



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



2024-2614
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1309 Yellowstone Road,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44121

Investigative Activity: Case Closing
Involves: Cleveland Heights Police Department (O)
Activity Date: 07/22/2025
Activity Location: Cleveland Heights Police Department, 40 Severance
Circle, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118
Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente

Narrative:

On July 22, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Nick Valente (SA Valente) met with Cleveland Heights Police Chief Chris Britton (Chief Britton) and Captain Ernest Williams (Captain Williams) at the Cleveland Heights Police Department. During the meeting SA Valente provided Chief Britton with two 256 GB thumb drives containing copies of BCI reports and reference items related to this investigation. Chief Britton signed a receipt for these records which was attached to this report.

On July 24, 2025, Administrative Professional Betsy Turney released all evidence collected in this matter to the Cleveland Heights Police Department. A receipt for the release of evidence was also attached to this report.

This case is now closed.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. Case File to PD Receipt
2. Evidence to Cleveland Heights Police Department - Craig Schoffstall

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RECEIPT

On July 22, 2025, the Cleveland Heights Police Department was provided two 256-gigabyte thumb drives containing a copy of BCI case file 2024-2614 regarding the investigation into the death of Christian Tyson-Thomas.

Ch. Britton

Signature

CHRISTOPHER M. BRITTON

Print

July 22nd, 2025 11:05 AM

Date & Time



EVIDENCE RECEIPT



Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Case Number
2024-2614

Case Title
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1309 Yellowstone Road,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44121

Transfer Date
7/24/2025 9:45 AM

RELEASED FROM

Releasing Agency
Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal
Investigation

Case Number
2024-2614

Released By
Betsy Turney

RECEIVED BY

Receiving Agency
Cleveland Heights Police Department

Case Number
Not Entered

Received By
Craig Schoffstall

RELEASE REASON

Returned to Agency

EVIDENCE

- 001 - Firearm (Crime Scene Item 001) Semi Auto Pistol - Glock 19 9x19 Serial #KNP943 - P00020-1040363, 001 *(Weapon) in Gun Box C00020-1023077*
- 002 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 002)- Sig 9 mm Luger - P00020-1040364, 002 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023076*
- 003 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 003) Hornady 9mm Luger - P00020-1040365, 003 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023075*
- 004 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 004) Hornady 9mm Luger - P00020-1040366, 004 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023074*
- 005 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 005) Hornady 9mm Luger - P00020-1040367, 005 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023073*
- 006 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 006) Hornady 9mm Luger - P00020-1040368, 006 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023072*
- 007 - Fired Cart Casing (Crime Scene Item 007)- Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040369, 007 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023071*
- 008 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 008) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040370, 008 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023070*
- 009 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 009)- Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040371, 009 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023069*
- 010 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 010) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040372, 010 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023068*
- 011 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 011) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040373, 011 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023067*
- 012 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 012) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040374, 012 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023066*
- 013 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 013) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040375, 013 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023065*
- 014 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 014) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040376, 014 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023064*
- 015 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 015) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040377, 015 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023063*
- 016 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 016) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040378, 016 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023062*

