



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



2021-1431
Officer Involved Critical Incident – Unknown, Kevin Richard Giesel
(S)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Linda Sinclair (W)
Date of Activity: 06/14/2021
Activity Location: Sinclair, Linda – Home – 2702 Lucerne Ave., Parma, OH 44134, Cuyahoga County
Author: SA Arvin E. Clar, #127

Narrative:

On June 14, 2021, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Arvin Clar (Clar) conducted a phone interview at 1900 hours, with Linda Sinclair (Sinclair) who resides at 2702 Lucerne Ave., Parma, Ohio. (The interview was not recorded.)

Earlier in the morning hours, SA Clar attempted to interview Sinclair at her residence but no response was received. A BCI business card was left at the door with SA Clar's contact information.

Sinclair's residence is located on the north area, behind the property of Kevin Giesel (Giesel), who resided at 5714 South Park Blvd; the subject that was involved in the officer-involved incident.

Sinclair said that she grew up with Giesel and she knew his family. Sinclair also said that Giesel lost his father when he was four years old.

Sinclair then said Giesel, while growing up, had behavioral and drinking problems. Sinclair recalls that Giesel went into the Army when he was a young adult.

Sinclair also said that Giesel was close to his mother and moved into his mother's house about four years ago after his mother died. Sinclair also said that since Giesel returned to his mother's house, he continued to have drinking problems and issues in the neighborhood.

Sinclair then said on Sunday, about 3 PM, she looked outside and saw the police on the streets of South Park Blvd. and Lucerne Ave.

Sinclair said she could hear the police identifying themselves and asking for him (Giesel) to

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answer his phone. Sinclair said she could not hear any response from Giesel's home.

Sinclair recalls about 3 PM, the police calling her and advised her to go to the basement.

Sinclair also said that about 5 PM, she was asked by the police if they could come into her home and use her upstairs bedroom that over looks Geisel's home. Sinclair did allow the officers to use her home and view Giesel's house from her upstairs bedroom. Sinclair then said that two officers did use her bedroom to view Geisel's house. Sinclair said she believes the police did not fire upon Giesel's home from her home.

Sinclair said that the police officers at the scene were very "calm and considerate of Kevin." Sinclair also said the police were "not ordering Kevin but asking him." Sinclair said she could hear the officers saying, "Kevin come out through the front door with your hands up."

Sinclair said during the course of the night, she could hear "metal breaking."

Sinclair then said she was advised at 02:30 hours on Monday morning by the police to return to the basement. Sinclair also said at about 02:45 hours, she believes she heard five gun shots.

Sinclair, in closing, said the "police did an excellent job, they could not do it any better; it was Kevin's choice."