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Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



2023-0290

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1818 Jisco West Rd, Jackson, OH 45640 (L)

Investigative Activity: Processing of Shooting Scene (Scene 1)
Activity Date: January 31, 2023
Activity Location: 1818 Jisco West Road, Jackson, OH 45640
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cassandra Tackett

On January 31, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to assist the Jackson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) with an officer involved critical incident. It was reported that a male was barricaded in a residence for several hours. When deputies forced entry, the male reportedly charged at deputies with an axe and a pistol. The male was shot by a deputy and transported to the hospital. JCSO Chief Deputy Conley (Chief Conley) had secured firearms/weapons in his cruiser on scene. Special Agent (SA) Cassandra Tackett and SA Mathew Austin responded to the above address. SA Shawn Rowley responded to the JCSO to document involved deputies (Scene 2).

Agents arrived at the shooting scene at 1600 hours and were briefed by Chief Conley. Agents were advised the subject, William Beach (Beach), had died from his injuries. A short time later, a search warrant was signed to process the scene. SA Tackett documented the scene through photography. On the property were three small wooden structures, a white pickup truck, and miscellaneous property/construction debris. Police tape blocked off the middle structure from the rest of the property. The road was closed to traffic by several JCSO and Ohio State Highway Patrol cruisers with lights activated.



Image 1. 1818 Jisco West Road, Jackson, OH 45640

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The middle structure had a small front porch that extended to a side deck, an open front window, and an open front door. A small 5.11 brand battering ram was observed next to the porch steps. There was a dent in the front door near the handle and damage to the door frame. At the front door threshold, one silver-colored Hornady 9mm cartridge casing was located (item 1). Taser wire extended from the porch steps into the residence, where a connected Taser cartridge was located along with two green Taser doors and Anti-Felon Identification (AFID) tags. All Taser components were collected together as item 2. The inside of the structure was cluttered with boxes, tools, shelving, and other items. Suspected blood was observed on the floor in a small clearing. Two swabs of the stain were collected as item 3.

An oblong shaped suspected bullet hole was located in the rear wall of the structure and labeled as ballistic event (BE) 1.0. The hole perforated an inner layer of plywood and no damage to the exterior of the structure was observed. Agents attempted to locate a projectile and were unsuccessful. SA Tackett was informed by BCI Special Investigations Unit (SIU) agents that a pill bottle was observed in Beach's hand during the barricade. One empty pill bottle, that was labeled for eight canine pills, was located inside the structure near the window and collected as item 4. A container of BBs and CO2 cartridges were also located in the structure. A second axe was located in a far corner of the structure and documented through photography.



Image 2. Casing and Taser wire, with BE 1.0 on rear wall of structure

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While on scene, SA Tackett received items reportedly removed from Beach's body from the Jackson County Coroner. SA Tackett also received multiple items from Chief Conley. SA Rowley released a Taser to SA Tackett from Scene 2. Agents cleared the scene at 2047 hours and drove to the Athens BCI Office to process these additional items.

The table below depicts evidence items collected from Chief Conley.

<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Item Description</u>
5	Glock 17 9mm Pistol (S/N: ██████ belonging to JCSO Lieutenant ██████ Found with one 9mm Hornady cartridge in chamber and 16 cartridges in magazine
6	Brown Crosman Classic 1911 BB gun, 4.5mm
7	Eastwing axe with blue handle
8	Silver folding pocket knife with skulls
9	Blue Motorola cell phone placed in airplane mode



Images 3 & 4. Crosman Classic BB gun and axe

Items from the Coroner included a wallet with a West Virginia ID card for Beach (item 11). Clothing items consisted of one black boot, one pair of blue jeans, two black socks, two shirts, and one black coat. The shirts appeared cut and were saturated with suspected blood. There were two suspected bullet holes in each shirt, one in the front and one in the back. The coat also appeared cut and bloody. There were several holes/tears along the right sleeve and front shoulder area. A suspected bullet hole was located in the middle back of the coat. The shirts and coat were placed into a drying cabinet and secured. All remaining evidence items were secured in a temporary storage locker.

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On February 2, 2023, SA Tackett removed the shirts and coat from the drying cabinet. They were packaged together with the remainder of Beach's clothing as item 10. All additional evidence items were removed from temporary storage and SA Tackett transported all items to the London BCI Office.

The cartridge casing (item 1) and Glock pistol (item 5) were submitted to London BCI Evidence Receiving. All other evidence items were placed into an evidence storage locker.