



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



2024-4066
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1004 Park Lane, Apartment A,
Middletown, Ohio (Butler County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Autopsy Review
Involves: Christopher Gorak (S)
Date of Activity: 12/26/2024
Activity Location: Butler County Morgue – 1910 Fairgrove Avenue, Hamilton, OH 45011
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On Thursday, December 26, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Steven Seitzman attended the post-mortem examination of Christopher Gorak. The examination took place at the Butler County Morgue, located at 1910 Fairgrove Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio. The examination was conducted by forensic pathologist Gary Lee Utz, M.D., at approximately 0630 hours.

The following preliminary observations were made during the course of the autopsy:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

SA Seitzman requested to receive a full copy of the autopsy and toxicology reports once available.

After the autopsy, the following items of evidence were collected by SA Seitzman:

- Projectile (recovered from Gorak's left leg by Butler County Coroner's Office staff prior to the autopsy); coroner's office number 24-1077-3; coroner's office internal bullet number M-289.
- Body bag seal; coroner's office number 24-1077-4
- Left hand bag; coroner's office number 24-1077-5
- Right hand bag; coroner's office number 24-1077-6
- Clippings and scrapings; coroner's office number 24-1077-7

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- Clippings and scrapings; coroner's office number 24-1077-8
- Plucked pubic hair; coroner's office number 24-1077-9
- Oral swabs; coroner's office number 24-1077-10
- Right hand swabs; coroner's office number 24-1077-11
- Left hand swabs; coroner's office number 24-1077-12
- Bloodstain card; coroner's office number 24-1077-20
- Projectile (recovered from Gorak's back during the autopsy); coroner's office number 24-1077-22; coroner's office internal bullet number M-290
- Projectile (recovered from Gorak's skull during the autopsy); coroner's office number 24-1077-23; coroner's office internal bullet number M-291.

The aforementioned evidence was secured in a locked area and was later collected by BCI Crime Scene Unit technician Holly Ryczek on Friday, December 27, 2024, at approximately 0935 hours.

The Butler County Coroner's Office chain of custody and the BCI Transfer of Evidence form are attached below.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Autopsy Evidence Receipt

Attachment # 02: Autopsy Transfer of Property Receipt

Attachment # 03: Evidence Receipt for Scene 3 – Butler County Coroner's Office

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Exhibit 1

Ohio BCI
Transfer of Property/Evidence



File #:	2024-4066	Date of Seizure/Custody:	12/26/24	Time of Seizure/Custody:	12/26/24 0832
Agent Name:	S. SEITZMAN		Requesting Agency: MIDDLETOWN PD		
Location Where Transfer of Custody Occurred: 1910 FAIRGROVE AVE, HAMILTON, OH 45011-BUTLER Co. MORGUE					
Item #	Item Description				
1. 1	BULLET (PRIOR TO AUTOPSY- LEFT LEG) 24-1077-3 (M-289)				
2. 2	BODY BAG SEAL 24-10-774				
3. 3	LEFT HAND SWAB 24-1077-5				
4. 4	RIGHT HAND BAG 24-1077-6				
5. 5	CLIPPINGS + SCRAPINGS 24-1077-7				
6. 6	CLIPPINGS + SCRAPINGS 24-1077-8				
7. 7	PUBIC HAIR 24-1077-9				
8. 8	ORAL SWABS 24-1077-10				
9. 9	RIGHT HAND SWABS 24-1077-11				
10. 10	LEFT HAND SWABS 24-1077-12				
11. 11	BLOODSTAIN CARD 24-1077-20				
12. 12	BULLET (AUTOPSY-BACK) 24-1077-22 (M-290)				
13. 13	BULLET (AUTOPSY-HEAD) 24-1077-23 (M-291)				
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15.					
Item #	Received From	Received By	Date/Time		
1. 1-13	MEGHAN KOENIG (ACCO)	SA SEITZMAN	12/26/24 0832		
2. 1-13	SA SEITZMAN				
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Name & Title of Person Receiving (Print): _____

Signature of Person Receiving: _____

Agent Signature

 SEITZMAN

Comments: _____

To be used to document the transfer of property/evidence. Use additional forms as may be necessary to document all property or evidence transfer of custody.

Exhibit 2

Ohio BCI
Transfer of Property/Evidence



File #: 2024-4066	Date of Seizure/Custody: 12/26/24	Time of Seizure/Custody: 12/26/24 0832
Agent Name: S. SEITZMAN		Requesting Agency: MIDDLETOWN PD

Location Where Transfer of Custody Occurred:
1910 FAIRGROVE AVE, HAMILTON, OH 45011 - BUTLER Co. MORGUE

Item #	Item Description
1. 1	BULLET (PRIOR TO AUTOPSY - LEFT LEG) 24-1077-3 (M-289)
2. 2	BODY BAG SEAL 24-10-774
3. 3	LEFT HAND 24-1011-5
4. 4	RIGHT HAND BAG 24-1077-6
5. 5	CLIPPINGS + SCRAPINGS 24-1077-7
6. 6	CLIPPINGS + SCRAPINGS 24-1077-8
7. 7	PUBIC HAIR 24-1077-9
8. 8	ORAL SWABS 24-1077-10
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Name & Title of Person Receiving
(Print): **GST HOLLY RYCZEK**

Signature of Person Receiving: *Holly Ryczek*

Agent Signature: *[Signature]* SEITZMAN

Comments: _____

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Exhibit 3

Evidence Receipt for Case #: 2024-4066



Agency: Ohio BCI
 Prepared By:
 Case Date: Dec 24, 2024
 Offense(s): Officer Involved Critical Incident
 Victim(s):
 Witness(es):
 Suspect(s):
 Scene #: 3
 Scene Address: 1910 Fairgrove Avenue, Hamilton, OH 45011

Evidence #	Item Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
1	Envelope containing Fired Projectile -- Quantity: 1; 1 projectile recovered from Christopher Gorak during autopsy	Christopher Gorak	Steven Seitzman	Dec 26, 2024
2	Envelope containing Fired Projectile -- Quantity: 1; 1 projectile recovered from Christopher Gorak during autopsy	Christopher Gorak	Steven Seitzman	Dec 26, 2024
3	Envelope containing Fired Projectile -- Quantity: 1; 1 projectile recovered from Christopher Gorak during autopsy	Christopher Gorak	Steven Seitzman	Dec 26, 2024
4	Paper Bag containing Biological Items -- Biological items recovered from Christopher Gorak during autopsy	Christopher Gorak	Steven Seitzman	Dec 26, 2024

Released By	Released To	Date/Time
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