



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



2024-3954

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 3487 Belmont Avenue,
Youngstown, Ohio, 44505

Investigative Activity: Consent to Search
Involves: Sally Cowan (O)
Activity Date: 12/17/2024
Activity Location: BCI - Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Goudy

Narrative:

On Tuesday, December 17, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) contacted Sally Cowan (Cowan), the registered owner of the white 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee, that was previously reported stolen out of Sharpsville, Pennsylvania. The Jeep was involved in an officer involved critical incident which occurred in Liberty Township, Ohio. The Jeep, reported stolen by Cowan, was driven by Jason A. Cain (Cain) during the incident.

The 2021 Jeep Cherokee was secured at the Liberty Township Police Department for further processing. Upon speaking with Cowan over the telephone, she advised that she was formerly in a relationship with Cain from August of 2023 to September of 2024. Cowan further stated that sometime between the hours of 2000 hours on Thursday, December 12, 2024, and 0730 hours on Friday, December 13, 2024, Cain entered her house without Cowan's consent and took her keys to the Jeep Cherokee. Cowan further stated that she did not authorize Cain to enter her residence and/or to take her vehicle. Cowan immediately reported the vehicle stolen to the Sharpsville Borough Police Department. (Sharpsville Police Report #20241213M2224)

After explaining to Cowan the status of her vehicle, she provided verbal consent to search and process her vehicle. Additionally, a consent form was sent via email to Officer Brendan Gill (Gill) of the Sharpsville Borough Police Department to obtain a signature from Cowan while in his presence. After Cowan signed the consent to search form, Officer Gill emailed the consent form back to SA Goudy. An additional consent form was also provided and signed by Cowan to include event data recorder information.

For further information, please refer to the attached consent forms and the police report from the Sharpsville Borough Police Department. In addition, an audio recording of the verbal consent can be found in Evidence.com listed as reference item D.

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References:

Ref Item D - Audio Interview - Sally Cowan - Vehicle Consent to Search

Attachments:

1. Sharpsville Borough Police Department - Stolen Auto Report
2. Consent to Search Form
3. Consent to Search Form - OSP

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Incident Report

SHARPSVILLE BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT
1 S WALNUT ST
SHARPSVILLE, PA 16150

Phone: (724)962-7829 Fax: (724)962-0672

Approved Report ☒ DEAN TOTH

Incident #

20241213M2224

Reference #

2024-SR-0002835

Municipality SHARPSVILLE BOROUGH (410)
Report Type INCIDENT

Location 625 W RIDGE AVE & S 7TH ST - 16150

Landmark SR518 WALNUT/MAIN/7/RIDGE
Premise BEHIND BUILDING/ALLEY

Point of Entry
Meth. of Entry

Patrol Zone Grid

Reported 12/13/2024 @ 07:48 (Fri)

Discovered @

Last Secure @

Received 07:48 Dispatched 07:50

Arrived 08:09 Cleared 08:22

Status FURTHER INVESTIGATION

Disposition

Clear Date

Badge 16 - BRENDAN JAMES GILL

Criminal Code	Title
	Section
	Sub-Section
	Description

UCR Codes	1140 USE 2600 (UNAUTH USE M/V)
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Evidence

Item	Tag #	Date Received	Bin Location
BROWN COACH WALLET CONTAINING VARIOUS ID'S, MEMBERSHIP CARDS, AND GIFT CARDS	24-0000021	12/13/2024	Bin 01

Vehicles

Year, Make, Model	Style	Color	License-State VIN/Serial#	Owner
2021, JEEP, GRAND CHEROKEE,	HATCHBACK, 4 DOOR	White	LDC1866-PA	SALLY COWAN 625 W RIDGE AVE SHARPSVILLE, PA 16150 Insurance Co. - Policy No. Title

Investigating Officer

Signature

Date

Approving Officer

Signature

Date

Persons Involved

CAIN, JASON A

Arrest Date :

Disposition Date :

Role	Incident Classification	How Charged	Disposition
SUSPECT	1140 USE 2600 (UNAUTH USE M/V)		

