



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



2020-3388

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, Ohio

**Investigative Activity:** Search Warrant  
**Involves:** Officer Adam Coy (S)  
**Date of Activity:** 04/26/2021  
**Activity Location:** – 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, OH 43221, Franklin County  
**Author:** SA Richard Ward, #55

**Narrative:**

On Monday, April 26, 2021, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations Special Agent Richard Ward prepared and had signed a search warrant through Madison County Common Pleas Court for two LG cellular telephone collected on December 22, 2020 from 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, Ohio. The two LG phones were reportedly the property of Dystanie Lydelle and may have provided additional details related to this case.

Attached below is the search warrant prepared and signed by Madison County Common Pleas /probate/Juvenile Court judge Christopher Brown.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01:Coy Search Warrant Items 6 7

**Common Pleas Court Probate / Juvenile Division**  
**Christopher J. Brown, Judge**  
**London, OH 43140**

**STATE of OHIO**

**- vs -**

**Adam Coy**

**SEARCH WARRANT**

**MADISON COUNTY, OHIO.**

**TO: THE OHIO BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND IDENTIFICATION**

FROM AFFIDAVITS SWORN TO BEFORE A JUDGE OF A COURT OF RECORD, I, AS JUDGE OF THIS COURT OF RECORD, FIND THAT THE AFFIANT AVERS THAT HE/SHE HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, AND DOES BELIEVE, THAT CERTAIN ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND/OR DATA STORAGE DEVICES (DESCRIBED BELOW) CONTAIN EVIDENCE RELATED TO VIOLATION(S) OF OHIO REVISED CODE LISTED BELOW.

YOU ARE COMMANDED TO SEARCH THE PERSON/PLACE AND SEIZE THE PROPERTY, DESCRIBED BELOW. YOUR SEARCH SHALL BE WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, WITHIN THREE DAYS AND, ✓ ONLY IN THE DAYTIME, ✓ AT ANYTIME OF DAY OR NIGHT. PROMPTLY RETURN THIS WARRANT, TOGETHER WITH A WRITTEN INVENTORY OF ANY PROPERTY TAKEN TO THE UNDERSIGNED JUDGE.

**Property to be searched (description):**

- Black LG LM-K500UM with IMEI 35459111100610
- Black LG LM-X420MM with IMEI 359962-10-167016-2.
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*FOR ANY TEXT-BASED MESSAGES, VOICEMAIL MESSAGES, DOCUMENT FILES (REGARDLESS OF PROPRIETARY FORMAT TYPE), EMAIL MESSAGES, DOWNLOADED OR DELETED APPS, CALL HISTORY LOGS, INTERNET HISTORY, LOCATION HISTORY, SYSTEM FILES EVIDENCING USE OR ACCESS OF ANY RELEVANT FILE(S), SYSTEM FILES OR OTHER FILES EVIDENCING USER OR OWNERSHIP OF ANY OF THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED DEVICES, RELEVANT PICTURE FILES (E.G., RELATING TO RELEVANT INTERNET USE, SCREEN CAPTURES OF RELEVANT INFORMATION THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE FALL INTO THE CATEGORIES OF FILES PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED, OR PICTURES TAKEN OF RELEVANT ITEMS RELATING TO THE ALLEGED OFFENSE(S), OR OTHER DISCOVERED FILES RELATED TO THE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY DESCRIBED*

IN THIS WARRANT. RECOGNIZING THAT DATA CAN BE STORED ANYWHERE ON A PHYSICAL STORAGE MEDIA AND THAT FILE TYPES CAN BE FALSIFIED, AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO SEARCH THE ENTIRE DIRECTORY STRUCTURE, INCLUDING ALLOCATED AND UNALLOCATED MEDIA SPACE AND SYSTEM FILES, FOR THE EVIDENTIARY ITEMS IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

ALL OF THE ABOVE RECORDS MAY BE SEIZED, ACCESSED, LISTENED TO, READ, REVIEWED, COPIED, AND CONVERTED TO HUMAN-REVIEWABLE FORM AS NECESSARY BY THE MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE OR LONDON POLICE DIVISION. AUTHORIZATION IS GRANTED FOR THE EVIDENCE SPECIFIED HEREIN TO BE SUBJECTED TO DATA DUPLICATION, DATA ACQUISITION, AND/OR THE RENDERING OF HUMAN-READABLE COPIES OR RECORDINGS OF THIS DATA IN ORDER TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE INFORMATION AND TO THEREAFTER SEIZE, READ, LISTEN TO, COPY, AND MAINTAIN THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND/OR EVIDENCE.

**IF FOUND, SAID ITEMS WILL BE SEIZED AND USED AS EVIDENCE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF OHIO REVISED CODE:**

SECTION: 2903.02 Murder

SECTION: 2903.041 Reckless Homicide

SECTION: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS KNOWLEDGE IS BASED ON THE FACTS** ARTICULATED IN THE AFFIDAVIT BY THE AFFIANT, WHICH HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THIS COURT AND FOUND TO ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE FOR THIS WARRANT.

