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2024-3257

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 200 Cline Avenue,
Mansfield, Ohio 44907

Investigative Activity: Scene Processing
Involves: Officer Involved Critical Incident
Activity Date: 10/19/2024
Activity Location: 200 Cline Ave., Mansfield, OH. 44907
Authoring Agent: S/A Larry Hootman

Narrative:

On October 19, 2024 at approximately 0530 hrs. S/A Larry Hootman received an agent request from S/A/S Ed Lulla for an Officer Involved Critical Incident in Mansfield. S/A/S Lulla stated that the Mansfield Police Department responded to a domestic related call at 200 Cline Ave. in Mansfield, when officers arrived the scene turned into a hostage situation involving children and a female being held against their will inside the residence. S/A/S Lulla said the SWAT team was dispatched and negotiations were attempted, the negotiations broke down and the subject charged SWAT officers with knives and was subsequently shot and killed. S/A/S Lulla further stated no one else was injured in the incident and the subject was pronounced deceased at the scene, the police department is currently working on a search warrant for the residence.

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S/A Hootman arrived on scene, the street was blocked at both ends with barricades and several police vehicles were on scene. S/A Hootman approached two officers in the driveway next to 200 Cline Ave. S/A Hootman provided his name and ID to the officers who were doing the crime scene log. S/A Hootman was told detectives were still working on a search warrant for the residence. The residence was a 2-story brick duplex, one of the front doors was open and had the number 200 at the bottom of the screen door, the second door was closed and was identified as 202 that was also located on the bottom of the screen door.



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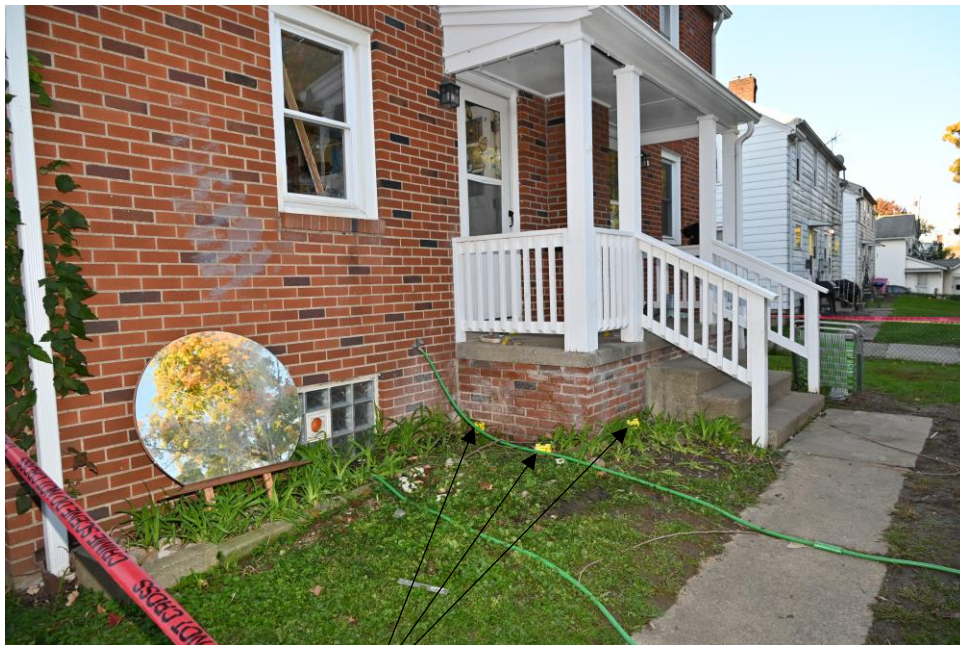
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S/A Hootman observed four cartridge casings on the back porch and a broken window to the left of the entrance door. S/A Hootman looked inside the door and observed a deceased male laying supine with a large volume stain of blood surrounding the body.