- 017 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 017) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040379, 017 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023061*
- 018 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 018) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040380, 018 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023060*
- 019 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 019) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040381, 019 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023059*
- 020 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 020) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040382, 020 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023058*
- 021 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 021) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040383, 021 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023057*
- 022 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 022) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040384, 022 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023056*
- 023 - Handcuffs - P00020-1040385, 023 *(Other Property) in Brown Paper Bag C00020-1023055*
- 024 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 24) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040386, 024 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023054*
- 025 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 025) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040387, 025 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023053*
- 026 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 026) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040388, 026 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023052*
- 027 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 027) Hornady 556 NATO - P00020-1040389, 027 *(Weapon) Not contained*
- 028 - Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 028) Sig 9mm Luger - P00020-1040390, 028 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023051*
- 029 - Cartridge (Crime Scene Item 029) Live Round/Bullet - 9mm Luger - P00020-1040391, 029 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023050*
- 030 - Cartridge (Crime Scene Item 030) Sig 9mm - P00020-1040392, 030 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023049*
- 031 - Cartridge (Crime Scene Item 031) Sig 9mm - P00020-1040393, 031 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023048*
- 032 - Gun Case (Crime Scene Item 033) - P00020-1040394, 032 *(Weapon) in Brown Paper Bag C00020-1023047*
- 033 - fired projectile (Crime Scene Item 036) - P00020-1040395, 033 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023046*
- 035 - [REDACTED] Firearm - Rifle (Crime Scene 2 Item 1) Colt M4 - P00020-1040397, 035 *(Weapon) in Gun Box C00020-1023080*
- 036 - [REDACTED] Firearm (Crime Scene 2 Item 2) Handgun - Glock 17 - P00020-1040398, 036 *(Weapon) in Gun Box C00020-1023079*
- 037 - [REDACTED] Firearm (Crime Scene 2 Item 003) Rifle - Colt M4 - P00020-1040399, 037 *(Weapon) in Gun Box C00020-1023078*
- 038 - Micro SD card - P00020-1040400, 038 *(Media) in Envelope C00020-1023081*
- 039 - Mobile Phone - Apple iPhone (Crime Scene #34) - P00020-1040528, 039 *(Device) in Envelope C00020-1023166*
- 040 - 3 cell phones (Crime Scene #35) - P00020-1040529, 040 *(Device) in Envelope C00020-1023165*
- 041 - Mobile Phone - Black Samsung Galaxy S22 Ultra SM-S908U - P00020-1040546, 041 *(Device) in Envelope C00020-1023180*
- 042 - Gun shot residue swabs and swabs from hands of Christian Thomas - P00020-1040677, 042 *(Biological Evidence) in Envelope C00020-1023285*
- 043 - Christian Thomas' shoes - P00020-1040678, 043 *(Personal Property) in Cardboard Box C00020-1023284*
- 044 - Blood stain card of Christian Alexander Tyson Thomas - P00020-1040679, 044 *(Biological Evidence) in Envelope C00020-1023283*
- 045 - projectile from anterior neck of Christian Thomas - P00020-1040680, 045 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023282*
- 046 - projectile from left forearm of Christian Thomas - P00020-1040681, 046 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023281*

047 - projectile from left pleural cavity of Christian Thomas - P00020-1040682,
047 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023280*

048 - projectile from left lateral 8th ICS of Christian Thomas - P00020-1040683,
048 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023279*

049 - projectile from stomach of Christian Thomas - P00020-1040684, 049
(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023278

050 - projectile fragment from spleen of Christian Thomas - P00020-1040685,
050 *(Weapon) in Envelope C00020-1023277*

051 - Christian Thomas' underwear - P00020-1040754, 051 *(Personal Property)*
in Brown Paper Bag C00020-1023341

052 - Christian Thomas' blue shorts - P00020-1040755, 052 *(Personal Property)*
in Brown Paper Bag C00020-1023340

053 - Christian Thomas' sock - P00020-1040756, 053 *(Personal Property) in*
Brown Paper Bag C00020-1023339

054 - Christian Thomas' sock - P00020-1040757, 054 *(Personal Property) in*
Brown Paper Bag C00020-1023338

055 - DNA swabs from Item #1 - P00020-1041474, 055 *(Biological Evidence) in*
Clear Evidence Bag C00020-1023922

PACKAGING

Brown Paper Bag C00020-1023338 - Sealed

- 054 Christian Thomas' sock

Brown Paper Bag C00020-1023055 - Sealed

- 023 Handcuffs

Gun Box C00020-1023077 - Sealed

- 001 Firearm (Crime Scene Item 001) Semi Auto Pistol - Glock 19 9x19 Serial #KNP943

Gun Box C00020-1023078 - Sealed

- 037 [REDACTED] Firearm (Crime Scene 2 Item 003) Rifle - Colt M4

Gun Box C00020-1023078 - Sealed

- 037 [REDACTED] Firearm (Crime Scene 2 Item 003) Rifle - Colt M4

Gun Box C00020-1023079 - Sealed

- 036 [REDACTED] Firearm (Crime Scene 2 Item 2) Handgun - Glock 17

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Gun Box C00020-1023080 - Sealed

- 035 [REDACTED] Firearm - Rifle (Crime Scene 2 Item 1) Colt M4

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Brown Paper Bag C00020-1023047 - Sealed

- 032 Gun Case (Crime Scene Item 033)

Brown Paper Bag C00020-1023047 - Sealed

- 032 Gun Case (Crime Scene Item 033)

