



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



2024-1584

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

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Tracy Jurski (O)
Date of Activity: 06/03/2024
Author: SA Tiffany Najmulski, #49

Narrative:

On June 3, 2024, Special Agent (SA) Tiffany Najmulski (Najmulski) received a phone call from Tracy Jurski (Tracy). Tracy is the mother of the deceased, Beau Purtee (Beau). The following is a summary of the conversation which was recorded and attached to this report and the case file.

Tracy started the conversation by informing SA Najmulski of the family dynamics between Beau and his father's side of the family. Tracy said Beau was close to his cousin Arthur Purtee (Arthur), but Beau has been estranged from the rest of his father's family including Beau's own father for the past 10 years. Luke Purtee (Luke) who is Tracy's son and Beau's brother told his mother that Beau was drinking at the funeral home and offering people drinks but in Luke's opinion Beau had not drunk enough to get intoxicated.

Tracy told SA Najmulski she wanted to pass along questions she felt needed to be answered in the investigation and offered her opinion on the investigative direction of the case.

Tracy said Beau's uncle, Alex, and Beau's cousin, Samantha Adams (Samantha), told people Beau was drinking at the funeral home. Tracy said Alex and Samantha do not know Beau and if they see Beau drinking small little shot glasses then they think he is getting drunk. Tracy told SA Najmulski that Beau would have to drink a half bottle of Crown Apple to be "that" drunk that he is "out of his mind". Tracy said Samantha has said there was only drinking done at the funeral home not at Arthur's house and none of the people there drink. Tracy said she thought it odd Samantha would say that and thought "it was a cover up".

SA Najmulski asked what the reason would be for a cover up and Tracy said she believes the people at Arthur's that night attacked Beau, he was scared and called the police. Tracy went on to say that one of the people at Arthur's was Scott Mendoza (Mendoza), who Tracy believes left the area and went back to Texas right after the shooting. Tracy said that this past Saturday, Scott de-activated his Facebook. Tracy described Scott as being a strange spiritual man, however she admits she does not know Scott personally.

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Tracy said "to her dying day" she will get the story and find out who attacked her son. Tracy said she has wondered why Aron, Beau's dad, would allow Beau to drive from the funeral home if Beau was drunk. Tracy had spoken to Beau's cousin, Blaine, who said Beau seemed fine after the funeral.

Tracy said on the incident night she received a missed call from Lauren Purtee (Lauren) who is Chris Purtee's wife. Chris is cousins with Beau and is Arthur's brother. A little later, Alex called Tracy to say he had intended to be Beau's designated driver and he was at the scene, but the police would not tell him anything. Tracy said Alex told her, Aron, Beau's father would not come to drive his son home and for Alex to call Tracy instead.

While Tracy was standing with Alex outside of the crime scene waiting for information, Chris called Alex saying that he knew Beau was drunk and was told Beau needed a ride home. Shortly after Chris called, someone else called Alex. Tracy could hear the conversation and said the "kid" was hyper and giving information she did not think made sense. The guy said Beau was drunk and Beau showed his gun to the guy's wife. The guy said his wife was scared and they got her out of the area. Tracy said the guy said he called 911. SA Najmulski knows from conducting interviews, the guy Tracy is referring to is Mendoza.

Tracy said she wanted to know if dispatch told Beau the police were on their way when Beau called 911. Tracy said Beau is an excellent shot even if he is drunk. Tracy believes Beau shot the tree to "ward off who he thought was an attacker". Tracy said if the police had their lights on and made their presence known then Beau would not have shot at them.

Tracy told SA Najmulski she went to the area the shooting took place and she said it was very dark. Tracy said she wanted to know why the officers used their rifle and not their handgun and why the officer's body cam was not on. Tracy said she felt it was a cover up and wanted to know if Beau dropped his gun before the officer killed him.

Tracy said Beau has had incidents where he was shooting his gun outside while intoxicated and the police were called. Tracy asked what the focus of BCI's investigation was. She said she knew she provided a lot of information and would send an email providing names of people she had mentioned in her phone call.

SA Najmulski asked Tracy if Beau had any history of mental illness, and she said no. She explained that there were times he would get "down in the dumps". Tracy said sometimes Beau goes through down phases, then pulls himself out of it.

At the conclusion of the conversation, Tracy said she wants everyone held accountable and she wants to clear her son's name because he looks like a monster.

On June 26, 2024, Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Scott Stranahan (Stranahan) and SA Najmulski returned Tracy's call after she left a message asking to speak. Tracy told agents that she was sure agents were made aware that while she was out at the ditch where the incident occurred, she found a "magazine" to a gun. SAS Stranahan said he had been made aware of that by Perrysburg Township Police Department and the agents were looking at how that could or could not be connected.

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Tracy then said Alex, Beau's uncle, found her son's hat in the ditch and brought it to her. Tracy asked agents if they needed the hat turned over to BCI (Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation). SAS Stranahan advised, if agents needed the hat, they would be in touch but for now Tracy should hold on to it.

Tracy told agents she did not believe Beau owned a Glock firearm (a Glock was found at the crime scene that was registered to Beau) because he did not like them. Also, Beau's friend told Tracy, Beau did not own one.

Tracy said she believes Beau's dad's side of the family tried to kill Beau that night. Tracy said Beau's cousin, Richard Shope (Shope) lives in a trailer at the park where the incident occurred. She believes Beau may have not known his cousin's name because it is such a large family and that is why Beau did not say the name to 911. Tracy found Shope has a CCW by doing a social media check on him.

SA Stranahan assured Tracy if she had information pertaining to the investigation BCI would evaluate how the information Tracy has fits into the investigation. Tracy asked questions about the investigation and was told that if and when that information could be released, they would let her know.

The interview concluded with SAS Stranahan advising Tracy she could call him directly if she had any further information to pass along.

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: Tracy Jurski

Attachment # 02: Associates of Beau Purtee by Tracy Jurski

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