



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



2025-0854

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 645 Hazen Avenue,
Ravenna, OH 44266, Portage County

Investigative Activity: Initial Crime Scene Processing
Involves: Shawn A. Ware (S)
Activity Date: 03/16/2025
Activity Location: 645 Hazen Ave., Ravenna, Ohio 44266
Authoring Agent: SA Dan Boerner #135

Summary:

On Sunday, March 16, 2025, BCI Special Agent(s) Dan Boerner and Chad Doran assisted Captain Jake Smallfield and the Ravenna Police Department with the processing of an apartment complex located at 645 Hazen Ave., Ravenna, Ohio 44266 in regard to an Officer-Involved Critical Incident. The scene was photographed as it was found and evidence was collected. The scene was further documented using a Leica BLK360 laser scanner.

Narrative:

On Sunday, March 16, 2025, at 0222hrs, SA Boerner was contacted by the communications center and was requested to assist Captain Jake Smallfield and the Ravenna Police Department with the processing of an apartment complex located at 645 Hazen Ave., Ravenna, Ohio 44266 in regard to an Officer-Involved Critical Incident. SA Boerner contacted Capt. Smallfield and learned that officers were dispatched to 645 Hazen Ave. #3, Ravenna, Ohio 44266 for a report of a male inside the apartment with a gun. Capt. Smallfield reported that when officers arrived on scene the subject (ID to be Shawn A. Ware, B/M, DOB: 10/15/1976) and the reported victim (ID to be Terrance J. Conway, B/M, DOB: 07/08/1970) exited the apartment. Capt. Smallfield reported that Ware appeared to be holding Conway hostage and brandished a handgun. Capt. Smallfield reported that two officers subsequently discharged their handguns striking Ware. Capt. Smallfield reported that officers rendered first aid but that Ware was declared to be deceased on scene.

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On Sunday, March 16, 2025, at approximately 0405hrs, SA Boerner arrived on scene and met with Detective Sergeant Dustin Svab of the Ravenna Police Department. Det. Sgt. Svab directed SA Boerner to the area of the reported shooting. Det. Sgt. Svab reported that according to Conway, Ware came to the apartment with a kitchen style knife. Det. Sgt. Svab reported that the knife was picked up and placed on the kitchen counter. Det. Sgt. Svab further reported that the officers involved in the shooting were currently at the hospital with their firearms. Det. Sgt. Svab also reported that the handgun reportedly brandished by Ware was also collected by officers.

The scene was subsequently photographed as it was found. (Figures 1-8, Overall photographs). The scene consisted of the basement hallway of the apartment complex and Apartment #3.

