



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



2023-2059

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 205 US 250, Polk, Ohio 44866

**Investigative Activity:** Witness Interview – Kayla Conrad  
**Activity Date:** August 6, 2023  
**Activity Location:** 205 US 250, Polk, Ohio 44866  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Matthew Armstrong #146

**Narrative:**

On August 6, 2023, at approximately 0040 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matthew Armstrong (Armstrong) interviewed Kayla Conrad (Conrad), the daughter of Larry Dunham. Kayla arrived at the scene hours after the shooting had occurred. The interview took place in the front yard of the residence and was audio recorded.

The following is a summary of 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. The information 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.

Throughout the interview, Conrad provided the following information:

Her aunt Carol Hess (Hess) called her at approximately 7:30 PM. She was frantic and emotional and concerned because her dad Larry Dunham (L. Dunham) was drunk and out of the house with two loaded weapons on him. She said L. Dunham had been at the neighbor's house sitting at their fire pit with two guns. She was unclear whether he was at the fire pit by himself or with other people.

She explained Hess had gone to the house and spoken with L. Dunham. Due to his mental state and the fact he was telling Hess he was ready to be "done with it" Hess became concerned about Angela Dunham's safety. Hess told her she did not get a good feeling from him and that he had told her if she got the cops involved it was not going to be a good outcome. Hess told her she did not want to get the police involved but she was unsure how the situation would go if she did not.

Conrad said her dad was a paranoid drunk. He had guns stashed around the house and even her younger daughters had an unsettled feeling inside the house. She said he had been drinking heavily before she entered high school. He went to detox in 2020 and was clean for approximately 6 months. She believed L. Dunham had stopped drinking again after the incident with her brother at Easter 2023. She said approximately a week before this incident her mom discovered he had started drinking again.

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When asked if he ever threatened to kill himself or others Conrad said he never voiced anything like that to her. She was not aware of him having any diagnosed mental illnesses. She said for the past 8 years he had night terrors. He also became paranoid when he drank. She never witnessed him become physically aggressive toward people but on occasion he would become verbally aggressive. When he was younger he was struck by lightning. He believed that his electromagnetic field was changed by that and said when he used a compass it caused "true north" to be off.

When asked if he had any hatred to the government or the police she said he likely did. He was anti-cell phones and anti-trackers. He always wanted to install a cell phone jammer at the house because he felt like the cell phones were interfering with his senses. He often talked about going "postal" and getting away from it all.

L. Dunham often talked out of his head and made statements but over the years they never came to fruition. As an example, she explained he had been saying he was going to divorce her mother but it never happened. He often referred to himself as a functioning alcoholic.

**Attachments:**

2023-08-06 Interview - Kayla Conrad