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Officer Involved Critical Incident - Unidentified Victim (V)

Investigative Activity: Officer Involved Critical Incident

Activity Date: 6/27/2022

Activity Location: 1655 / 1659 South Main St., Akron, OH 44301

Authoring Agent: S/A Justin Soroka

Details:

On June 27, 2022, at approximately 0145 hrs., S/A Justin Soroka received a call from S/A Larry Hootman in reference to an agent request. Police Officers with the Akron Police Department were involved in a shooting, and the Akron Police Department was requesting assistance with the investigation. S/A Soroka contacted Detective Sergeant Mike Orrand by phone and spoke with him. S/A Soroka asked Det. Sgt. Orrand if they were requesting the Special Investigations Unit in addition to the Crime Scene Unit. Det. Sgt. Orrand stated that they were only requesting the Crime Scene Unit.

On June 27, 2022, at approximately 0225 hrs., S/A Justin Soroka arrived near the intersection of E. Wilbeth Rd. and Clairmont Ave., and met with Detective Sergeant Mike Orrand. S/A Soroka learned that Officers with the Akron Police Department were engaged in a vehicle pursuit, and that the subject had reportedly fired a firearm during the pursuit. Near the E. Wilbeth Rd. entrance to Bridgestone the subject fled from the vehicle, which was not placed in park, and Police Officers engaged in a foot pursuit with the subject. Officers reportedly deployed Tasers with no effect, and at some point the subject was reportedly observed reaching towards his waistband. It was reported that eight Akron Police Officers fired their firearms while in the parking lot, striking and killing the subject. The subject's vehicle had continued to travel, and struck the Firestone Park Christian Church where it came to rest. It was reported that a firearm was observed in the vehicle. Akron Crime Scene Personnel collected the Police Officers' firearms, and it was requested that S/A Soroka document the scene. Shortly after, S/A Dan Boerner arrived to assist with processing the scene.

S/A Soroka photographed the scene as it was found. Yellow barrier tape had been placed around the scene and Akron Police Officers were stationed at the nearest intersections and around the parking lot providing scene security. 1655 and 1659 South Main St. were buildings that were a part of the Bridgestone Cooperation, and sat on the corner of South Main St. and E. Wilbeth Rd. in the City of Akron. An access driveway to both buildings was located off of E. Wilbeth Rd., and was reportedly the general area in which the subject fled from the vehicle on foot. The access driveway led to parking lots for the buildings, with the parking lot to the west of the driveway being where the shooting took place. Street lights lined the north and south side of E. Wilbeth Rd. The area was dimly lit with ambient light from the street lights and a light located in the parking lot. Between the parking lot and the access driveway was mowed grass, and landscaped beds were located on the east and the south sides of the parking lot. The south side of the parking lot ran parallel with the side walk and E. Wilbeth Rd., with a

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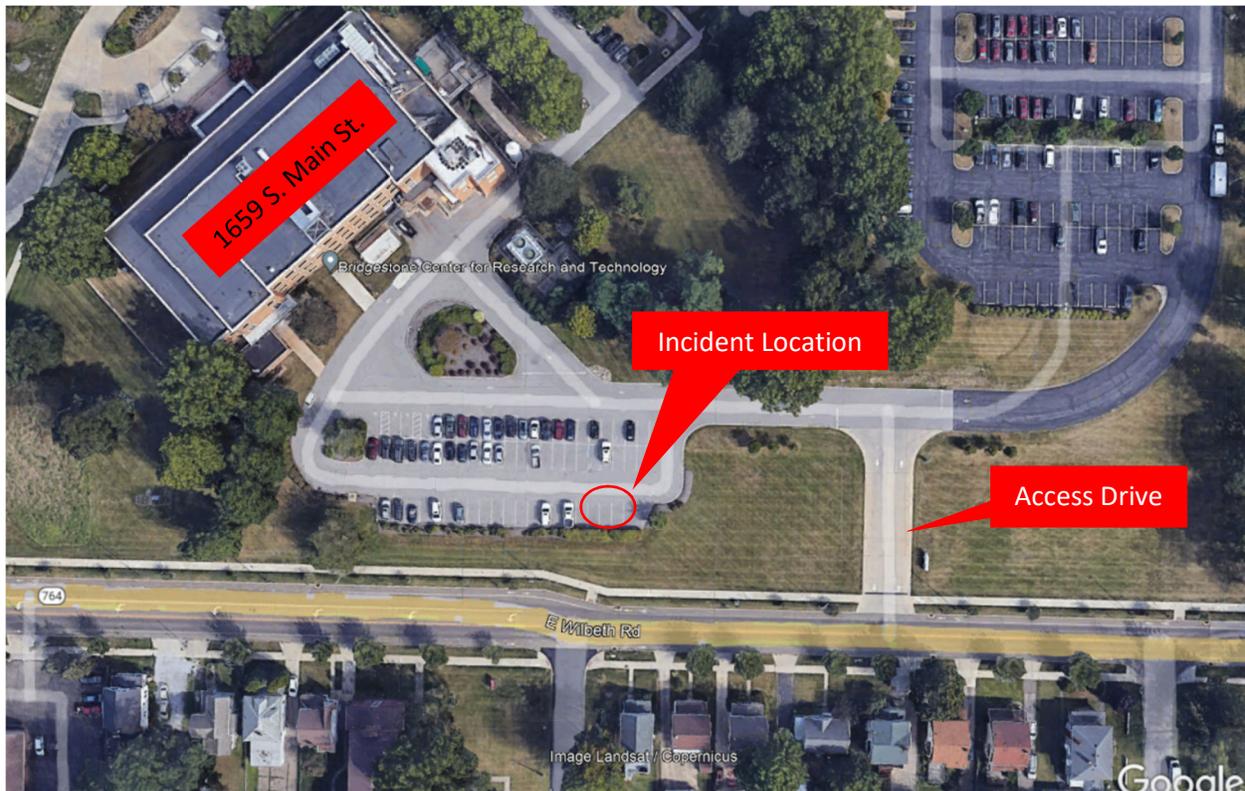