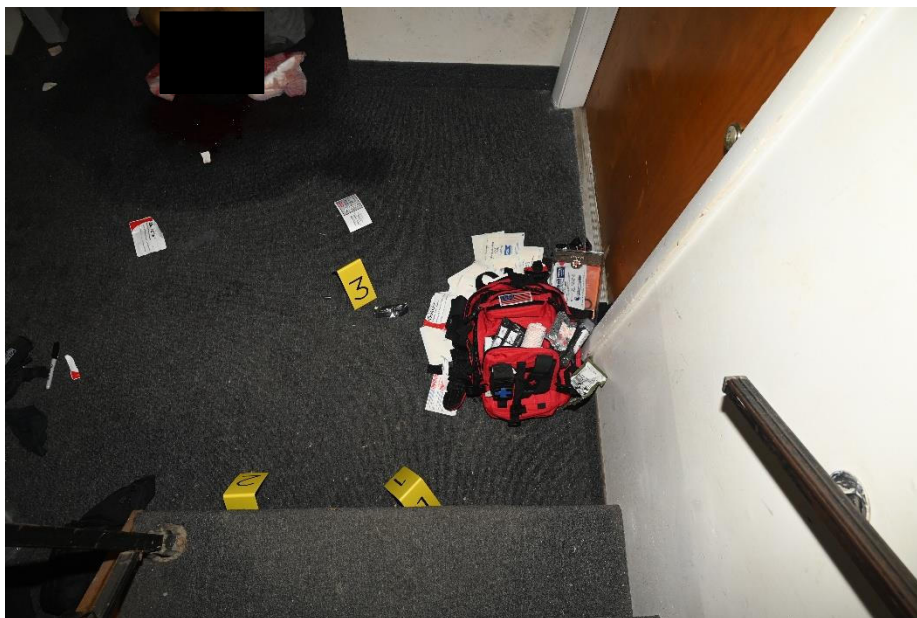


Figure 1, Overall photograph

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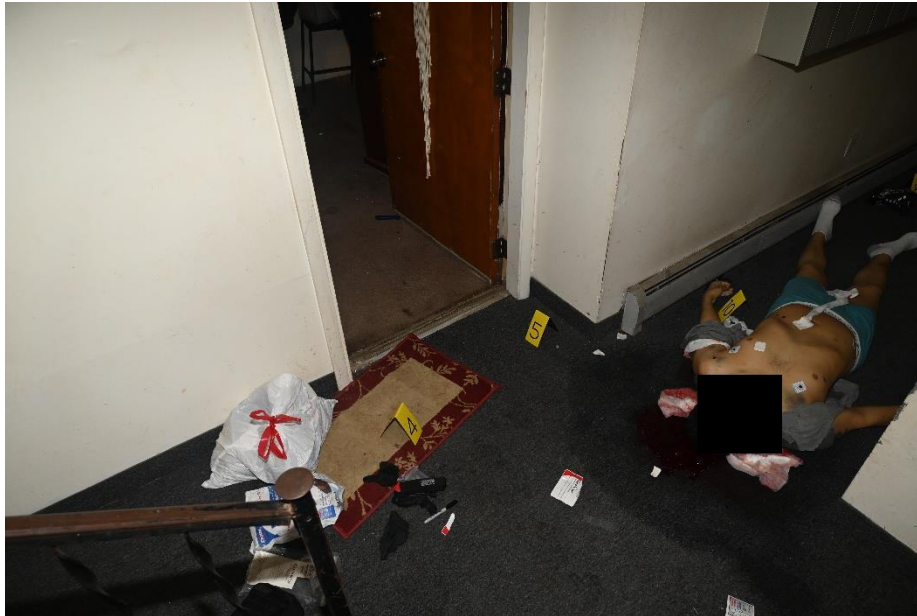


