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Officer Involved Critical Incident – James R. Williams (S) and Ofc.
Robert Huber (S)

Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Processing
Activity Date: Saturday, January 1, 2022
Activity Location: 2307 10th St. SW, Canton, Ohio 44706
Authoring Agent: SA Dan Boerner #135

SUMMARY:

On Saturday, January 1, 2022, BCI Special Agents Dan Boerner and Justin Soroka assisted Chief Jack Angelo and the Canton Police Department with the processing of a residence located at 2307 10th St. SW., Canton, Ohio 44706 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 FARO Focus S70 laser scanner. The scene was processed with the authority of a search warrant.

DETAILS:

On Saturday, January 1, 2022, at 0042hrs, SA Boerner was contacted by SAS Ed Lulla and was requested to assist Chief Jack Angelo and the Canton Police Department with the processing of a residence in regard to an officer-involved critical incident. SAS Lulla reported that the scene was located at 2307 10th St. SW, Canton, Ohio 44706.

On Saturday, January 1, 2022, at 0218hrs, SA Boerner arrived on scene and met with SAS Dave Posten. SAS Posten reported that officers were responding to the area of 2307 10th St. SW, Canton, Ohio 44706 for a report of gunfire. SAS Posten reported that the initial officer on scene (ID to be Ofc. Robert Huber) exited his patrol vehicle (K9-60) and at some point, fired his duty weapon. SAS Posten reported that after the shooting a male (ID to be James R. Williams) was located in the living room exhibiting at least one suspected gunshot wound. SAS Posten reported that Williams was transported to the hospital and was declared to be deceased. SAS Posten reported that investigators of the Canton Police Department were in the process of obtaining of search warrant for the residence.

On Saturday, January 1, 2022, at approximately 0315hrs, SA Boerner learned that a search warrant had been obtained for the residence. SA Boerner proceeded to photograph the exterior of the residence as it was found (Figures 1-6, Overall photographs). Prior to SA Boerner's arrival, officers of the Canton Police Department placed evidence markers within the scene to identify items of suspected evidence. The markers were photographed as they were found, photographed with BCI evidence placards in place next to them and then the scene was photographed with just the BCI evidence placards in place.

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Figure 1, Overall photograph



Figure 2, Overall photograph

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Figure 3, Overall photograph



Figure 4, Overall photograph

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Figure 5, Overall photograph



Figure 6, Overall photograph

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The exterior of the residence was examined for items of suspected evidence and several items of suspected evidence were observed (Table 1, Items of Suspected Evidence, Exterior). The items of suspected evidence were photographed as they were found and collected (Items 1-9 and 37).

Item #	Description	Location
1	Cartridge case – Speer 9mm Luger +P	Sidewalk in front of residence
2	Cartridge case – Speer 9mm Luger +P	Tree lawn in front of residence
3	Cartridge case – Speer 9mm Luger +P	Tree lawn in front of residence
4	Cartridge case – Speer 9mm Luger +P	Tree lawn in front of residence
5	Cartridge case – Speer 9mm Luger +P	Sidewalk in front of residence
6	Cartridge case – Speer 9mm Luger +P	Front porch
7	Cartridge case – Speer 9mm Luger +P	Front porch
8	Smith and Wesson magazine w/cartridges	Front porch
9	Qty 10, 45 cal. cartridge cases	West side of residence (driveway)
37	Silver cell phone - Apple	Front porch

Table 1, Items of Suspected Evidence, Exterior)

The interior of the residence was photographed as it was found. For purposes of this investigation, the living room, the kitchen, and stairs to a patio on the West side of the residence and the master bedroom were primary areas of interest. The interior of the residence was examined for items of suspected evidence and several items of suspected evidence were observed (Table 2, Items of Suspected Evidence, Interior). The items of suspected evidence were photographed as they were found and collected (Items 10-26 and 33-36) (Figures 7-10, Items 19, 21, 22 and 24).

