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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 15266 Gilchrist Rd., Mt. Vernon (L)

Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Processing (*Scene #1*)
Activity Date: August 20, 2022
Activity Location: 15266 Gilchrist Road, 15502 Gilchrist Road & 15159 Monroe Mills Road,
Mount Vernon, OH 43050
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Chad Holcomb, #61

Overview

On August 20, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb, SA Aja Chung, SA Ed Staley and SA Sarah Taylor were assigned to assist the Knox County Sheriff's Office with an officer involved critical incident (OICI). It was reported that a male, Randy Wilhelm (Randy), had a warrant for his arrest after failing to comply with the terms of his bail. A bail bondsman attempted to contact Randy and the bail bondsman was reportedly shot at (see report by SA Taylor) during the late evening of August 19. Multiple SWAT teams responded to the Wilhelm property where it was reported that Randy and his brother, Bradley Wilhelm (Brad), were firing weapons at law enforcement. Due to their history with law enforcement, multiple SWAT teams responded to the Wilhelm property. SWAT operators from the Delaware Tactical Unit (DTU) and an officer from the Mansfield Police Department discharged their firearms during an interaction with both Brad and Randy. Brad and Randy were shot and pronounced deceased at the scene. It was determined that the BCI Crime Scene Unit would process the scene and the BCI Special Investigations Unit would handle the investigation.

Agents arrived at the scene around 1200 hours where multiple SWAT teams and bomb squads were actively secured the scene. SA Holcomb was informed that a search warrant for the approximately 300-acre property had been obtained and that the scene was secure. Agents began processing the scene at 1430 hours. The large property had three houses. Randy lived at 15159 Monroe Mills Road, Brad lived at 15502 Gilchrist Road and their mother, Sandra Wilhelm, lived at 15266 Gilchrist Road. There were multiple barns and outbuildings scattered throughout the property. The scene was photographed as it was upon arrival. A drone was also used to further document the property and a Sokkia total station was used to collect measurements.

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(Google Maps showing locations of residences)

Area around 15266 Gilchrist Road – Sandra Wilhelm's House

The residence located at 15266 Gilchrist Road was a split-level home. The garage had multiple vehicles inside. Interior and exterior photos of the residence were taken. A glass window on the east side ground floor living room had been broken out. No items of evidentiary value relating to the OICI investigation were located inside the residence.

SA Holcomb observed the majority of the shooting regarding law enforcement happened around the 15266 Gilchrist residence. The DTU bearcat vehicle was located in the grass on the southeast side of the residence. An outbuilding, being used as a storage facility, was located down a slight hill to the southeast of the residence. An orange, white and black Can-am, RC Maverick Sport ATV was located to the east of the outbuilding, up against a tree line. Randy and Brad were sitting in the ATV deceased. Brad was sitting in the driver's seat with his seatbelt fastened, slumped over. Randy was sitting in the passenger seat, with the door open, with his head resting against his arms and knees.

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(Bodies of Randy and Brad in the ATV)

With assistance from the Knox County Coroner, the bodies were further examined. The seatbelt on Brad was cut so his body could be removed from the ATV. He was wearing a blue sweatshirt, blue jeans, socks, shoes and a t-shirt. Brad had multiple suspected gunshot wounds to his body and head. A projectile was located resting on his blue sweatshirt and collected as item #15. He was placed in a body bag and transported to the Licking County Coroner's Office for an autopsy.

Agents removed Randy's body from the ATV. He was wearing a camo shirt, blue jeans, brown boots and a t-shirt. Multiple firearms evidence was removed from Randy's pockets. A total of five rifle magazines which contained a total of 110 .223 caliber cartridges. A total of 15 .308 cartridges and three .223 cartridges were collected from his front right pocket. Some of the cartridges appeared to have been shot at and damaged and his front right pocket had burns. The magazines and cartridges were all collected as item #14. An Alcatel flip cell phone was also located in Randy's pocket and collected as item #16. Randy's body was placed in a body bag and transported to the Licking County Coroner's Office for an autopsy.

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Agents located a Remington 870, 12-gauge shotgun with a serial number of RS50916B located near Randy's left leg. The shotgun contained four shotshells in the magazine tube and one in the receiver. The shotgun and shotshells were all collected as item #12.

Multiple ballistic events (BE) were observed on the ATV that Randy and Brad were located in and labeled BE 1-15 for documentation purposes. BE 1, 2, 3 and 15 all perforated the front windshield. A bullet hole was located on the driver's side A pillar (BE 4). A total of 10 bullet holes (BE 5-14) were located on the exterior side passenger door. It appeared that all bullets perforated the door as large areas of plastic on the interior side of the door were missing. No projectiles were recovered from inside or around the ATV.

Near the rear of the ATV, multiple items of evidentiary value were located. A Colt Law Enforcement Carbine, 5.56x45 NATO, rifle with a serial number of [REDACTED] was located in the grass. Tire tracks from the ATV Randy and Brad were in were observed near the rifle. The rifle was in the 'fire' position. The rifle had one cartridge in the chamber of the weapon and a magazine contained 19 cartridges. The rifle, magazine and cartridges were all collected as item #1. Slightly further away from the rifle, to the north, was a bookbag. In the bookbag and scattered around were numerous boxes containing various calibers of ammunition. The bookbag and ammunition were all collected as item #6. A green portable USB charger was collected as item #7.