Figure 2, Overall photograph

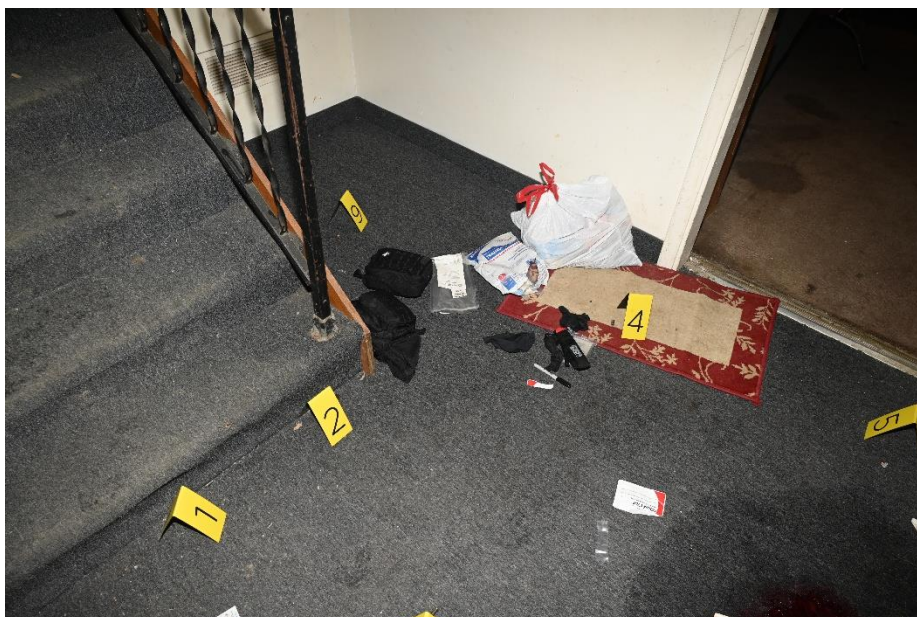


Figure 3, Overall photograph

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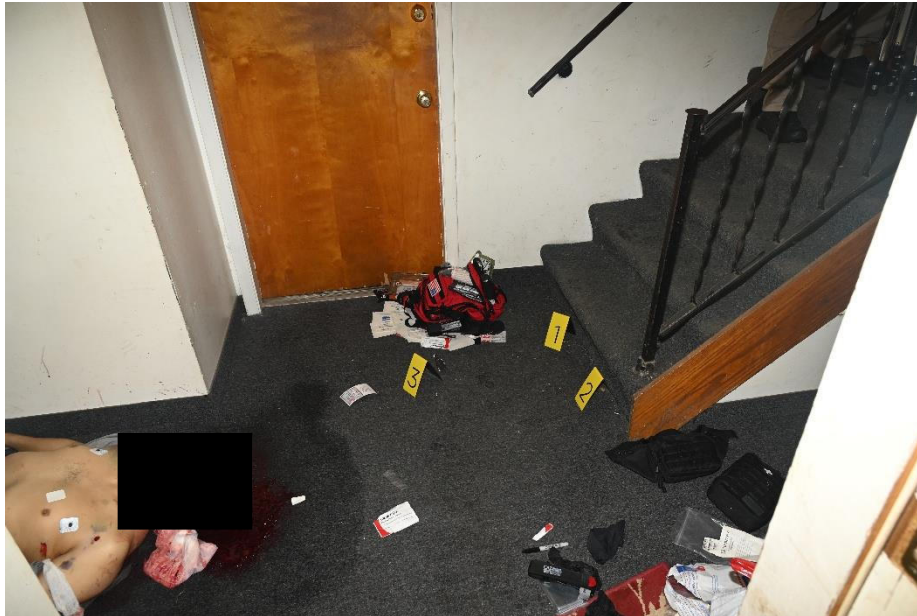


Figure 4, Overall photograph



Figure 5, Overall photograph

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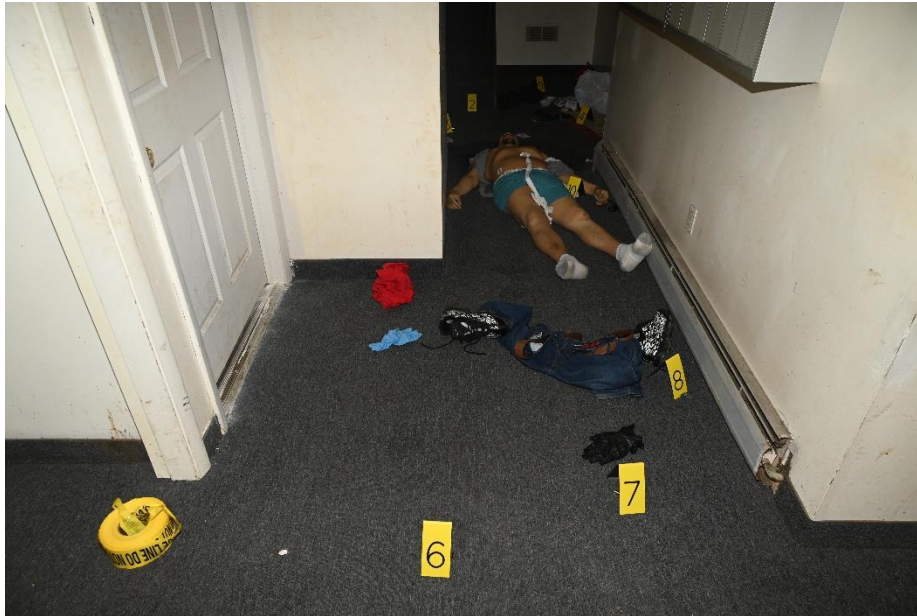


Figure 6, Overall photograph



Figure 7, Overall photograph

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Figure 8, Overall photograph

The scene was examined for items of suspected evidence and several items of suspected evidence were located, photographed and collected¹ (Table 1, Items of Suspected Evidence) (Figures 9-15, Items of Suspected Evidence).

¹ Officers of the Ravenna Police Department placed evidence placards within the scene prior to SA Boerner's arrival. These placards were photographed in place and replaced with BCI evidence placards.

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Item #	Description	Location
1	Cartridge case - FC 9mm Luger	Basement hallway, outside Apt. 3
2	Cartridge case - FC 9mm Luger	Basement hallway, outside Apt. 3
3	Cartridge case - FC 9mm Luger	Basement hallway, outside Apt. 3
4	Projectile	Basement hallway, outside Apt. 3
5	Cartridge case - FC 9mm Luger	Basement hallway, outside Apt. 3
6	Projectile	Basement hallway, outside Apt. 3
7	Projectile	Basement hallway, near subject
8	Misc. items of clothing	Basement hallway, near subject
9	Cartridge case - FC 9mm Luger	Basement hallway, near laundry room
10	Cartridge case - FC 9mm Luger	Basement hallway, near laundry room
11	Cartridge case - FC 9mm Luger	Basement hallway, near laundry room
12	Cartridge case - FC 9mm Luger	Basement hallway, outside Apt. 3
13 ²	Orange handled kitchen knife	Apt. 3, kitchen counter
14	Projectile	Basement hallway, under subject
15	Blk/silver airsoft type handgun SN: 28054035 / 05613BA	Ofc. Dynys @ 0600

Table 1, Items of Suspected Evidence

² Item 13 was collected during a consent search of Apartment 3.