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OHIO**, WITH THE NECESSARY AND PROPER ASSISTANCE, TO SERVE THIS WARRANT AND SEARCH FORTHWITH THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED ITEM(S). THE EXECUTION OF THIS WARRANT MUST BE INITIATED WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS OF THE DATE HEREOF. DUE TO THE NATURE OF ACQUIRING AND ANALYZING ELECTRONIC AND/OR DIGITAL EVIDENCE, THE EXECUTION OF THIS WARRANT MAY CONTINUE UNTIL THE DATA ACQUISITION AND ANALYSIS IS COMPLETED AND THE SEARCH WARRANT RETURN SHALL REFLECT ANY ACQUISITION OF ELECTRONIC DATA GENERALLY. SAID SEARCH MAY BE MADE IN THE DAY SEASON, AND IF THE PROPERTY, OR ANY PART THEREOF BE FOUND THERE, YOU ARE COMMANDED TO SEIZE IT, LEAVING A COPY OF THIS WARRANT AND A RECEIPT FOR THE PROPERTY TAKEN, PREPARE AN INVENTORY OF THE PROPERTY SEIZED, RETURN THIS WARRANT TO THE UNDERSIGNED OR ANY OTHER JUDGE OF THE MADISON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT.

**LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF:**

**MADISON COUNTY, OHIO.**

THEREFORE: GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS: 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2021 AT 3:12 P.M.

  
JUDGE

Common Pleas Court Probate / Juvenile Division

Christopher J. Brown, Judge

London, OH 43140

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**AFFIDAVIT**

MADISON COUNTY, OHIO.

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF SEARCH WARRANT**

AFFIANT, BCI Special Agent Richard Ward, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO  
LAW STATES AS FOLLOWS:

On December 22, 2020, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal investigation (BCI) was requested by the City of Columbus Police Department to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident, which involved the shooting death of Andre Hill by Columbus Police Officer Adams Coy at 1062 Oberlin Drive, Columbus, Ohio.

During the subsequent investigation, a search warrant was executed at 1062 Oberlin Drive and two cellular telephones listed in this search warrant were collected and transported to BCI Headquarters, London, Ohio. An interview conducted with Hill's friend and resident of 1062 Oberlin Drive, Dystaine Lydelle revealed a video captured by her cellular telephone, separate from the phones listed on this search warrant, a portion of the incident after Hill was shot. Additionally, an audio recording was recovered from her cellular telephone an audio recording, which captured a portion of the shooting of Hill. Both the audio recording and video were collected with consent from Lydelle on different dates. During a subsequent interview with Lydelle, she stated she may have recorded some of the incident on another phone inside the residence that was collected by BCI on December 22, 2020, but did not know which phone.

The Affiant believes there is sufficient probable cause that the content of either cellular telephone could aid this investigation and provide additional details.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Officer

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2021

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

**AFFIDAVIT CONTINUED**

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**Officer**

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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**Judge**

**AFFIDAVIT CONTINUED**

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**Officer**

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Judge**

**AFFIDAVIT CONTINUED**

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**INCORPORATED INTO THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE THE FOLLOWING:**

THE TESTIMONY OF: BCI Special Agent Richard Ward APPEARING PERSONALLY  
BEFORE THE UNDERSIGNED JUDGE AND BEING EXAMINED UNDER OATH.

THE APPLICANT FOR THE WARRANT: BCI Special Agent Richard Ward WHO IS A  
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

S/A Richard Ward  
Officer

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021

CLW  
Judge

**Common Pleas Court Probate / Juvenile Division**  
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**INVENTORY**

**MADISON COUNTY, OHIO.**

FROM \_\_\_\_\_  
THE PERSON/PLACE NAMED IN THIS WARRANT, I HAVE TAKEN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBE BELOW.  
THIS INVENTORY WAS TAKEN IN THE PRESENCE OF:  
\_\_\_\_ THE APPLICANT FOR THE WARRANT.  
\_\_\_\_ THE PERSON FROM WHOSE POSSESSION OR PLACE THE PROPERTY WAS TAKEN.  
\_\_\_\_ THE FOLLOWING CREDIBLE PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	BY

[ ] CONTINUED ON INVENTORY ATTACHMENT,  
PAGES \_\_\_\_ THROUGH \_\_\_\_.

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OFFICER TAKING PROPERTY



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RETURN

MADISON COUNTY, OHIO

ON, \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ I RECEIVED THIS WARRANT, AND ON \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ AT \_\_\_\_ AM/PM  
I EXECUTED THIS WARRANT AT THE PLACE OR UPON THE PERSON NAMED THEREIN.

\_\_\_\_ PERSON PRESENT. I GAVE A COPY OF THIS WARRANT  
TO, \_\_\_\_\_ THE PERSON / AT WHOSE PLACE, THE SEARCH WAS  
MADE.

\_\_\_\_ PERSON ABSENT. I LEFT A COPY OF THIS SEARCH WARRANT \_\_\_\_\_ AT  
THE PLACE NAMED IN THE SEARCH WARRANT AND WHERE THE SEARCH WAS MADE.

\_\_\_\_ FURTHER: ☐ NO PROPERTY WAS TAKEN.

☐ PROPERTY WAS TAKEN, AS SHOWN BY THE ATTACHED INVENTORY.

☐ I AM RETURNING THIS SEARCH WARRANT UNEXECUTED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

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OFFICER

INVENTORY / RECEIPT

\_\_\_\_\_, THE OFFICER TAKING PROPERTY, BEING DULY SWORN,  
SAYS THAT THE INFORMATION ON THIS INVENTORY / RECEIPT IS TRUE.

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OFFICER TAKING PROPERTY

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED IN  
MY PRESENCE ON \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.

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CLERK / DEPUTY CLERK