



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 2900 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH 45044 (L)

Investigative Activity: Collection of Autopsy Evidence (*Scene #3*)  
 Activity Date: February 26, 2023  
 Activity Location: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, London, Ohio  
 Authoring Agent: Special Agent Chad Holcomb, #61

On February 25, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb was assigned to assist the Middletown Police Department (MPD) with an officer involved critical incident. It was reported that MPD officers pulled over a vehicle and discovered that the passenger, Victor Lykins (Lykins), had warrants for his arrest. A struggle over a firearm occurred and MPD Officer John Hilgendorf discharged his firearm, striking Lykins. Lykins was pronounced deceased on scene.

On February 26, 2023, BCI SA Doug Eveslage and SA Lauren Frazier attended the autopsy of Hilgendorf at the Montgomery County Coroner's Office (MCCO). SA Holcomb was contacted by SA Frazier stating that some of Hilgendorf's clothing was saturated in blood and the MCCO could not dry the evidence due to their drying cabinet being full. SA Holcomb agreed to meet SA Eveslage and SA Frazier in London, Ohio to assist in placing the evidence into the BCI drying cabinet. At 0948 hours, all autopsy evidence was placed into the BCI drying cabinet.

On February 27, 2023, at 0910 hours, SA Holcomb removed all evidence, except a red hooded sweatshirt due to it still being wet, to photograph and package the evidence. The following autopsy evidence was photographed, packaged and labeled:

Item #	Description
#1	Three projectiles recovered from autopsy
#2	Lykins DNA card
#3	Personal items including: keys, knives, sunglasses, rings, credit cards
#4	Fingerprints, oral & rectal swabs and fingernail scrapings
#5	Jeans, hat (with suspected bullet hole and blood), shoes, underwear, socks and two shirts (both with suspected bullet hole and blood)

At 1033 hours, items #2-5 were placed into the BCI temporary evidence locker #1 to be submitted to the BCI major crimes evidence vault. At 1047 hours, item #1 was submitted to the BCI Laboratory for examination.

On February 28, 2023, at 1515 hours, SA Holcomb removed the red hooded sweatshirt from the BCI drying cabinet. The hooded sweatshirt had a suspected bullet hole in the back of the sweatshirt and in the hood. The sweatshirt was photographed and labeled as item #6. At 1529 hours, item #6 was placed in the BCI temporary evidence locker #1 to be placed into the BCI major crimes evidence vault.

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