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Figure 9, Items of suspected evidence



Figure 10, Items of suspected evidence

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Figure 11, Items of suspected evidence

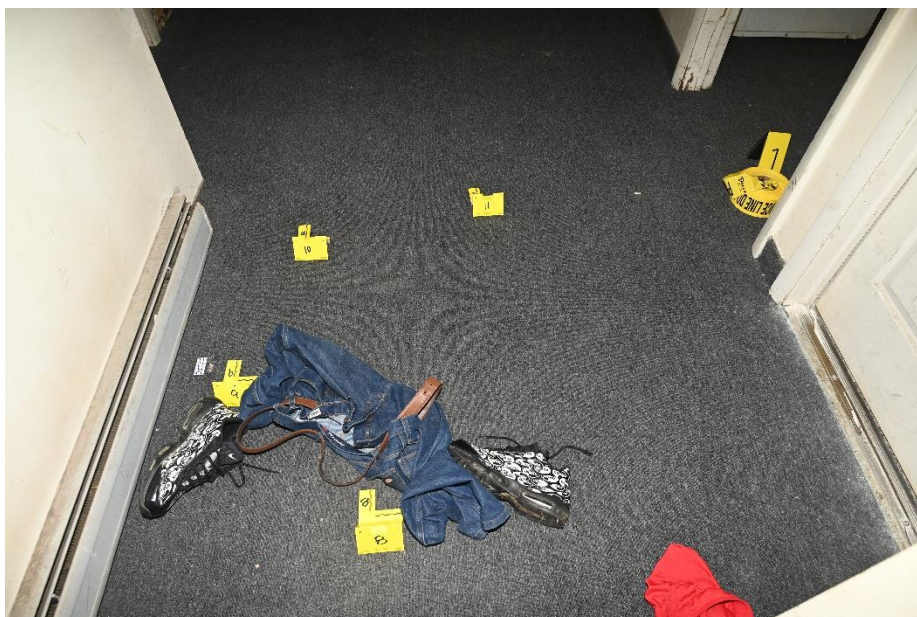


Figure 12, Items of suspected evidence

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Figure 13, Items of suspected evidence



Figure 14, Items of suspected evidence

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Figure 15, Items of suspected evidence

The scene was examined for suspected ballistic impacts and two suspected ballistic impacts were observed, photographed and examined for items of evidence (Figures 16-17, BI 1.0 and BI 2.0). No items of evidence were located.

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Figure 16, BI 1.0



Figure 17, BI 2.0

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The body of Ware was photographed as it was found (Figure 18, Overall photograph). The body of Ware was examined by an investigator from the Portage County Coroner's Office. The body of Ware exhibited multiple suspected gunshot wounds. The body of Ware was subsequently transported to the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office by members of the Portage County Coroner's Office transport service.



Figure 18, Overall photograph

The basement hallway was further documented using a Leica BLK360 laser scanner. Using the scan data, panoramas and an overhead diagram were created and provided to investigators.

On Sunday, March 16, 2025, at approximately 0620hrs, SA Boerner met with SA John Tingley and received two handguns reportedly used by the officers during the shooting. The handguns were photographed as they were found and collected (Table 2, Officers' Handguns).

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Item #	Description	Officer
16	Handgun - black Shadow Systems 9mm Model XR920, SN: [REDACTED] 1 cartridge from chamber, 14 cartridges in magazine, 2 magazines from carrier	Sgt. Cris Coy
17	Handgun - black Shadow Systems 9mm Model XR920, SN: [REDACTED] 1 cartridge from chamber, 14 cartridges in magazine, 2 magazines from carrier	Ofc. Brock Wise

Table 2, Officers' Handguns

All items of evidence were transported to the Ohio BCI Office in Richfield and placed into temporary evidence cabinet #40. An Inventory / Receipt Attachment form was filled out and signed by SA Boerner, a copy of the form was uploaded to Matrix.

