



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



2023-2210

Officer Involved Critical Incident - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Howland Township, OH 44484 Trumbull County

Investigative Activity: Court Order-Fife's Medical Records
Activity Date: January 12, 2024
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

Court Order Obtained

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (SA Momchilov) drafted a court order for Randall Fife's medical records from Mercy Hospital-Saint Elizabeth Campus, relative to the officer-involved critical incident.

On Friday, January 12, 2024, SA Momchilov met with Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas Judge Maureen Sweeney (Judge Sweeney). Judge Sweeney reviewed the court order and court order affidavit. On January 12, 2024 at approximately 1126 hours, Judge Sweeney signed / authorized the court order.

Court Order Executed

On Friday, January 12, 2024, at approximately 1302 hours, SA Momchilov executed / served the court order by faxing it to the Mercy Hospital Records Department.

On January 29, 2024, SA Momchilov received Fife's medical records via mail.

Court Order Returned

On Friday, February 02, 2024, SA Momchilov met with Judge Sweeney. Judge Sweeney reviewed and signed the court order return. On February 2, 2024, SA Momchilov filed the original court order, court order affidavit, and court order return with the Mahoning County Clerk of Courts.

A copy of the court order is attached to this investigative report.

Attachments

- Court Order for Fife's Medical Records

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STATE OF OHIO

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IN RE: Investigation

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Case Number 2023-2210

CLERK OF COURTS MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
FEB 02 2024
FILED DANIEL DASCENZO, CLERK

ORDER

This cause having come to be heard before Judge Maurice A. Sweeney, and the affidavit of Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Cory Momchilov, which application and affidavit requested that an Order be issued directing that BCI SA Cory Momchilov obtain a copy of complete medical records of Randall Fife (DOB 04/24/1988) Mercy Hospital–Saint Elizabeth Campus-1044 Belmont Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, 44501, for dates of service August 23, 2023 through August 25, 2023

I have determined that the probative value of protected health information contained in the medical records of Randall Fife located at Mercy Hospital–Saint Elizabeth Campus-1044 Belmont Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, 44501; outweighs any privileges afforded under Ohio Revised Code Section 2317.02. I further find that Mercy Hospital–Saint Elizabeth Campus may furnish information giving cause to the event to which this matter relates and may disclose such protected health information either through records or interviews in this matter to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation.



Judge, Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas

TIME: 11:26 am

DATE: 1/12/24

STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF MAHONING

CLERK OF COURTS MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO)
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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

AFFIDAVIT FOR COURT ORDER

AFFIDAVIT

Before me, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, personally appeared the undersigned, Special Agent Cory Momchilov Badge #64, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a Special Agent in the Major Crimes Division, Special Investigations Unit of the Ohio Attorney General’s Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, acting under a request for assistance from the Howland Township Police Department.

Your Affiant, Cory Momchilov, is a Special Agent with the Ohio Attorney General’s Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), having 18 years of law enforcement experience. Affiant has been employed by BCI since March 2012 and is assigned to the Special Investigations Unit for the Northeast Region of the State of Ohio. Prior to working for BCI, Affiant was employed by the Wooster Police Department for 6 years. Affiant spent nearly one year assigned to the MEDWAY Drug Task Force in the capacity of an Undercover Narcotics Officer, during that time, affiant participated in numerous drug investigations. Affiant has served as the lead investigator for homicide and death investigations, officer-involved shooting investigations, use of force investigations, and public official corruption investigations. Affiant has successfully completed extensive training in criminal investigations, including drug investigations and violent crime investigations. During the course of these investigations, along with the training and experience obtained over the last 18 years, Special Agent Cory Momchilov has become familiar with the investigation methods necessary for the accurate resolution of officer-involved shooting investigations and violent crime investigations. Your Affiant possesses an Associate’s Degree in Criminal Justice Technology from the University of Akron, a Bachelor’s of Science in Political Science from the University of Akron.

Affiant states that he has probable cause to believe and does believe, that medical records of Randall Fife (DOB 04/24/1988) from Mercy Hospital–Saint Elizabeth Campus-1044 Belmont Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, 44501, for dates of service August 23, 2023, through August 28, 2023, be seized, which relate to the investigation being conducted by agents of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation involving violations of Ohio Revised Code:

