



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
Date of Activity: 07/12/2022
Activity Location: Warren County Sheriffs Office – Business – 822 Memorial Drive,
Lebanon, OH 45036, Warren County
Author: SA Perry K. Roeser, #114

Narrative:

On July 12, 2022, at 2315 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents (SA) Perry Roeser and Kenny Smith met with Megan Cranmer (Cranmer) at the Warren County Sheriff's Office. The purpose of the interview was to question her about what she knew regarding the Officer-Involved Critical Incident under investigation from 5948 N SR 48 Lebanon, Ohio. Cranmer was at the address when the homeowner, Mark Evers, shot Clearcreek Township Police Officer Eric Ney in the head, while investigating a domestic violence situation.

Cranmer explained earlier in the evening that she received a text message from her cousin, Sylvia Evers, Mark's wife, asking her to come and pick her up from the house after Mark had hit her car several times with a John Deere Gator. Cranmer said the text message also stated she had called the police for assistance. Cranmer said while headed to the property; she received a phone call from Sylvia at 1932 hours asking her to get her. Cranmer said Sylvia was in her vehicle positioned at the front entrance to the property when she pulled up to the house. Cranmer said while speaking to Sylvia, a female officer approached. Cranmer said Sylvia asked the officer if she could return to the house and get her dog. The female officer told her not to do so. They wanted to get Mark under control first, and once that was done, she could return so she could get her dog. Cranmer said about half an hour went by when they heard gunfire. Cranmer was asked what Sylvia told her the problem was that evening for the police to be called. Cranmer said Mark told Sylvia to "scratch" the horses from the upcoming weekend race, which she did. Cranmer said Sylvia told her when Mark saw she scratched the horses, Mark went off, which sent him "over the deep end which triggered this whole thing off." Cranmer said Mark had a terrible temper and was verbally abusive. Cranmer was asked if Mark carried a gun. Cranmer said Mark had many guns, but never threatened Sylvia with a weapon or laid a hand on her. Cranmer followed up and added that Mark had been verbally abusive to Sylvia over the years, but had never hit her.

Cranmer was asked if Mark was suicidal. While heading to the Evers' home to pick up Sylvia, Cranmer said David Ward, a farmhand with an apartment on the property, called her and

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said Mark wanted to shoot a police officer and kill himself. Cranmer said she relayed that information to the female police officer when she got Sylvia's statement for the report. Cranmer said she believed the male officer was up at the property looking for Mark.

Cranmer was asked when was the last time she had spoken to Mark. She explained she worked for Mark on the farm for about a year and worked about twenty hours weekly. Cranmer said she quit her job this past Friday because Mark was verbally abusive toward her and felt guilty that she might be the reason for his actions that day. Cranmer said Mark had attempted to call her several times after quitting, but she refused to take his calls.

Cranmer was asked if there were money or health issues with Mark. Cranmer said she was unaware of any money issues, but Mark had heart issues and was subject to a heart attack. She continued and said Mark had been hospitalized for his heart health in the past. Cranmer told agents the horses were the primary income of Mark and Sylvia's livelihood. Cranmer said the Evers traveled all over Ohio and Canada with their horses. Cranmer said they had around thirty horses, and while she was employed, she performed standard barn duties on the property. Cranmer said David was a horse trainer on the farm for the Evers. Cranmer was asked if Mark had any friends or a lover. Cranmer said no to both questions. The interview concluded at 2354 hours.

The interview between BCI agents and Cranmer was audio recorded and can be reviewed for additional details. See attachment #1 for a copy of the audio recording.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-12 / Megan Cranmer Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.