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mowed grass area separating the two. In the parking lot, the Akron Fire Department was on scene and was providing auxiliary lighting to illuminate the scene.

Near the southeast corner of the parking lot is where the shooting appeared to have occurred. Placards numbered up to 12 had been placed in the parking lot, but numerous other items, including, but not limited to, cartridge cases, tasers, and firearms magazines, which were not placarded, were observed throughout the parking lot. The subject was lying in the parking lot, approximately 72' from the south east corner of the parking lot. The subject was lying on his back with his head to the northwest and his feet to the southeast. His hands were handcuffed, with his right arm behind his back, his left arm at his side, and both hands near his left hip. The subject appeared to have been wearing black pants, tennis shoes, a blue shirt, a black jacket, and a thin, black head covering. The pants and blue shirt appeared to have been cut, presumably by medical personnel. Numerous defects were observed on the subject's body. Tourniquets were observed to have been placed on his upper left arm and his right and left thigh. Gauze appeared to have been placed on or in several of the injuries. Numerous first aid supplies were observed on the pavement around the deceased. Multiple defects in the asphalt pavement, consistent with bullet impacts, were observed around the deceased.



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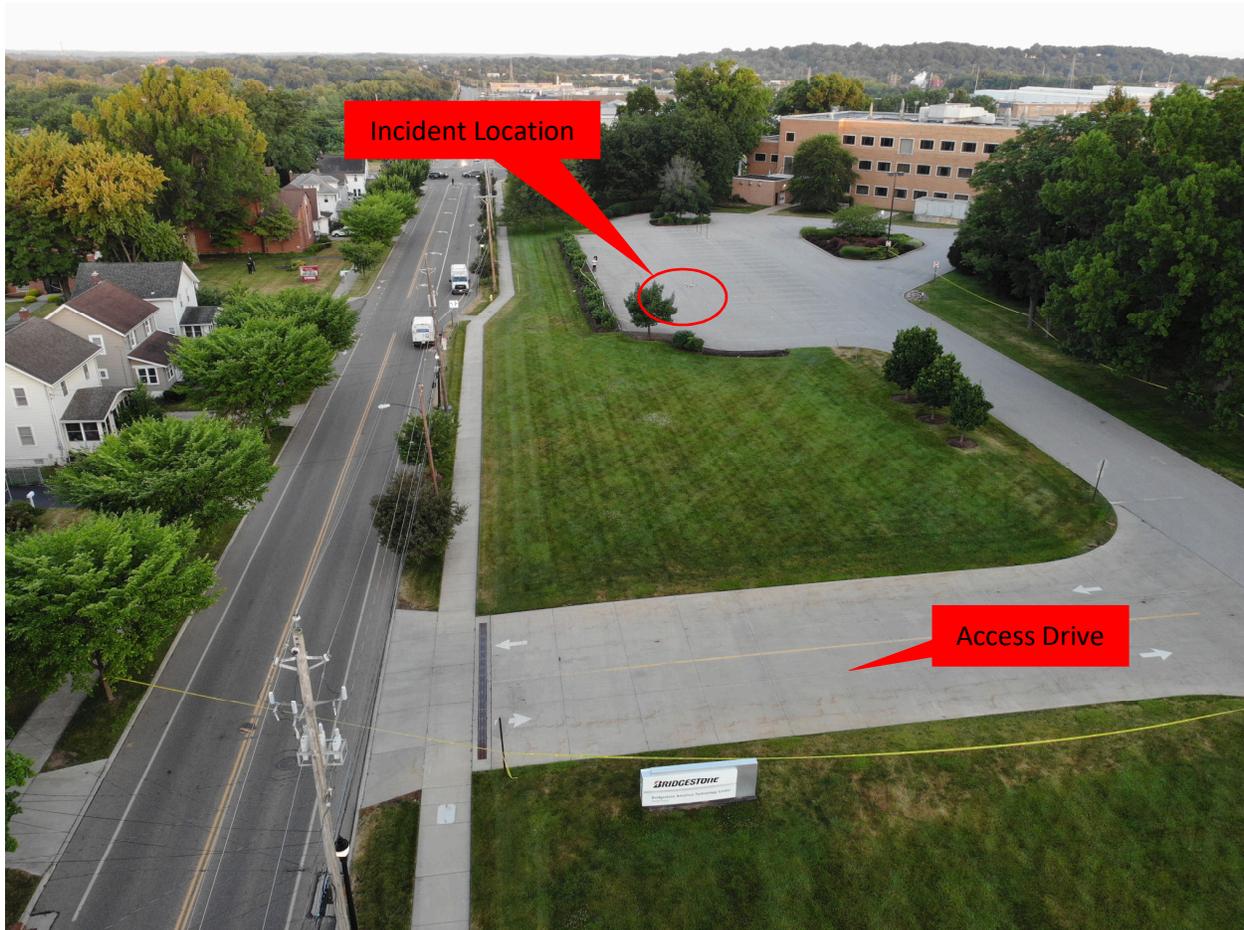