Alias
Age-DOB 31 - 04/05/1993 Height 5'10"
Race WHITE Weight 0 Home Addr 649 WILSON SHARPSVILLE RD
Sex MALE Hair CORTLAND, OH 44410
Ethnicity NON-HISPANIC Eyes BROWN
Marital Stat Build Home Ph #
Residency Complex. Work Ph #
SSN Cell Ph # (330)978-9660
Gang Other Ph # No Photo
Tattoo E-Mail
Clothing Employer
GBM Id
-Entered / /
-Released / /
Occupation
OLN/State Addl Addr None
Injury

COWAN, SALLY

Arrest Date :

Disposition Date :

Role	Incident Classification	How Charged	Disposition
COMPLAINANT	1140 USE 2600 (UNAUTH USE M/V)		

Alias
Age-DOB - / / Height
Race WHITE Weight 0 Home Addr 625 W RIDGE AVE
Sex FEMALE Hair SHARPSVILLE, PA 16150
Ethnicity NON-HISPANIC Eyes
Marital Stat Build Home Ph #
Residency Resident Complex. Work Ph #
SSN Cell Ph #
Gang Other Ph # No Photo
Tattoo E-Mail
Clothing Employer
GBM Id
-Entered / /
-Released / /
Occupation
OLN/State Addl Addr None
Injury

TILLERY, HANNA

Arrest Date :

Disposition Date :

Role	Incident Classification	How Charged	Disposition
SUSPECT	1140 USE 2600 (UNAUTH USE M/V)		

Alias
 Age-DOB **23 - 08/14/2001** Height **5'08"**
 Race **WHITE** Weight **0** Home Addr **124 S 7TH ST**
 Sex **FEMALE** Hair **, PA 16150**
 Ethnicity **NON-HISPANIC** Eyes
 Marital Stat Build Home Ph #
 Residency Complex. Work Ph #
 SSN Cell Ph #
 Gang Other Ph # No Photo
 Tattoo **NECK** E-Mail
 Clothing Employer
 GBM Id
 -Entered / / Occupation
 -Released / / Addl Addr **None**
 OLN/State /
 Injury

Comment multiple facial piercings

Main Narrative

BRENDAN JAMES GILL (16)

12/13/2024 07:48 - 16 BRENDAN JAMES GILL

On 12/13/2024 at approximately 07:48hrs, this R/O was dispatched to 625 W Ridge Ave. for a report of a motor vehicle theft. The complainant stated that she believed her ex-boyfriend had stolen her 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee sometime between 20:00hrs on 12/12/2024 and the time of her report.

I arrived on scene and spoke with the complainant, identified as Sally Cowan. Sally stated that she had parked her Jeep behind her residence on 12/12/2024 and that the last time she saw it was approximately 20:00hrs. She advised that this morning at around 07:40hrs, she went outside to start up her Jeep and found it missing. She explained that the keys for the Jeep had been in her coat pocket and that said coat had been kept on a chair in her kitchen. Sally found her coat just outside of the residence on the ground with the keys missing.

Sally advised that she believed her ex-boyfriend, identified as Jason Cain, had come into the residence during the night or early morning and taken said keys. Sally stated that her basement door had been unlocked and that access could be gained to the main floor of the house via the basement. She explained that Jason was aware of this and that her dogs were friendly with him so they would not have barked.

Sally told this R/O that she and Jason had broken up some months ago but that he had been slowly taking his personal items from the residence and garage. She advised that on Sunday, 12/08/2024, she had allowed Jason to use her Jeep to transport some of his things from her residence to his new residence. She also advised that Jason had been at the residence on 12/09/2024 to collect more of his things.

Sally said that she had not given Jason permission to take the Jeep today and that she did not know where he would've went. She was adamant that she wished to pursue charges against Jason for the unauthorized use.

This R/O requested County Dispatch BOLO the vehicle information as well as Jason's descriptive information to Mercer and Trumbull County agencies as Jason was also a person of interest in the missing person's report regarding his current girlfriend, Hannah Tillery.