Item #	Description	Location
10	White t-shirt with suspected bloodstains and suspected ballistic impact(s)	Living room, floor
11	Qty 4, Smith and Wesson magazines with cartridges	Living room, coffee table
12	Qty 7, Misc. ammo boxes	Living room, coffee table
13	Baggie of suspected marijuana	Living room, coffee table
14	Black holster	Living room, coffee table
15	Gray flip style Tracphone	Living room, coffee table
16	Smith and Wesson magazine, empty	Kitchen, table
17	Pmag 30 magazine with cartridges	Kitchen, table
18	Pro Mag, empty	Kitchen, table
19	Smith & Wesson – M&P 40, SN: NJM0654, empty	Kitchen, table
20	Pro Mag, empty	Kitchen, table

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21	Smith & Wesson – M&P 9, SN: HMU4213, empty	Kitchen, table
22	Smith & Wesson – M&P 45, SN: DVY9139, empty	Kitchen, table
23	Qty 2, green shotshells	Stairs to patio
24	Shotgun – AR12S 12-gauge, SN: 20CH-05227, empty	Stairs to patio
25	Qty 13, cartridge cases – 40 S&W	Stairs to patio
26	Qty 1, .223 cartridge	Stairs to patio
33	Qty 1, Box of ammunition	Living room, end table
34	DVR – ZOSI model: ZR08MM SN: ASJ20070601991	Master bedroom
35	Qty 2, cartridges – 40 S&W	Master bedroom
36	Plastic baggie containing rifle cartridges	Master bedroom

Table 2, Suspected Items of Evidence, Interior



Figure 7, Item 19

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Figure 8, Item 21



Figure 9, Item 22

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Figure 10, Item 24

The fenced in patio on the West side of the residence was photographed as it was found. The patio was examined for items of suspected evidence and several items of suspected evidence were observed (Table 3, Items of Suspected Evidence, Patio). The items of suspected evidence were photographed as they were found and collected (Items 27-32 and 38) (Figures 11-12, Items 27-28).



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Item #	Description	Location
27	Ruger AR-556, SN: 853-79714 w/loaded magazine and one cartridge in chamber	Patio, near door to residence
28	Shotgun – Mossberg 590, SN: V1151482, empty	Patio, near door to residence
29	Qty 55, cartridge cases – rifle	Patio
30	Qty 7, six shot shells and one unfired shot shell	Patio
31	Qty 33, cartridge cases – handgun	Patio
32	Black cell phone	Patio, South side on fence
38	Projectile	Patio, North side of fence

Table 3, Items of Suspected Evidence, Patio



Figure 11, Item 27

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Figure 12, Item 28

The exterior of the residence was examined for suspected ballistic impacts (Table 4, Suspected Ballistic Impacts). The suspected ballistic impacts were photographed as they were found. The suspected ballistic impacts were located on the South side of the fence around the patio, the West side of the residence within the fence and the North side of the fence around the patio (Figures 13-16, BI 1.0 – BI 15.0).

BI #	Location	General Direction of Travel
1.0	Patio fence, South side	South to North
2.0	Patio fence, South side	South to North
3.0	Patio fence, South side	South to North
4.0	Patio fence, South side	South to North
5.0	Patio fence, South side	South to North
6.0	Patio fence, South side	South to North
7.0	Patio fence, South side	South to North
8.0	Patio fence, South side	South to North
9.0	Ext. door to patio	NA
10.0	Ext. door to patio	NA
11.0	Siding to examiner's left of door	NA

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12.0	Siding to examiner's left of door	NA
13.0	Patio fence, North side	South to North
14.0	Patio fence, North side	South to North
15.0	Patio fence, West side	NA

