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Investigative Report



2023-0408

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1680 Stringtown Rd., Grove City  
43123 (L)

Investigative Activity: Examination of Scene 1  
Activity Date: February 11, 2023  
Activity Location: Home Depot parking lot: 1680 Stringtown Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123  
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Sarah Taylor #136

On February 11, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Joshua Durst, Special Agent (SA) Sarah Taylor, SA Chad Holcomb, and Crime Scene Technician (CST) Amy Gill were contacted for assistance regarding an officer involved critical incident (OICI). It was reported the Columbus SWAT Team was executing an arrest warrant on Bret J. Andrews (Andrews) in unmarked cruisers. While attempting to apprehend Andrews in the Home Depot parking lot at the above address, three officers discharged their firearms striking Andrews. Andrews was transported to Grant Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. It was determined that the BCI Crime Scene Unit would process the scene and officers involved, while the BCI Special Investigations Unit would handle the OICI investigation.

SA Taylor arrived on scene at 2305 hours. The scene was photographed as it was upon arrival. SA Taylor was informed that Andrews had been seated in the front passenger seat of a white Nissan Maxima (Ohio: JHH3039) during the incident. Agents were also advised that the four vehicles that surrounded the Nissan were directly involved in the incident and belonged to Columbus SWAT officers. Orange cones were on the ground near the vehicles and SA Taylor was advised these were placed by responding officers to mark evidence.

The four officer involved vehicles were as follows: a silver Honda Odyssey (Ohio: HLF9411) positioned behind the Nissan, a gray Kia Optima (Ohio: GQS6335) positioned behind the Nissan, a white Mitsubishi Outlander (Ohio: FSU3004) positioned on the driver side of the Nissan, and a black Kia Sedona (Ohio: FCT3930) positioned in front of the Nissan. All four officer involved vehicles were photographed for documentation. Shards of glass were observed on the roof of the black Kia. Inside the Kia, SA Taylor located a fired cartridge case with a headstamp of "FC 9mm Luger" in the front cupholder of the vehicle. This cartridge case was collected as item 14. Agents observed damage to the front of the silver Honda. A round hole was located on the front bumper of the vehicle, however; no projectiles were recovered from this vehicle.

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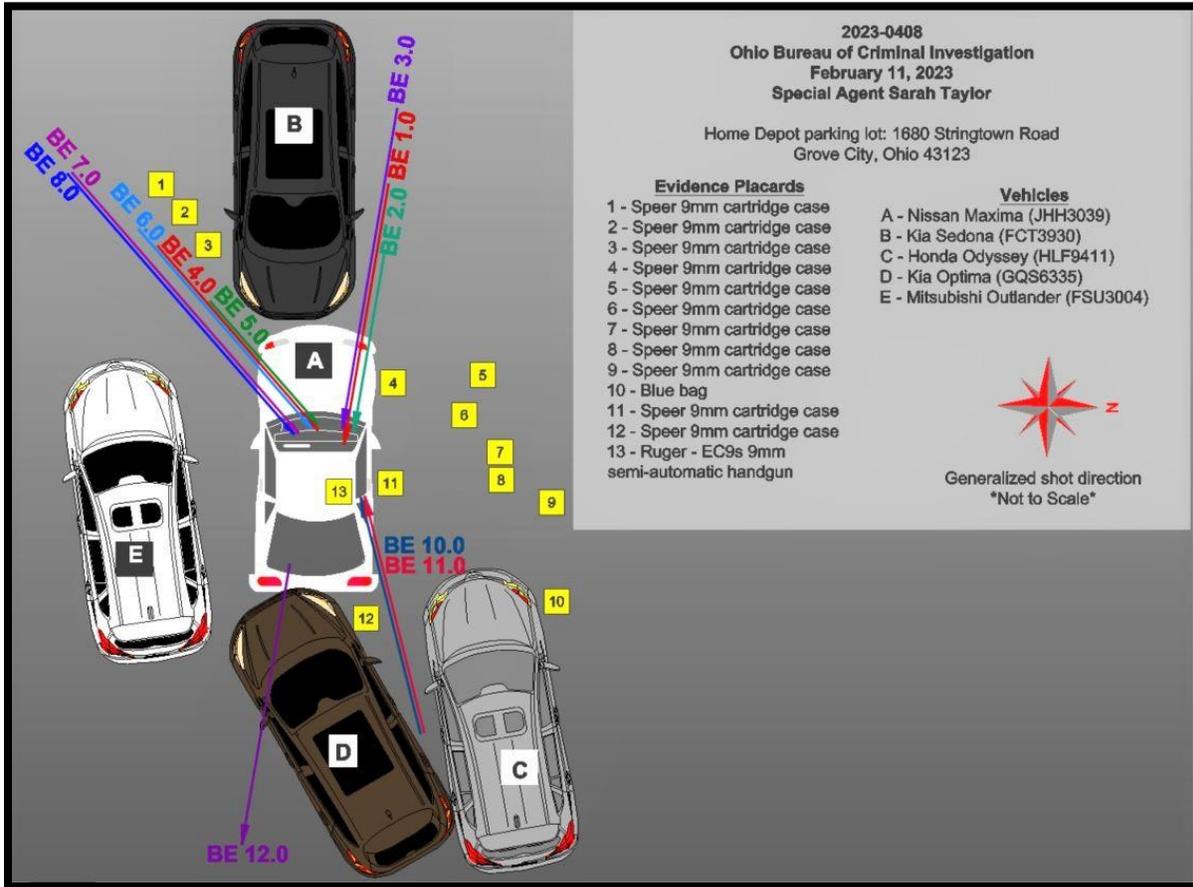


