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Officer-Involved Critical Incident- I-71 N Mile Marker 123, Lewis Center, OH

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Monique Clifton

Activity Date: 3/11/2022

Activity Location: I-71 N, Mile Marker 123, Lewis Center, OH

Authoring Agent: John Butterworth

**Narrative:**

On Friday, March 11, 2022, at 1233 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Butterworth (SA Butterworth) and Special Agent Jon Scale (SA Scale) interviewed Monique Clifton (Clifton), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on Friday, March 11, 2022. The interview took place at I-71 N, Mile Marker 123, Lewis Center, OH. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

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 interview. 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. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Clifton was greeted by SA Butterworth and SA Scale after agents were told that Clifton was at the scene and was the mother of an involved party of the incident. SA Butterworth introduced agents to Clifton and asked if she would be willing to speak with them regarding the incident. Clifton agreed to speak with agents and the interview took place in SA Scale's vehicle. SA Butterworth explained to Clifton that the interview was going to be recorded and a digital recorder was activated.

SA Butterworth confirmed that Clifton is the mother of Jonathon Myers, the involved party that was involved in the Officer Involved Critical Incident. SA Butterworth also explained to Clifton that the interview was voluntary and that she could end the interview at anytime. SA Butterworth obtained demographic information from Clifton regarding her address, phone number and personal identifiers. During the time SA Butterworth was obtaining the demographic information, Clifton's husband, James Clifton, called her and said that Jonathon's condition had been



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upgraded to stable from critical and that he had a video of the incident. SA Butterworth said that agents would like to obtain the video as well.

After obtaining the demographic information from Clifton, she explained that her son had been on the run for some time because he had warrants for his arrest. The last time contact was made was this morning via the phone. Clifton said Jonathon was with a girl this morning and she really didn't know what was going on. Clifton said it was about 0616 this morning was when they last spoke. Comments were made about Jonathon thinking that everyone was using him. Clifton did not hear the woman that was with him, but her daughter was talking to the female who she identified as Monica Howard. Clifton asked her daughter to tell Monica to send their location to her and she did. Monica told Clifton's daughter, Dasha Myers, that they had been in a car wreck and then sent the location to Clifton. Clifton was on her way to work so she went to the location of the accident.

During the conversation between Clifton and Jonathon, Jonathon mentioned to Clifton that in addition to him saying people were using him, Clifton thought he was paranoid because Jonathon said someone was following him. Clifton commented that he had been up for days and when SA Butterworth asked about Jonathon being under the influence, Clifton said she wasn't sure but was told he was popping pills. The last time Clifton saw Jonathon in person was approximately 3 months ago. Clifton said he wouldn't come to her house because she doesn't agree with the lifestyle. Clifton provided the name Heaven Coles as the mother of Jonathon's child, and she may know more about Jonathon's condition as they speak more often.

Clifton was asked about Jonathon being paranoid because he thought someone was following him and Clifton said there was no other conversation about it. During the FaceTime call between them, Clifton mentioned that Jonathon was sweating. Clifton said she went back to sleep after the call, and her husband then had phone contact with Jonathon later because he typically dealt with the kids. Clifton then confirmed that call was from 0527 to 0539 hours.

SA Butterworth asked if Jonathon had talked about suicide or harming himself in the past. Clifton said last year he talked about suicide when his legal issues began. Jonathon wasn't happy with the attorney they were paying and had issues with the legal problems he was having. Clifton wanted to mention that he was a great father to his children and that he was trying to hold off completing the legal issues to see the kids. Clifton said he probably was "losing it" because Jonathon thought his brother was trying to get into a relationship with Monica.



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SA Butterworth asked if there was any other information that she could provide about Jonathon and today's incident. Clifton just mentioned he couldn't trust anybody. Clifton spoke with agents about their household and her family. Clifton isn't friends with her son on any social media due to his activities and his knowledge that she doesn't agree with what he does. During the conversation Clifton said she thought Jonathon may want to die before going to jail or prison. SA Butterworth asked Clifton if she knew if Jonathon had owned a firearm. Clifton did not see Jonathon with a firearm, but she had heard he had one. Clifton did not know what type of firearm he had. Clifton said the drugs that Jonathon would possibly be on were prescription pills from the street.

SA Scale asked what kind of vehicle that Jonathon owned. Clifton said Jonathon had owned several vehicles that he had sold in the past. SA Scale also asked about Monica's car and if Clifton knew what it was. Clifton was not able to describe the vehicle she owned.

The interview concluded at approximately 1256 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.