

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



2024-3258 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1273 Rosedale Drive, Dayton, OH (Montgomery Co.) (L)

Investigative Activity: Processing of Hospital Evidence

Involves: Taylor Cotton (V)

Activity Date: 10/21/2024

Activity Location: Miami Valley Hospital, 1 Wyoming Street, Dayton, Ohio

45402 (Scene #3)

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Kevin Wagner #80

Narrative:

On October 21st, 2024, Special Agent (SA) Kevin Wagner with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) responded to Miami Valley Hospital as a part of an officer involved critical incident. On October 19th, SA Wagner responded and processed a scene involving an incident where Dayton Police Department (PD), Moraine PD and Montgomery County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Deputies responded to a suicidal call in Dayton for a male named Taylor Cotton (Cotton). At one point during an attempt to deescalate the situation, Cotton was said to have raised a shotgun at police, causing them to fire, thus striking and killing him. Cotton was given medical treatment on scene and rushed to Miami Valley Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

SA Wagner arrived at Miami Valley Hospital and collected Cotton's personal belongings from his time there. Sergeant Rager with the hospital police released custody of the belongings. SA Wagner took the belongings back to the main BCI headquarters and processed them through photography. The items included a shirt, sweatpants, underwear, socks, shoes and a wallet containing bank cards and IDs that were collected together as item 1.

SA Wagner took item 1 upstairs and put it into evidence locker #1 at 1352 hours so it could be put into the major crimes evidence vault.

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