S/A Hootman returned to his vehicle to retrieve a camera to take overall photographs of the residence while waiting on a search warrant to be signed to gain access to the residence. After completing exterior photographs S/A Hootman contacted S/A Nicolas Valente from Special Investigations Unit of Ohio BCI. S/A Valente was in his vehicle parked on the street and was interviewing the female victim from the residence. S/A Hootman was told by the victim that entry to the house was permitted without a warrant and she stated she had nothing to hide from officers.

S/A Hootman returned to the rear of the home and searched the area near the back porch. S/A Hootman located 3 more cartridge casings in the area below the porch. These were also photographed for documentation purposes. At this time S/A Bernard "Chad" Doran arrived on scene. S/A Doran was briefed on the conversation with the female victim allowing agents to enter the residence and the items of evidence already located. S/A Doran assisted with numbering the items located outside the residence.



(Cartridge Casings - Placard #5, #6, #7)

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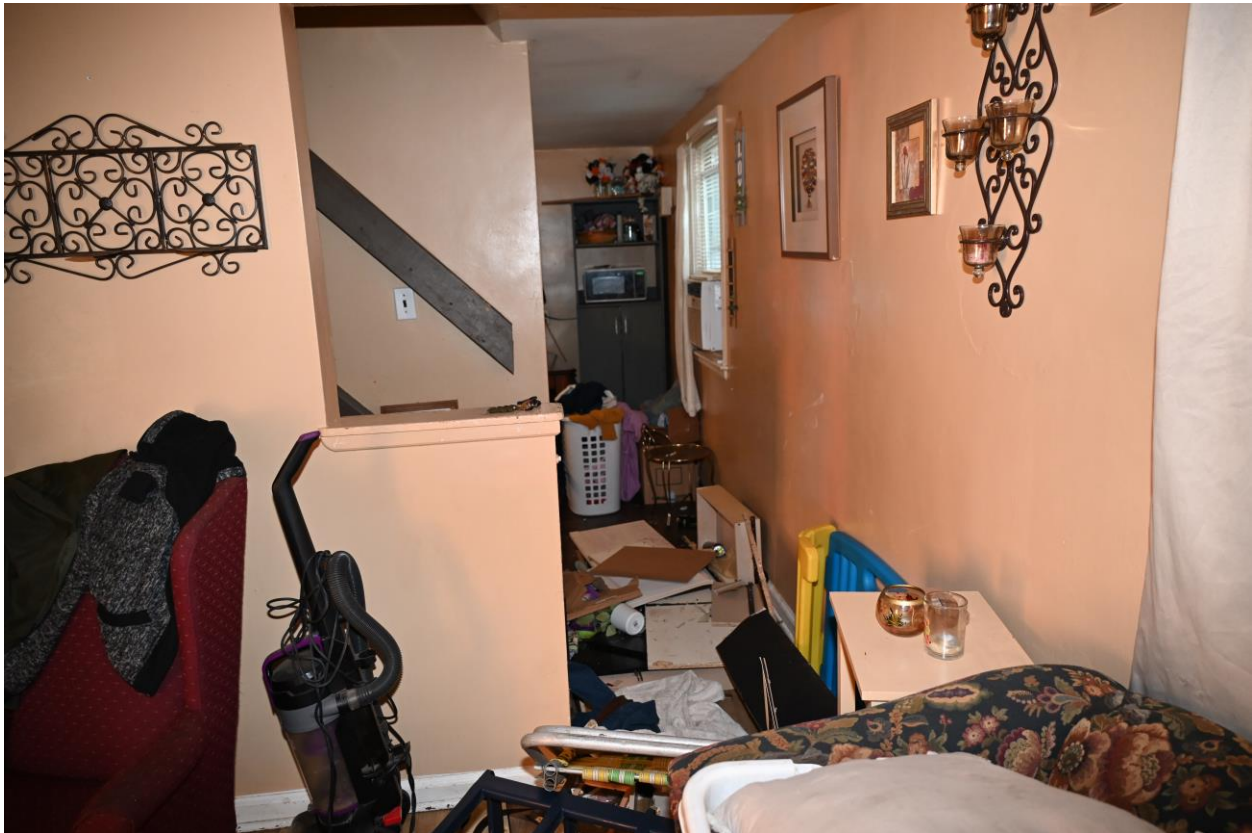
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S/A Hootman took photographic documentation of the interior of the residence prior to searching or numbering any items of evidence in the home. S/A Hootman noted inside the front door was a living room area that was unremarkable, at the bottom of the stairs leading to the second floor was a pile of broken debris including shelving, glass and home goods. The kitchen area where the deceased was found was cluttered with several items including chairs on top of the dining table, debris on the floor that was the same as what was found on at the bottom of the stairs. There was a dining table chair sitting in front of the broken window that had a ballistic impact coming from outside in, there was a ballistic impact on the front of the stove, several cartridge casings comingled with the volume blood stain and a knife with an open blade near the deceased.



