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2022-2813

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 673 Slate Hollow Ct, Powell, OH 43065 (L)

Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Processing (*Scene #1*)
 Activity Date: December 12, 2022
 Activity Location: 673 Slate Hollow Court, Powell, Ohio 43065
 Authoring Agent: Crime Scene Technician Amy Gill, #203

On December 12, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Crime Scene Technician (CST) Amy Gill, Special Agent (SA) Chadwick Holcomb, and SA Aja Chung were assigned to assist the Delaware County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) with an officer involved critical incident. It was reported that deputies responded to a residence in reference to a domestic incident. While on scene, Sean Hinton (Hinton) brandished a firearm. Deputy Brandon Gaunt (Dep. Gaunt) fired his agency issued patrol rifle, striking Hinton. Hinton was pronounced deceased on scene. BCI Crime Scene Unit was asked to process the scene for evidence and the BCI Special Investigations Unit would handle the investigation.

Investigators arrived at approximately 2300 hours. A search warrant was obtained and CST Gill photographed the scene as it was upon arrival. The scene was primarily located at 673 Slate Hollow Court, Powell, Ohio. The residence was a two-story townhouse-style residence with additional units on either side of #673. The first level consisted of a kitchen, living room, and bathroom. The second level consisted of additional bedrooms and a bathroom. The basement consisted of a single open room being utilized as a bedroom and storage area. SA Holcomb used a FARO 3D scanner to collect measurements of the scene.

Inside the residence, Hinton was observed lying face up on the living room floor near the basement stairs. His arms were handcuffed behind his back. It was reported that Hinton had originally fallen to the ground near the top of the stairs and had been moved in order to render aid. CST Gill observed a gunshot wound to the left side of his neck. Delaware County Coroner Dr. Mark Hickman and Deputy Coroner Dr. David Rumbalski responded to the scene to examine the body. Hinton's wallet was located in his front right pants pocket. The wallet and its contents were photographed for documentation purposes. With permission from the Coroner, CST Gill bagged Hinton's hands. Hinton was placed in a locked body bag and transported to the Montgomery County Coroner's Office for an autopsy.

Multiple items of evidence were located in the living room. Those evidentiary items included:

Item #	Description	Location
6	Five rifle magazines containing a total of 150 cartridges	Hallway between kitchen & living room
7	Black Samsung cellphone in black case	Back of living room couch
8	Black LG Tracfone wireless cellphone	Side table by basement doorway
9	5.56 cartridge with Frontier headstamp	Near Hinton's left leg
10	Fragment	Near Hinton's left leg

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11	Rifle magazine containing 28 cartridges	Near Hinton's left leg
12	5.56 cartridge with CBC headstamp	Near Hinton's left leg

On a tan recliner chair in the living room, a tan Ruger, AR-556, 5.56x45 NATO rifle, with serial number 854-66303 was located. The rifle did not have contain a magazine. The safety switch was observed to be towards the 'FIRE' position. The rifle was collected as item #13.



(Photo of safety switch on 'FIRE' position)

On the floor at the top of the basement staircase, a rifle magazine containing 30 cartridges was collected as item #14. A black ballistic vest was collected as item #15, and a folding pocket knife was collected as item #16. CST Gill was informed that Hinton had been wearing the body armor at the time of the incident and that it had been removed in an attempt to render aid.

On the bed in the basement, a soft black rifle case was located. The case contained two rifle magazines containing cartridges, a pair of gloves, and a sling. The case and contents were collected together as item #17. The case also contained a military ID belonging to Hinton. The ID was photographed for documentation purposes.

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Outside the residence, on the ground to the left of the front porch (when facing the residence), a rifle casing was located and collected as item #3. An additional rifle casing was located on the porch, just outside the door and collected as item #4. A rifle cartridge was also located on the porch just outside the door and collected as item #5. Three additional rifle casings were located under a bush to the right of the porch and collected together as item #18.

CST Gill observed multiple suspected ballistic events (BE) in the living room. BE 1.0 was located on the west living room wall to the right of a large wall clock. The bullet associated with BE 1.0 perforated the sheetrock. The bullet associated with BE 2.0 perforated the clock face, causing a misshaped hole and struck the drywall behind the clock. No projectile was recovered from either event. BE 3.0 was located in the glass of a white side table along the south side of the living room, next to the back door. BE 3.0 perforated the glass, continued through the cabinet, perforating the back wall of the cabinet (BE 3.1). The bullet exited the back of the cabinet (BE 3.2) causing the material to be pushed outwards. The bullet perforated the south living room wall (BE 3.3) causing a misshaped hole in the sheetrock and exited through the siding on the exterior south wall of the residence (BE 3.4) causing the siding to be bent outward. The characteristics of all BE's were consistent with projectiles traveling from the front of the residence to the back of the residence.

CST Gill observed bloodstains on the west wall of the basement landing and stairwell. The bloodstain pattern was observed in the same area where Hinton had been located following the incident. The general location of the projected pattern¹ was approximately 2.5 feet from the floor. The area was photographed for documentation purposes.

CST Gill was informed that following the incident, DCSO Deputy Jaden Cline (Dep. Cline) had removed a firearm from Hinton and placed it in the back of his patrol vehicle. Dep. Cline had also placed Dep. Gaunt's patrol rifle in the back of his patrol vehicle. With the assistance of DCSO Deputy Vaughn, CST Gill located DCSO patrol vehicle #61 and was given access to the locked vehicle. On the floor of the backseat, Hinton's firearm, a Sig Sauer P365 9mm semi-automatic pistol with a serial number of 66B446962, one loose cartridge, and a magazine containing 11 cartridges, were located and photographed. The firearm, magazine, and cartridges were collected as item #1. On the backseat, Dep. Gaunt's patrol rifle, a Sig Sauer, SIGM400 .223 caliber rifle with serial number [REDACTED], was located and photographed. The firearm had one cartridge in the chamber and 19 cartridges in the magazine. The firearm, magazine, and cartridges were collected as item #2.

No additional items of evidentiary value were located. CST Gill received the firearm collected (Scene 2, Item #1) from SA Holcomb at 0122 hours on December 13, 2022. Examination of the scene was completed at 0235 hours.

¹ A projected pattern is a bloodstain pattern resulting from the ejection of blood under hydraulic pressure, typically from a breach in the circulatory system.

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At 0330 hours, CST Gill placed all items in the BCI temporary evidence locker #1 in London, Ohio.

At 1200 hours, CST Gill removed all items from the BCI temporary evidence locker #1. Items #2-4, 18 were submitted to the BCI laboratory at 1239 hours. Items #1, 5-17 and were placed in the BCI temporary evidence locker #2 at 1247 hours to be submitted to the BCI major crimes evidence vault.

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