Further Investigation

Supplemental Narrative
BRENDAN JAMES GILL (16)

SUPPLEMENTAL 12/13/2024 14:01 - 16 BRENDAN JAMES GILL

On 12/13/2024 at approximately 12:15hrs, Sally Cowan contacted MC911 and advised that she had found a wallet belonging to Hanna Tillery in her backyard.

This R/O traveled to 625 W Ridge Ave. and collected said wallet at approximately 13:30hrs. Sally stated that she had told Tillery, who had been at the W Ridge Ave. address on 12/08/2024, that she was not welcome on her property. Sally advised that she would like to pursue trespass charges against Tillery should evidence further suggest she was on the property. Cleared.

Supplemental Narrative
TIMOTHY MARK COVERT (4470)

SUPPLEMENTAL 12/16/2024 15:35 - 4470 TIMOTHY MARK COVERT

At above date and time, this R/O was notified by MC911 that Liberty Twp in Trumbull County was with the stolen vehicle. Liberty wished to confirmed the vehicle to be stolen. I was briefly advised that Liberty Twp had a Officer related shooting involving the occupants of the vehicle. I returned to the PD, verified that the vehicle was last reported as stolen/unauthorized use and notified MC911. MC911 advised Trumbull County 911 requested a copy of the report be faxed to them. I contact Chief Joseph, advising him of the situation before the report was disseminated. A copy of the report was faxed, report was stamped "FAXED" and placed on Chief Joseph's desk.

At approx. 21:05hrs, vehicle owner Sally Cowan called into MC911 in regards to her vehicle being found near Harbor Freight. Cowan was contacted and advised her vehicle was located but the matter was under investigation. It was advised her contact information would be given to Chief Frank Joseph for any further developments and/ information relating to her vehicle.



DAVE YOST
OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL



CONSENT TO SEARCH WITHOUT A WARRANT

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Ohio Attorney General's Office

I, Sally Cowan, have been informed of my constitutional right not to have a search made of my premises, motor vehicle, computer, electronic data storage device, or other property without a search warrant. No promises, threats, duress, or coercion have been made to or against me.

Having been informed of my right to refuse to consent to such a search, and understanding that evidence and/or contraband found as a result of such may be seized and used against me in a court of law, I hereby authorize Joseph Goudy, a Special Agent of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, or any other law enforcement official, to conduct a complete search of:

MOTOR VEHICLE

My motor vehicle, a white 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee, VIN: 1C4RJKAG1M8160830

Registered by the State of Pennsylvania, and all property found therein to include any available vehicle modular data.

This vehicle is currently located at: Liberty Township Police Department – 1315 Churchill Hubbard Road, Liberty Township, Ohio 44505

I am giving this written permission to the above-named Special Agent or other law enforcement official freely and voluntarily. No promises, threats, duress, or coercion have been made to me or against me. I understand I can retract my consent at any time.

Signed Sally Cowan Date 12-17-2024 Time 2:25

Witness (printed) Breanna J. Gill (signed) [Signature]

Witness (printed) Timothy Court (signed) [Signature]



DAVE YOST
OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL



CONSENT TO SEARCH WITHOUT A WARRANT
Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Ohio Attorney General's Office

I, Sally Cowen, have been informed of my constitutional right not to have a search made of my premises, motor vehicle, computer, electronic data storage device, or other property without a search warrant. No promises, threats, duress, or coercion have been made to or against me.

Having been informed of my right to refuse to consent to such a search, and understanding that evidence and/or contraband found as a result of such may be seized and used against me in a court of law, I hereby authorize Joseph Goudy, a Special Agent of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, or any other law enforcement official, to conduct a complete search of:

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This vehicle is currently located at: Liberty Township Police Department – 1315 Churchill Hubbard Road, Liberty Township, Ohio 44505

I am giving this written permission to the above-named Special Agent or other law enforcement official freely and voluntarily. No promises, threats, duress, or coercion have been made to me or against me. I understand I can retract my consent at any time.

Signed Sally Cowen Date Dec 19, 2024 Time 4:31 PM

Witness (printed) Carol Howell (signed) Joseph Goudy

Witness (printed) _____ (signed) _____