(Debris described above at the bottom of the stairs leading upstairs)

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The upstairs was photographed, at the top of the stairs, to the left was what can be described as the master bedroom, on top of the bed was a packed suitcase. There was a second bedroom located to the right at the top of the stairs, there were two beds and on top of the one closest to the door was a blanket with a set of keys on top and a pack of cigarettes on top of the dresser between the two beds. Just outside this bedroom was a large bloodstain that was sampled and listed as "A" on the evidence inventory sheet. The bathroom was also located on the second floor, the commode had been used and had not been flushed. There was a closet in the hall area, there were two cell phones on the bottom shelf. S/A Hootman was told the Motorola cell phone was the female victim's phone and would not be collected- by crime scene. This phone did not appear to be on and was bent, the second phone was on and was an Apple iPhone. This was marked as item #18 on the evidence inventory sheet.

After placards were placed on items located by agents that would be seized, S/A Hootman deployed the Leica BLK360 scanner. S/A Hootman documented the entire home excluding the basement with the scanner prior to collecting any items of evidence. The rear porch and area below the porch was also documented with the scanner prior to collecting any cartridge casings outside.

S/A Hootman determined the deceased was found approximately 2.5 feet inside the rear door, the open knife found on the floor was approximately 3.1 feet from the deceased right elbow. The items found and seized pursuant to the search warrant that was obtained by Mansfield Police Department were 10 .556 NATO cartridge casings, 2 open lock blade pocketknives, a Sig Sauer empty magazine on the kitchen table, 2 projectiles, a kitchen knife found on the counter above the deceased and a 40mm projectile fired from the non-lethal weapon used by SWAT. The iPhone reported to belong to the deceased and a sample of item "A" bloodstain found upstairs. The Motorola cell phone was given to S/A Valente.

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All items were individually packaged and sealed by S/A Hootman. After collecting the items listed above it was learned that the neighbor provided a camera to the female victim to record what was going on inside the home due to the volatile situation that was transpiring throughout the day. The camera was supposedly placed discreetly in the master bedroom. This was located on a makeup table under other items. The camera had a micro-SD card inserted, the SD card was removed by S/A Hootman and listed as item #20 on the evidence inventory sheet, the camera was left in the home.



(Camera found on make-up table)

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After completing the interior search of the residence S/A Valente requested the vehicle owned by the victim searched. The vehicle was parked at the rear of the residence and was a Gray 2008 Honda Civic 4dr. Ohio temp tag - S916350, VIN:1HGFA15578L075887. The vehicle contained a small plastic baggie with an off white rock inside and another piece of the same type substance on the rear floor next to the tied baggie. This was photographed and collected by S/A Hootman, placed in a plastic bag, sealed and initialed by S/A Hootman.

All items of evidence was turned over to S/A Nicolas Valente to be transported to Ohio BCI Richfield and placed in temporary evidence. A copy of the evidence inventory sheet was given to Mansfield Police Department and a copy was left with the search warrant on the couch in the livingroom of 200 Cline Ave. All agents were secured from the scene at approximately 1200hrs. this date.

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