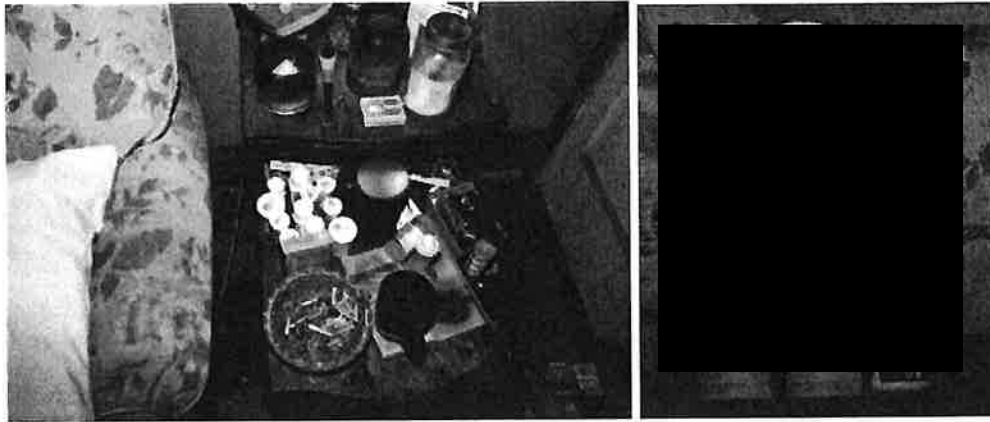
- 2921.31-Obstructing Official Business
- 2919.25-Domestic Violence
- 2905.01-Kidnapping
- 2903.11-Felonious Assault

The facts upon which affiant bases such beliefs are as follows:

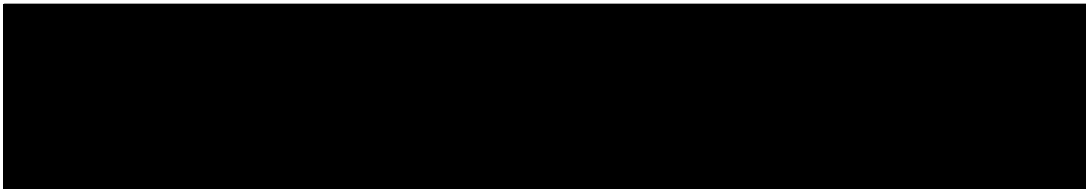
- 1) On August 23, 2023, the Howland Township Police Department requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation to investigate a shooting incident involving the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team.
- 2) Affiant was informed by Ohio BCI personnel that the officer-involved shooting occurred at [REDACTED] Howland Township, Ohio, 44484.

- 3) Ohio BCI Agents arrived on scene and Affiant learned the following information. On August 22, 2023 at approximately 2015 hours, Howland Police officers were dispatched to [REDACTED] in reference to a domestic violence incident. It was also reported that the individual involved in the domestic incident, Randall Fife was armed with a shotgun. Officers arrived on scene and spotted Fife near a window and observed that he was armed with a shotgun. Officers retreated and the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team (SWAT) was activated.
- 4) Three other individuals were inside the residence with Fife, [REDACTED] (Randall Fife's mother), [REDACTED] (Randall Fife's brother) and [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]'s girlfriend). A barricaded hostage standoff ensued between the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team and Fife.
- 5) The Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team attempted to negotiate with Fife but was unsuccessful. After negotiations failed, the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team forced entry into the residence at approximately 0639 hours on August 23, 2023. As the team made entry, it was reported that Fife discharged the shotgun at team members. Three Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team members returned fire striking Fife. Several team members sustained injuries when Fife discharged the shotgun. Fife was transported to the Mercy Hospital-St. Elizabeth Hospital, 1044 Belmont Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, 44501. Fife later died as a result from the shooting on August 25, 2023.
- 6) On August 23, 2023, Ohio BCI Agent Joseph Goudy interviewed [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated on August 22, 2023, when she arrived home from the grocery store at approximately 2000 hours, the door was locked to the residence and Randall let her in while holding a shotgun in his hands. [REDACTED] stated Randall told her people were after him and that he had to protect himself. [REDACTED] further stated Randall didn't recognize her or his brother [REDACTED] as his family. After [REDACTED] walked down the stairs from the second floor, Randall pointed the shotgun directly at [REDACTED]. At this point, [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to go into the back room, where she eventually joined him to barricade themselves from Randall. [REDACTED] stated Randall is [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and that he had been dealing with that since he was 15 or 16 years of age. [REDACTED] stated Randall always heard voices and that there were many other times that Randall didn't recognize his brother or herself as being his family. [REDACTED] stated this behavior occurs periodically, however, this was the first time with a gun involved. [REDACTED] stated medically, they have not been able to get him under control with the medications that were prescribed. [REDACTED] stated Randall got worse right after his father died in 2020. [REDACTED] stated Randall's father was very good at getting him under control.
- 7) On August 23, 2023, Ohio BCI Agent Joseph Goudy interviewed [REDACTED]. Randall stated on August 22, 2023, while he was up in his bedroom, he heard a banging noise. When [REDACTED] went downstairs to check on it, Randall pointed a shotgun at him. At that point, [REDACTED] ran into the back room and began to barricade himself in to prevent being shot at. After [REDACTED] went into the back room, [REDACTED] stood between the door and Randall. [REDACTED] stated Randall then pointed the gun at her face. [REDACTED] stated he and [REDACTED] tried to talk to Randall to get him to calm down. Eventually, [REDACTED] made her way into the back room with [REDACTED] when they barricaded the door even more. [REDACTED] stated over the last couple years, Randall would have moments where he wouldn't recognize him or his mother. [REDACTED] stated Randall is [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] felt that both, him and his mothers, life was in danger. [REDACTED] heard Randall say he will kill whoever tries to enter the house. [REDACTED] stated this similar incident had happened multiple times in the past, but never with a shotgun.

