit of the driveway.

Agent Ward asked Norris if Evers owned firearms and she stated he had several guns and had just purchased a large firearm. Norris stated both she and Evers are CCW permit holders. Norris stated her cousin Megan [Cranmer] arrived and Cordero presumably left to locate and wait for Evers while she remained with Megan.

Agent Ward asked if she and/or Megan witnessed the incident and Norris stated, "No", but was still unclear what happened. Agent Ward asked Norris if Evers had expressed the desire to shoot the police or make suicidal threats and Norris stated he, "Kinda said things like that", but not recently. Agent Seitzman asked Norris if Evers expressed any anti-police sentiments and Norris stated he did not and would become angry about the defund the police coverage.

Agent Ward concluded the interview Norris at 2349. The audio recorded interview is attached below.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-12 Interview with Sylvia Norris

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Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.