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(Diagram with generalized shot directions)

The white four-door Nissan Maxima was found with both front doors opened. The front and rear windshields had multiple suspected bullet holes in them and the front passenger window was mostly broken out and missing from the door frame. Prior to a search warrant being obtained for the vehicle, SA Taylor photographed the exterior of the vehicle and the ballistic events (BE) observed in the broken windows due to the possibility of the windows breaking completely. Areas of ballistic damage were labeled as BE 1.0 – BE 12.0 solely for documentation. SA Taylor was later advised that a search warrant for the vehicle was obtained.

The bullet holes labeled as BE 1.0 – BE 8.0 were all located on the front windshield of the vehicle. All of the bullet holes were smooth on the exterior of the windshield and beveled on the interior side. This indicates that all projectiles traveled from the exterior of the windshield to the interior side. BE 1.0 – BE 3.0 were generally circular in shape and located on the passenger side of the windshield. BE 4.0 – 8.0

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were all located on the driver side of the windshield and were irregular in size and shape. The larger sized oblong shaped hole was consistent with damage caused by more than one projectile entering roughly the same area.

BE 12.0 was an irregularly shaped hole located in the rear window of the vehicle. Agents observed beveled glass on the exterior side of this window. This would indicate that the damage was caused by a projectile that generally traveled from the front to the rear of the vehicle. The entire rear window was completely fragmented.

BE 10.0 and 11.0 were located on the passenger side door frame. Both defect areas had a lead-in edge, which is a visible, thin, elongated deposition of bullet wipe transferred to a surface as a bullet first contacts the surface at a shallow impact. Due to the location of the lead-in edge, agents were able to determine that the projectiles traveled from the back of the vehicle to the front of the vehicle. No ballistic damage was observed in the front passenger window, which was mostly broken out of the frame. It should be noted that there was no area labeled as BE 9.0.



*(BE 1.0-8.0 through front windshield and 10.0-11.0 into passenger door frame)*

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*(BE 10.0 and 11.0 on passenger side door frame)*

Agents collected a Ruger EC9s 9mm semi-automatic handgun (SN: 454-58298) from the exterior roof of the Nissan Maxima as item 13. Blood spatter (a bloodstain resulting from an airborne drop created when external force is applied to liquid blood) was observed on the interior side of the windshield. A large saturation stain was located on the front passenger side seat. A sample was collected from this stain and labeled as item 22. Broken glass was scattered on the front passenger side seat and floor. Bloodstains were observed on the center console and other areas of the front passenger seat. A black backpack (item 17) containing miscellaneous personal items, a black Samsung cell phone (item 18), and a black holster (item 15) were found on the front passenger side floor. Agents located a duffle bag in the backseat which contained miscellaneous legal documents belonging to Andrews. These documents were collected as item 20. Three projectiles were collected from inside the vehicle; one from the front passenger floorboard (item 16), one from the front passenger dashboard (item 19), and one from the rear driver floorboard (item 21). No other items were collected from the vehicle.

Eleven fired cartridge cases were collected from the ground at the scene. Three were collected from the ground south of the black Kia Sedona (items 1-3). Seven were collected from the ground north of the

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white Nissan Maxima (items 4-9 and 11). One was collected from the ground underneath of the dark colored Kia Optima (item 12). All of the cartridge cases had a headstamp of "Speer 9mm Luger."

A blue bag (item 10) was collected from the ground north of the white Nissan Maxima.

SIU agents requested that CSU agents release the driver's wallet (Shawn Griffey), cell phone, and spare keys. SA Taylor photographed each piece and provided SA Kyle Douglass with these items.

SA Holcomb released evidence from Scene 2 (items 1-3) and Scene 3 (items 1-3) to SA Taylor.

SA Taylor completed examination of the scene and cleared at 0330 hours. A crime scene access log was completed and will be attached to this case. SA Taylor completed a Postmortem Forensic Evidence Request and emailed it to the Franklin County Forensic Science Center. All evidence from Scene 1, 2, and 3 was transported to the BCI office in London, Ohio and placed into a temporary evidence locker in the crime scene room by SA Taylor on February 12, 2023.