Table 4, Suspected Ballistic Impacts



Figure 13, BI 1.0 – BI 8.0



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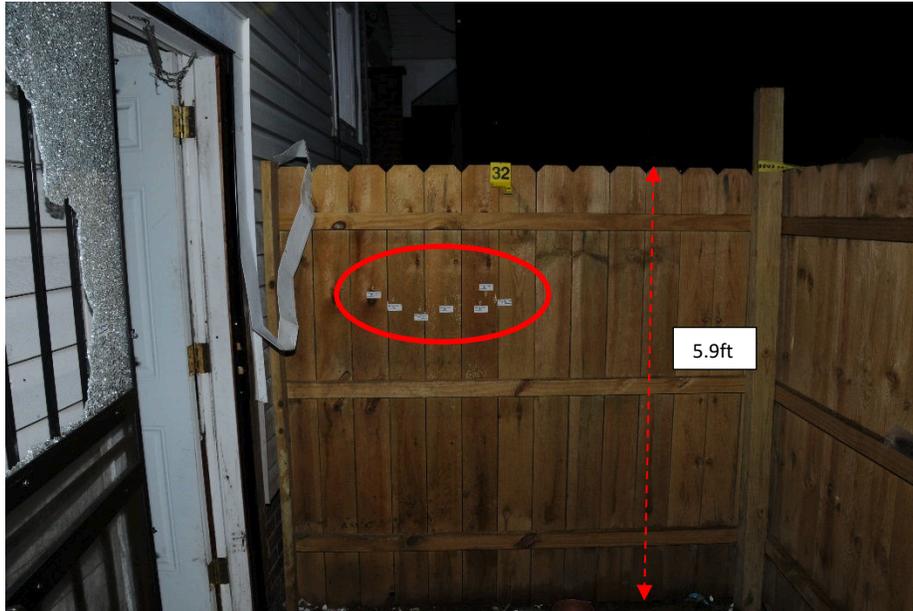


Figure 14, BI 1.1 – BI 8.1

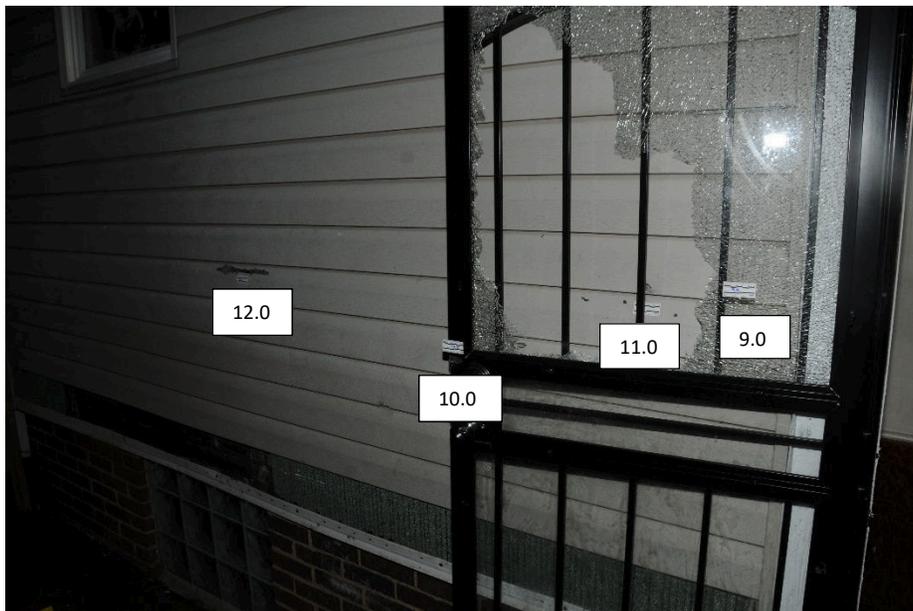


Figure 15, BI 9.0 – BI 12.0

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Figure 16, BI 12.0 – BI 15.0

The scene was further documented using a FARO Focus S70 laser scanner. Using the scan data, panoramas and an overhead diagram (with and without placards) were created and provided to investigators (Figure 17, Overhead diagram with placards). Using the scan data, the South side of the fence facing the roadway measured approximately 5.9' from the ground to the top of the fence. Using the same scan data, the South side of the fence facing the patio measured approximately 5.9' from the cement patio to the top of the fence.