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Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) Photo / Looking West

The parking lot was searched and the items that had been placarded were re-placarded. Item #1 through item #3, and item #6 were bullets that were located on the pavement near the deceased. Item #4, Item #5, and item #7 through item #97 were cartridge cases marked with the headstamp "Speer 9mm Luger". Item #92 included two cartridge cases. An X-26 Taser was marked as item #98. The safety was in the "On" position, and the taser cartridge had been fired. An X-26 Taser was marked as item #99. The safety was in the "Off" position, and the taser cartridge had not been fired. A 17 capacity, Glock 9mm magazine, containing no cartridges was marked as item #100. The letters [REDACTED] were observed on the side of the magazine; however, the word or name was illegible. A 15 capacity, Glock 9mm magazine, containing no cartridges was marked as item #101. The number [REDACTED] was observed on the side of the magazine. A 17 capacity, Glock 9mm magazine, containing no cartridges was marked as item #104. The number [REDACTED] was observed on the side of the magazine. Taser wires with probes located in the

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parking lot were marked as item #102, and item #103. A taser wire with a probe located in the mowed grass area, south of the parking lot and the landscaped bed was marked as item #105.



Parking Lot with Placards in Place / Looking Northwest

The landscaped beds around the parking lot and the mowed grass, approximately 10' from the landscaped beds, were searched with the use of a metal detector. Nothing additional was located.

The subject's vehicle had come to rest in the corner of 40 E. Wilbeth Rd., which was the Firestone Park Christian Church. It was reported that Akron Police had stopped the vehicle from running, but otherwise had left it in the condition it was found. S/A Soroka photographed the vehicle, a 2005 silver Buick Century, bearing Ohio license plate HON 4514, as it was found. Tire tracks in the grass were observed leading to the vehicle's final rest, and a stop sign at the east corner of E. Wilbeth Rd. and Clairmont Ave. was lying on the ground in a manner that was consistent with the vehicle's direction of travel. On the driver seat of the vehicle, a handgun, handgun magazine, cartridge case, and a gold, wedding style ring were observed. S/A Soroka spoke with Det. Sgt. Orrand about the collection of the

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firearm. It was determined that the firearm would be collected, and that the vehicle would be towed to be processed at a later time. S/A Soroka collected the firearm, which was a Glock 45, 9mm, bearing serial number [REDACTED]. The slide was locked back and nothing was located in the chamber. The Glock magazine indicated it had a capacity of 17 cartridges. The magazine was unloaded and found to contain eight cartridges marked with the headstamp "SIG 9mm Luger". The cartridges were placed back in the magazine, and the magazine was packaged with the handgun, which was identified as item #107. The cartridge case located on the driver seat was marked with the headstamp "SIG 9mm Luger". It was collected and identified as item #106.



OH / HON 4514



Driver Seat

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The investigator with the Summit County Medical Examiner's Office conducted his examination. The deceased was removed from the scene by a transport team. Nothing additional was located underneath the deceased.

The scene was mapped with the use of the Faro 3D Scanner. The scene was also documented with the use of a Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS).

An Akron Police Officer working scene security had located a bullet near the loading dock of the Bridgestone building. The area was searched by that Akron Officer, Officers with the Akron Crime Scene Unit, and S/A Soroka. Six additional bullets were located in the area of the loading dock, and were identified as item #108 through Item #113.

All items collected were sealed and initialed by S/A Soroka. An inventory receipt was completed by S/A Boerner and signed by Sergeant Robert Miller of the Akron Crime Scene Unit. All items collected were given to Sgt. Miller, and a copy of the inventory receipt was sent through a text message to Officer Steven Sabol of the Akron Crime Scene Unit. The bullets found near the loading dock were found after the first inventory receipt was completed and signed, so an additional inventory receipt was completed by S/A Soroka, signed by Sgt. Miller, and sent to Officer Sabol.

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