Cardboard Box C00020-1023284 - Sealed

- 043 Christian Thomas' shoes

Cardboard Box C00020-1023284 - Sealed

- 043 Christian Thomas' shoes

Clear Evidence Bag C00020-1023922 - Sealed

- 055 DNA swabs from Item #1

Clear Evidence Bag C00020-1023922 - Sealed

- 055 DNA swabs from Item #1

Envelope C00020-1023046 - Sealed

- 033 fired projectile (Crime Scene Item 036)

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- 033 fired projectile (Crime Scene Item 036)

Envelope C00020-1023048 - Sealed

- 031 Cartridge (Crime Scene Item 031) Sig 9mm

Brown Paper Bag C00020-1023338 - Sealed

- 054 Christian Thomas' sock

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- 031 Cartridge (Crime Scene Item 031) Sig 9mm

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- 029 Cartridge (Crime Scene Item 029) Live Round/Bullet - 9mm Luger

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- 028 Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 028) Sig 9mm Luger

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- 026 Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 026) Hornady 556 NATO

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- 025 Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 025) Hornady 556 NATO

Brown Paper Bag C00020-1023339 - Sealed

- 053 Christian Thomas' sock

Envelope C00020-1023053 - Sealed

- 025 Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 025) Hornady 556 NATO

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- 024 Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 24) Hornady 556 NATO

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- 041 Mobile Phone - Black Samsung Galaxy S22 Ultra SM-S908U

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Envelope C00020-1023165 - Sealed

- 040 3 cell phones (Crime Scene #35)

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Envelope C00020-1023166 - Sealed

- 039 Mobile Phone - Apple iPhone (Crime Scene #34)

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Envelope C00020-1023081 - Sealed

- 038 Micro SD card

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Envelope C00020-1023277 - Sealed

- 050 projectile fragment from spleen of Christian Thomas

Envelope C00020-1023277 - Sealed

- 050 projectile fragment from spleen of Christian Thomas

Envelope C00020-1023278 - Sealed

- 049 projectile from stomach of Christian Thomas

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- 049 projectile from stomach of Christian Thomas

Envelope C00020-1023279 - Sealed

- 048 projectile from left lateral 8th ICS of Christian Thomas

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- 048 projectile from left lateral 8th ICS of Christian Thomas

Envelope C00020-1023280 - Sealed

- 047 projectile from left pleural cavity of Christian Thomas

Brown Paper Bag C00020-1023340 - Sealed

- 052 Christian Thomas' blue shorts

Envelope C00020-1023280 - Sealed

- 047 projectile from left pleural cavity of Christian Thomas

Envelope C00020-1023281 - Sealed

- 046 projectile from left forearm of Christian Thomas

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- 045 projectile from anterior neck of Christian Thomas

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- 044 Blood stain card of Christian Alexander Tyson Thomas

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- 052 Christian Thomas' blue shorts

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- 016 Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 016) Hornady 556 NATO

Brown Paper Bag C00020-1023341 - Sealed

- 051 Christian Thomas' underwear

Envelope C00020-1023062 - Sealed

- 016 Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 016) Hornady 556 NATO

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- 015 Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 015) Hornady 556 NATO

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- 011 Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 011) Hornady 556 NATO

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- 051 Christian Thomas' underwear

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- 007 Fired Cart Casing (Crime Scene Item 007)- Hornady 556 NATO

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- 007 Fired Cart Casing (Crime Scene Item 007)- Hornady 556 NATO

Envelope C00020-1023072 - Sealed

- 006 Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 006) Hornady 9mm Luger

Brown Paper Bag C00020-1023055 - Sealed

- 023 Handcuffs

Envelope C00020-1023072 - Sealed

- 006 Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 006) Hornady 9mm Luger

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- 003 Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 003) Hornady 9mm Luger

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- 003 Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 003) Hornady 9mm Luger

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- 002 Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 002)- Sig 9 mm Luger

Envelope C00020-1023076 - Sealed

- 002 Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 002)- Sig 9 mm Luger

Gun Box C00020-1023077 - Sealed

- 001 Firearm (Crime Scene Item 001) Semi Auto Pistol - Glock 19 9x19 Serial #KNP943

Not contained

- 027 Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 027) Hornady 556 NATO *P00020-1040389, 027*

- 027 Fired cartridge casing (Crime Scene Item 027) Hornady 556 NATO *P00020-1040389, 027*

SIGNATURES

X *Betsy Turney*

7/24/2025

X *Craig Schoffstall*

7/24/2025

Released From Betsy Turney

Date

Received By Craig Schoffstall

Date