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(Location of rifle and ATV)

SA Holcomb observed a large number of casings and other firearm evidence on the west side of the outbuilding (opposite side to where the ATV was located at). A metal detector was used to locate additional casings. Evidence flags were placed around casings that were found. The following firearm evidence was collected from around the outbuilding:

Item #	Description	Location
2	Rifle magazine containing 20 cartridges with Westerville PD and 568 on the side of the magazine	Southwest corner of outbuilding
3	Daniel Defense magazine with three cartridges	Southwest corner of outbuilding
4	22 FC .223 casings	Southwest corner of outbuilding
5	11 FC .223 casings	Northwest corner of outbuilding

SA Holcomb proceeded closer to the residence located specifically to the driveway where 22 rifle casings (item 22) were found. A blue, 2020 four-door Toyota 4Runner with a VIN of JTEBU5JR6L5769872 and an

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Ohio license plate of HZT7099 was parked in the driveway. The vehicle was registered to Sandra Wilhelm.

SA Holcomb proceeded to the area around the DTU bearcat; the bearcat had a Sheriff's license plate of 21-59. Multiple casings were located around the rear and driver side of the bearcat. Evidence flags were placed to mark their locations. A total of 22, .223 casings were collected as item #8. An empty rifle magazine (item #9) was also located on the pavement near the driver's side of the bearcat. Three .223 casings (item #10) were located on top of the bearcat.



(Drone diagram of area around 15266 Gilchrist Road)

Two large barns were located to the south of the residence. Multiple vehicles including RV's motorcycles, boats and cars were located in side. Each vehicle was photographed. A large number of firearms and ammunition where located inside the west barn. No items of evidentiary value relating to the OICI investigation were located inside either barn.

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15502 Gilchrist Road – Brad Wilhelm's Residence

The residence located at 15502 Gilchrist Road was a single-story house with a large barn out back. The interior and exterior of the residence and barn were photographed. No items of evidentiary value relating to the OICI investigation were located.

15159 Monroe Mills Road – Randy Wilhelm's Residence

The residence located at 15159 Monroe Mills Road was a two-story brick home with a two-car garage and a large front porch. The interior and exterior of the residence was photographed as it was upon arrival. A Marysville Police SWAT bearcat was located near the beginning of the driveway. All tires, except the rear driver's side, had been deflated. Two suspected bullet strikes were located on the exterior front driver and front passenger side windshield and documented through photography.



(Marysville SWAT bearcat with suspected bullet strike damage)

A 2006, gray, four-door, Chevrolet Trail Blazer LT with a VIN of 1GNDDT13S262189511 had an Ohio license's plate of FOL1841 was located approximately 177 feet in the grass behind the house. The vehicle was registered to Sandra Wilhelm. Damage was observed on the front and rear driver's side doors. It appeared the vehicle may have been stuck in soft grass/mud. A Remington, Model 700, .300 caliber rifle with a scope was located in the rear seats. The rifle had a serial number of RR02477E and the safety was in the 'S' position. The bolt lever was to the rear. A total of three cartridges were collected from the firearm. The firearm and cartridges were all collected as item #13.

It should be noted that due to a number error, evidence numbers 14-16 were used twice. To distinguish a difference between the duplication, an 'A' was placed next to the evidence numbers that were duplicated which is reflective of the evidence receipt.

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Multiple ballistic evidence was collected from inside the garage and the residence. The following was collected:

Item #	Description	Location
14A	Two rifle .223 casings	Outside the garage by the man back door
15A	One rifle .223 casing	Upstairs, first bedroom on the left, on the floor
16A	Four rifle .223 casings	Upstairs, first bedroom on the left, on the floor
18	Nine rifle .223 casings	Interior garage by the man door
19	One rifle .223 casing	Between the screen and main back garage door

Agents collected a cell phone (item #17) located on a dresser. The cell phone was located in the upstairs, first bedroom on the left's dresser.

The Mansfield SWAT bearcat was found disabled by a tree line on the northwest side of 15266 Gilcrest. The interior and exterior of the bearcat was photographed. Agents later learned the tires were flattened from being shot at.

No additional items of evidentiary value were located at the 15159 Monroe Mills residence.

Disposition of Evidence

At 1951 hours, SA Holcomb released all evidence (a total of 22 items) to BCI Special Agent John Tingley. It was determined that KCSO would continue to secure the scene overnight and agents would return in the morning to continue their investigation. Agents cleared the scene at 2020 hours.

Additional Evidence Located

On August 21, 2022 at 0900 hours, BCI agents returned to the scene. Two additional items were located outside of 15266 Gilchrist Road. A .223 casing (item #20) was located in front of the Toyota 4Runner near the garage door. After the Delaware Tactical Unit bearcat had been removed from the scene, an additional .223 rifle casing (item #21) was located in the grass.

Items #20 and 21 were released to SA Tingley at 1457 hours.

Examination of the scene was completed at 1600 hours. No additional items of evidentiary value were located.

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