The photographs are to be uploaded into Matrix. A copy of the photographs was made and provided to investigators via Matrix. A copy of the Leica BLK360 scanner data is to be placed on in the "BCI Scanner" folder on the shared directory.

A copy of this report should be sent to:

Ohio BCI - Richfield Office

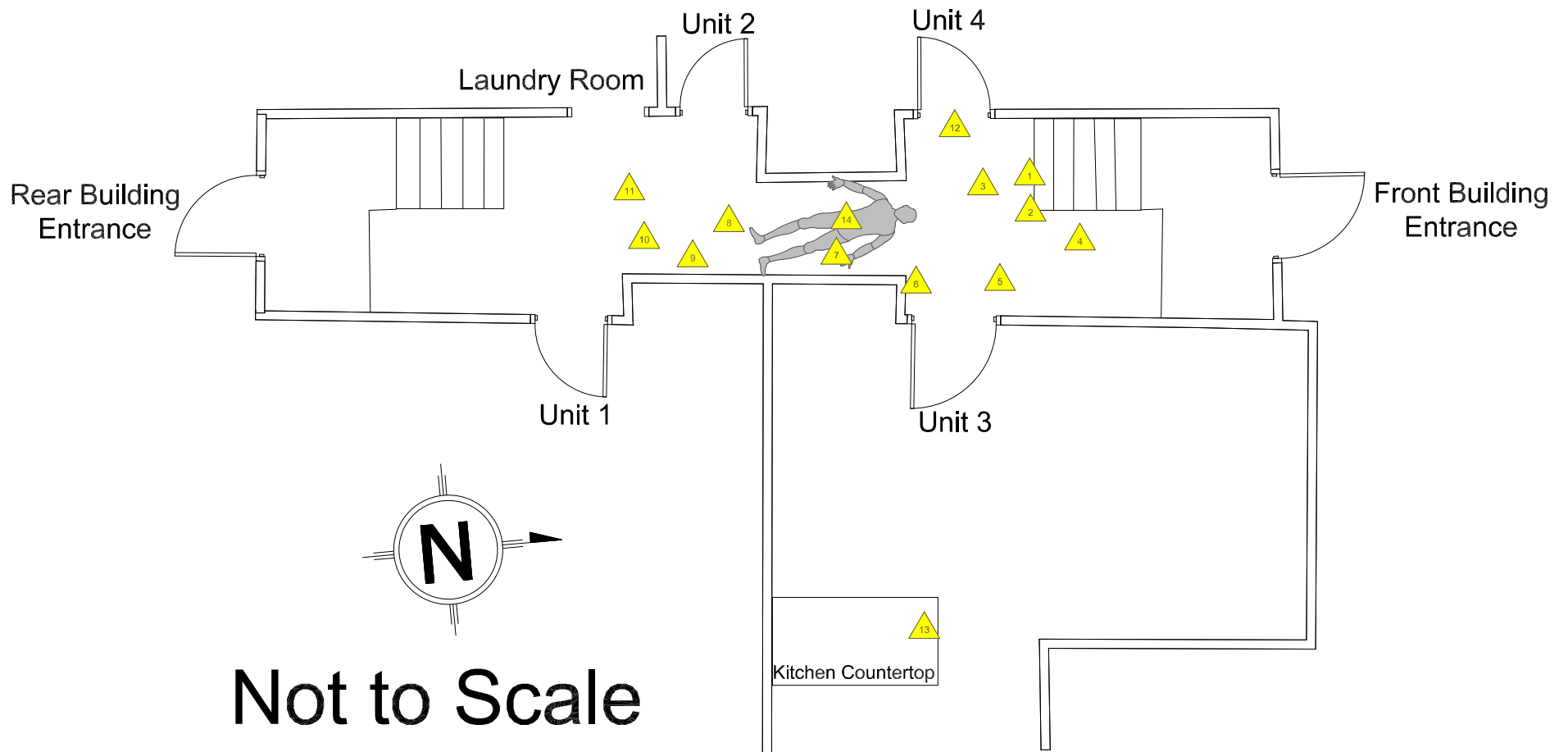
Attn: Special Agent Joe Goudy

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Attachment

- 2025-0854 Diagram

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Offense: Officer Involved Critical Incident	Involved Agency: Ravenna Police Department	Lead Investigator: Special Agent Joseph Goudy, BCI SIU
Drawn By: Special Agent Chad Doran, BCI Crime Scene Unit- Overhead Crime Scene Diagram		

