



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



2024-1584
Officer Involved Critical Incident, 27695 Tracy Road, Walbridge,
OH 43465, (L)

Involves: Alex T Purtee (W)
Date of Activity: 05/24/2024
Activity Location: - 27695 Tracy Road, Walbridge, OH 43465
Author: SA Tiffany Najmulski, #49

Narrative:

On May 24, 2024, Special Agent (SA) Jason Snyder (Snyder) responded to the Friendly Park Village at 27695 Tracy Road Lot 293, Walbridge, Ohio, in reference to an officer involved critical incident involving the Perrysburg Township Police Department. SA Snyder spoke to Alex Purtee (Alex), who is the deceased's, Beau Purtee (Beau), paternal uncle. The following is a summary of the interview which was digitally recorded and attached to this report and to the case file.

Alex advised he received a phone call from his nephew, Christopher (Chris) Purtee, asking for Beau's dad's phone number. Chris's dad and Beau's dad are brothers with Alex, therefore, making Beau and Chris cousins. Chris told Alex, Beau was acting foolish and drunk and waving a gun in the air and shooting it. Alex gave Chris his brother, Aron Purtee's (Aron) phone number and Alex told Chris he was on his way. Once Alex hung up with Chris, he contacted Aron and made him aware of the situation and that he was going to be Beau's designated driver to take him home.

Chris told Alex he was not sure if Beau was shot at because he saw police as he was leaving the trailer park. Alex said, Chris told him that the guy Chris was talking too was a friend who was staying in the trailer where all this occurred. Chris said Beau walked towards Tracy Road as Chris and his friend went the opposite way towards Oregon Road. Chris told Alex he heard gun shots while leaving the park.

Alex said the contributing factor to all of what occurred this evening was that Beau was drinking single shot alcohol bottles at the funeral home. Alex said he did not know for sure how many Beau had consumed but said it was at least a couple. Alex said Chris told him Beau had quite a few shots before Alex got to the funeral.

Alex said Beau had at least two incidents where he has shot guns off in neighborhoods and one of the incidents was very recent. Alex said he was not aware if Beau suffered from mental illness. Alex went on to say that Beau and his cousin, Artie, whose funeral they attended

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today, were close. Alex said it was his opinion the funeral is what "triggered" the event that happened at the trailer park. Alex said Beau can not handle alcohol and he owns lots of guns.

Alex said Beau owns and drives an old black Ford Taurus police car.

Alex had no more information and the interview concluded.

On July 1, 2024, SA Tiffany Najmulski (Najmulski) spoke with Alex on the phone. Alex advised he heard from Beau's brother, Luke Purtee (Luke), that Beau's mother's side of the family believe a cousin on Beau's dad's side was trying to hurt Beau the night of the incident which then led to Beau having a confrontation with police. Alex said Luke mentioned to Alex something about a gun magazine. Alex said, the cousin, Richard Shope (Shope) lives at the trailer, "right behind" where the incident occurred. Alex told SA Najmulski his dad had 16 children from two different women, so it is unknown if Shope and Beau knew each other.

Agents had conducted a neighborhood canvass that night and spoke with Shope. Shope said he could see the officers taking cover from where Shope's trailer sits. Shope did not make any statements of having a confrontation with Beau or knowing who the subject was that the police were involved with. SA Najmulski will conduct follow up with Shope.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the audio recording. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions or responses. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the audio recording.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Alex Purtee