

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



2025-0559 Officer Involved Critical Incident - Miami Township, Ohio (Montgomery Co.) (L)

Investigative Activity: Additional Collection of Evidence

Involves: Jayden Stephenson

Activity Date: 02/20/2025

Activity Location: Miami Township Police Department - 2260 Lyons Road,

Miami Township, OH 45342 (Scene #2)

Montgomery County Coroner's Office - 361 West Third

Street, Dayton, OH 45402 (Scene #3)

Authoring Agent: Crime Scene Technician Holly Ryczek #205

On February 20th, 2025, Crime Scene Technician (CST) Holly Ryczek was advised additional evidence needed to be collected from the Miami Township Police Department and the Montogomery County Coroner's Office reference the officer-involved critical indecent that BCI originally investigated on February 19th, 2025

Scene 2: Miami Township Police Department

At approximately 1230 hours, CST Ryczek responded to the Miami Township Police Department. She was advised by Special Agent (SA) Seitzman that he would like an additional firearm collected from an officer that was present during the incident that occurred the previous day.

Upon arrival, she met with SA Seitzman and Assistant Chief James McCarty. AC McCarty transferred a firearm, three magazines, and a chamber cartridge, to CST Ryczek at approximately 1245 hours.

CST Ryczek processed the firearm at approximately 1400 hours at BCI headquarters. The firearm was an unloaded Glock 43 9mm Luger pistol (S/N with a TLR-7X Streamlight weapon light and a Holoson sight. The three magazines each contained 17 FC 9mm Luger cartridges. One loose FC 9mm Luger cartridge was observed. The firearm, magazines, and cartridges were collected as item #3.

Scene 3: Montgomery County Coroner's Office

On February 20th, 2025, at approximately 1151 hours, CST Ryczek responded to the Montgomery County Coroner's Office. CST Ryczek collected the items recovered from Jayden Stephenson's autopsy and processed the items at BCI Headquarters at approximately 1400 hours. The items included:

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Miami

- 8 Projectiles and 1 taser prong
- Fingerprints
- Oral swabs
- Rectal swabs
- DNA blood card
- White rubber bracelet
- One earring
- Left fingernail scrapings
- Right fingernail scrapings
- Plucked head hair
- Combed pubic hair
- Plucked pubic hair
- Jayden Stephenson's clothing

The projectiles and taser prong were collected as item #1. All swabs and biological evidence from Stephenson were collected as item #2. Stephenson's clothing was collected as item #3.

While at BCI Headquarters, CST Ryczek documented Stephenson's clothing items that were recovered during autopsy through photography. These items included a "Forever 21" size M tan and black striped quarter sleeve shirt covered in suspected blood, a "Universal Thread" size L mauve long sleeve shirt covered in suspected blood, and a pair of "Under Armor" size LG black sweatpants covered in suspected blood. The sweatpants had one suspected BE in the back. The clothing was then placed into drying cabinet #1.

Disposition of Evidence:

On February 20th, 2025, at approximately 1400 hours, CST Ryczek retrieved the items from Scenes #1 and #2 from the temporary evidence locker.

The following items were submitted to the BCI laboratory at approximately 1500 hours:

Scene #1 (cartridge cases); Item #11 (projectile), items #16-#21 (cartridge cases), items #25-#27 (cartridge cases), and items #30 and #31 (projectiles)

Scene #2 (Miami Township Police Department): Item #1 (Glock 43 pistol), Item #2 (Glock 43 pistol and item #3 (Glock 43 pistol

Scene #3 (Montgomery County Coroner's Office): Item #1 (8 projectiles and 1 taser prong)

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Jayden's smartphone (item #9) was placed into cyber locker #1 to be reviewed by the Cyber Crimes Unit once a search warrant had been signed at approximately 1700 hours.

All remaining items, except clothes still in the drying cabinet, were placed into temporary evidence locker #1 to be submitted into the major crimes evidence vault at approximately 1700 hours.

Scene 1 (Montgomery County Coroner's Office) Follow-up:

On February 21st, 2025, CST Ryczek was advised by SA Seitzman that two additional FC 9mm Luger cartridge cases were located in the master bedroom of by a crime scene cleaning company. On February 24, 2025 at approximately 0810 hours, CST Ryczek collected the cartridge cases from SA Seitzman (item #32).

On February 24th, 2025, at approximately 0930 hours, CST Ryczek retrieved Jayden's clothing that was recovered during autopsy from Drying Cabinet #1. At approximately 1342 hours, this clothing (item #3) was placed into temporary evidence locker #1 to be submitted into the major crimes evidence vault.

The following item was submitted to the BCI laboratory at approximately 1330 hours:

Scene 1 : Item #32 (two cartridge cases)

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