

Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Investigative Report

2023-3023

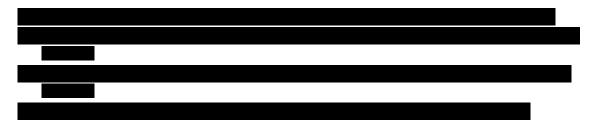
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 6235 Hathaway Rd., Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio 44125



Investigative Activity: Laboratory Submission 2
Activity Date: December 5, 2023

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov 364

On December 5, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) submitted the following items to the Ohio BCI Laboratory for analysis:



The above submitted items were recovered during the autopsy of Benard Russell.

The Ohio BCI Laboratory submission sheet is attached to this Investigative Report.

Attachments

Ohio BCI Laboratory Submission Sheet 2

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Laboratory Evidence Submission Received By: Kylie Manko			Date/Time Received: 12/05/2023 1:18 p				
New Case	ADD'L (If che Submission	cked, provide BCI Case No) #: 2	Agency Case Number: 2023-3023				
Case Type: Date of Offense: Shooting Involving an Officer 11/14/2023			Location of Offense: Garfield Heights				
Subject(s): (First Nan	ne) MI	Last Name	BCI#	Race	Sex	DOB	
Victim(s): (First Nam	e) MI	Last Name	BCI#	Race	Sex	DOB	
Submitting Agency Name/ORI: Ohio Attorney General's Office OHBCI0000 Mailing Address: 30 E. Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215		Investigating Officer Name: Investigating Officer Phone: Submitting Officer: BCI Crime Scene Agent: Cory Momchilov	Investigating Officer Phone: 614-208-3009 Submitting Officer: S/A Cory Momchilov BCI Crime Scene Agent: Crime Scene Case No:				
DNA Bio	logy CODN	Chemistry Docume	nts Fireanns NIBIN	GSR	Latent Print	Trace	
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fulfill customer test requests. Specific method selection, application and sequence are at the discretion of the laboratory, unless otherwise directed by the customer. Investigative information obtained as a result of the laboratory testing may be disseminated to other law enforcement agencies for the administration of justice. The BCI laboratory may subcontract testing to meet operational needs. Subcontracted work will be performed by a competent subcontractor and that work will be clearly identified to the customer.

Prior to the commencement of work, please review the submission receipt to ensure the items submitted and laboratory testing requested are correct. Signature signifies acceptance of the agreement specified above and accuracy of the submission receipt to the best of the signatory's knowledge.

Completed Laboratory reports, Notarized Statements, and Statements of Qualification are available for download from the OHLEG portal (www.OHLEG.org).

Item Number: 21

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Item Description: - bullet (Matrix Item 36)

Item Number: 22

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Item Description: - bullet (Matrix Item 37)

Item Number: 23

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Item Description: - bullet (Matrix Item 38)

Item Number: 24

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Laboratory Evidence Submission Received By: Kylie Manko		Date/Time Received: 12/05/2023 1:18 pm Tuesda	BCI Case Number: 23-39875
New Case	ADD'L (If checked, provide BCI Case No) Submission #: 2	Agency Case Number: 2023-3023	
Case Type: Shooting Involvin	Date of Offense: g an Officer 11/14/2023	Location of Offense: Garfield Heights	County of Submitting Agency: Cuyahoga County

Comments: Case Synopsis: It was reported the Benard Russell called 911 from his residence, 6235 Hathaway Road, Garfield Heights, to ask for the phone number to the suicide hotline. Police Dispatchers attempted to ask Russell questions at which point he hung up the phone. Garfield Heights Police Officers were dispatched to Russell's residence for a welfare check. Russell was ultimately found in the basement of the residence, holding a firearm to his head. A Garfield Heights officer engaged Russell in conversation for approximately 10 minutes, attempting to get him to put the gun down. Based on body-camera footage, it appears that Russell pointed the firearm at officers, at which point two Garfield Heights

police officers discharged their firearms striking Russell. Russell was later pronounced dead at the hospital.

Analysis Request Details: Please analyze and compare Items 21-24 with the previously submitted firearms, Items 18 and 19

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