- 8) On August 23, 2023, Ohio BCI Agent Joseph Goudy interviewed [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is the girlfriend of [REDACTED]. On August 22, 2023, [REDACTED] stated after her boyfriend went downstairs, she overheard yelling. [REDACTED] further stated they were trying to talk to Randall. After [REDACTED] yelled for [REDACTED] to stay upstairs, [REDACTED] ended up hiding under the bed. [REDACTED] stated she was scared and called 911 after [REDACTED] yelled for her to call it because his brother went crazy. [REDACTED] heard [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] telling Randall to, "put it down, put it down!" [REDACTED] had been dating [REDACTED] for approximately 5 months and had been staying at the house since January. [REDACTED] stated when she first met Randall, he scared her. During that time, [REDACTED] would hear Randall talk to himself all the time. [REDACTED] stated she had seen Randall with a gun and knife on prior occasions, but never utilized them in a threatening manner.
- 9) On August 23, 2023, Ohio BCI Crime Scene Agents processed [REDACTED] Howland Township, Ohio, 44484. During the search, agents located numerous prescription medication, prescribed to Randall Fife in the living room of the residence. Agents learned through interviews that Fife stays in the living room of the residence.



- 10) The prescription medication located includes the following:



A total of 4 prescriptions were filled by Dawn Cullar ([REDACTED]), a nurse practitioner with Valley Counseling Services, located at 150 East Market Street, Warren, Ohio. Valley Counseling Services is a behavioral health care service in Trumbull County.

- 11) Family members of Fife had told investigators that Fife was [REDACTED]. That fact seems to be confirmed by the medication that was prescribed to Fife. It is possible, based on information received from Fife's family members, Fife was having a psychotic episode, during the incident.
- 12) Your Affiant reviewed recent past incidences involved Fife and the Howland Police Department:
- On January 15, 2023, officers were dispatched to [REDACTED] in reference to Randall Fife hallucinating and making homicidal threats to family members.


- On February 25, 2022-officers were dispatched to [REDACTED] in reference to suicidal person. Randall Fife's was in a bathroom armed with a knife, threatening suicide.
- December 27, 2022-officers were dispatched to [REDACTED] in reference to a welfare check. The caller, an employee of Coleman Behavioral Health, was checking on Randall Fife, she stated that he is [REDACTED] and may have a firearm.
- August 19, 2021, officers were dispatched to [REDACTED] in reference to Randall Fife's mother calling stating that Randall is yelling at voices stating he will kill them and himself.

13) The December 27, 2022, incident report indicated that Randall Fife was evaluated by staff members of Coleman Behavioral Health. The report further indicates that "Routine questions were asked and it was determined that Coleman Behavioral Health would be admitting Randall into the hospital and would be signing a pink slip. Randall stated that he did not want to go to the hospital but cooperated."


14) An autopsy was performed on Fife on August 26, 2023 by Dr. Thomas Gilson of the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiners Office. [REDACTED]

15) Based on the information contained in this affidavit, Affiant's training and experience as a law enforcement officer, participation in the investigation relative to this affidavit, conversations with participating law enforcement officers, corroborated facts and information supplied by reliable victim(s) and witnesses and oral testimony incorporated herein, it is your Affiant's belief that medical records from would be valuable in accessing information about Randall Fife's injuries received and medical treatment provided as a result of being shot. Based upon your Affiant's training and experience, Randall Fife medical records would be valuable in determining and confirming the extent of his injuries and could also help with evidentiary and scene-related information such as the type of bullet, bullet path, bullet trajectory, etc....

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

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 AFFIANT, Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64
 Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 12th day of Jan, 2024.

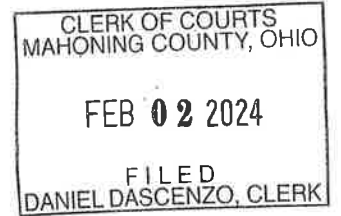

 JUDGE, Court of Common Pleas, Mahoning County, Ohio

IN THE MAHONING COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
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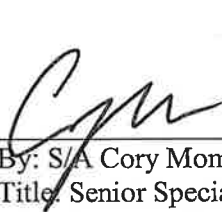
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SEARCH WARRANT RETURN



On the 12th day of January, 2024 at 01:02 o'clock PM, I executed the Search Warrant attached hereto. On January 29, 2024, I received the Medical Records and seized the following described persons and property, to-wit: **442 pages of Medical Records pertaining to Randall Fife.**

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By: S/A Cory Momchilov
Title: Senior Special Agent
Ohio Attorney General's Office

Received this return sheet on the 2nd day of February 2⁹, 2024, at 8:55 o'clock AM/PM.



Judge
Mahoning County Common Pleas Court
Mahoning, County, Ohio