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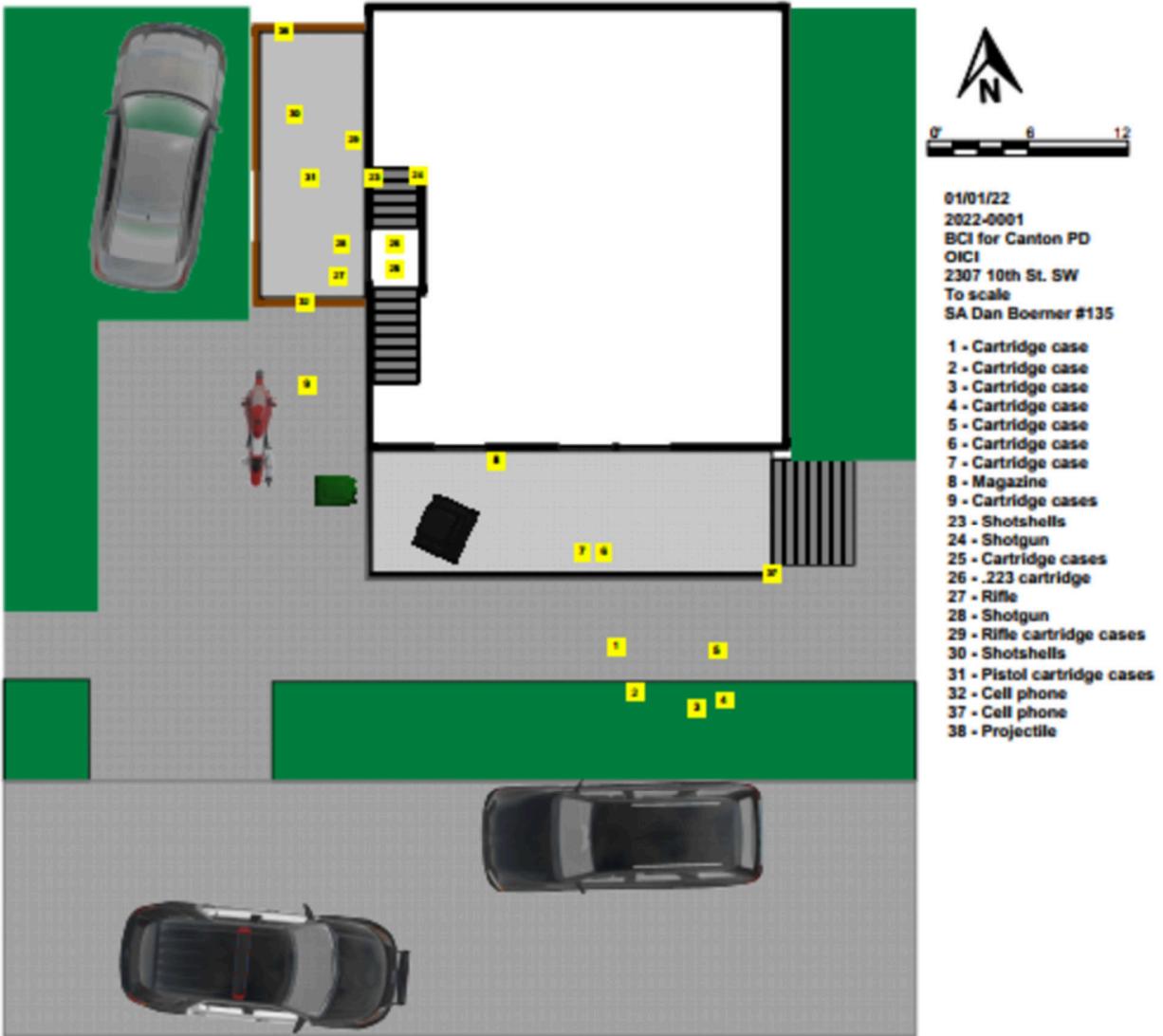


Figure 17, Overhead diagram with placards

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

The photographs are to be uploaded into Matrix. A copy of the photographs was emailed to SA Matt Armstrong, as BCI SIU has been requested to investigate the shooting. A copy of the FARO Focus S70 scanner data (SCENE 2go) is to be placed on in the “BCI Scanner” folder on the shared directory. A copy of the search warrant is to be placed in the case file.

A copy of this report should be sent to:

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