



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



2025-3739

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4272 Cider Mill Drive,
Cincinnati, OH 45245 (L)

Investigative Activity: Scene Processing
Involves: Union Township Police Department
Activity Date: 11/17/2025
Activity Location: 4272 Cider Mill Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45245 (Scene 1)
Authoring Agent: Crime Scene Technician Holly Ryczek #205

On Monday, November 17th, 2025, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Crime Scene Unit (CSU) and Force Investigations Unit (FIU) were requested by the Union Township Police Department (UTPD) to investigate an officer involved critical incident (OICI). Reportedly, UTPD was initially dispatched to a disturbance at the above stated address. It was reported by the mother of the involved male subject, later identified as Thomas Mitchell Nobel (Nobel), that her son was having personal issues and was holding her hostage. When officers arrived at the scene, they attempted to coax Nobel to release his mother through negotiation attempts. While doing so, Nobel was reported to have presented a handgun while exiting his residence and advancing towards officers. Two officers fired their weapons, thus striking Nobel, who would later succumb to his injuries at the hospital. Crime Scene Technician (CST) Holly Ryczek responded to the scene to assist. Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) William Jones and Special Agent (SA) Lauren Frazier responded to Union Township Police Department, located at 4312 Glen Este-Withamsville Road, Cincinnati, OH 45245, and documented the involved officers.

Scene 1 (4272 Cider Mill Drive):

CST Ryczek arrived at 4272 Cider Mill Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45245 at approximately 2255 hours. She was advised that an area of suspected blood was located to the north of the residence, which was where Noble had reportedly been shot. She was also advised that cartridge cases were located to the south of the residence, which was where officers had been standing. The scene had been cordoned off by UTPD with yellow crime tape, multiple law enforcement vehicles, and uniformed personnel. The scene was documented through photography, and a Leica BLK360 3D scanner was utilized to collect measurements of the area.

The scene was observed to begin in the driveway of 4270 Cider Mill Drive and end in the driveway of 4274 Cider Mill Drive. One Hornady 5.56 NATO cartridge case was located in the driveway of 4270 Cider Mill Drive directly behind a white Volkswagen Tiguan (OH-JJR3467) and collected as Item #1 for documentation purposes. A second

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5.56 NATO cartridge case was located on the roof of the Tiguan next to the driver side cross bar (Item #8). A third 5.56 NATO cartridge case was observed on the rear windshield wiper of the Tiguan (Item #12). To the north of the Tiguan was a grassy front yard patch. Three 5.56 NATO cartridges were observed in this area (Item #7, Item #9, and Item #10).

Across the street in between 4271 Cider Mill Drive and 4273 Cider Mill Drive, a blue Saturn Ion (OH-KLG4173) was parked. A WIN 9mm Luger cartridge case was observed on top of the front driver windshield wiper. This cartridge case was collected as Item #2.

An area of suspected blood was located at the beginning of the driveway at 4274 Cider Mill Drive. Swabs of this suspected blood were collected as Item #3.

CST Ryczek was advised that all firearms had been collected by UTPD personnel prior to BCI arrival. She was advised a rifle and the weapon Noble reportedly had in his hand were located in Union Township Cruiser #05219 and an involved law enforcement pistol was located in UTPD Detective Cooper's unmarked vehicle.



Image 1. Airsoft Firearm, Item #5

Union Township Cruiser #05219 was parked on the north side of Cider Mill Drive. Two firearms were located in the front passenger side of the vehicle. A rifle was observed

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with its muzzle on the front passenger floorboard and the stock resting against the front passenger seat. The rifle was a black Sig Sauer SIGM400 5.56 NATO rifle (S/N: [REDACTED])¹ with one 5.56 NATO cartridge in the chamber and one seated magazine containing 27 5.56 NATO cartridges. The firearm, magazine, and cartridges were collected as Item #4. A second weapon was located on the front passenger floorboard. This weapon was a black Ruger P345PR 6mm CO2 Airsoft BB gun (S/N: 21M014661) with no CO2 cartridges and no BB pellets in the chamber (Item #5).

Inside the trunk of Detective Cooper's unmarked vehicle, a firearm was located inside of a brown paper bag. This firearm was a black Smith and Wesson M&P M2.0 9mm Luger pistol (S/N: [REDACTED]) containing one 9mm Luger cartridge in the chamber and a seated magazine containing 15 9mm Luger cartridges. The firearm had a TLR-1 HL Streamlight attached to the frame and a red dot optic attached to the slide. The firearm, magazine, and cartridges were collected as Item #6.

A grey Chevy Trailblazer (OH-KGY4112) was parked in the driveway of 4272 Cider Mill Drive. A suspected ballistic impact (BI) was observed on the front passenger side fender and labeled as BI 1.0. The hole was circular in shape and had a lead-in mark² indicating a south-to-north trajectory. No projectile was recovered.

A second BI was observed on the south exterior wall of 4274 Cider Mill Drive and labeled as BI 2.0. The hole was irregular in shape and had pushed the siding inward, indicating a south-to-north trajectory. No projectile was recovered. A third BI was observed in a garage door window at the same address and labeled as BI 3.0. The projectile struck the glass and a portion of the window frame leaving an irregularly shaped hole. Beveling was present on the interior portion of the glass, indicating an exterior-to-interior trajectory. No projectile was recovered.

After the documentation of the involved officers at the Union Township Police Department, SAS William Jones transferred the officer's firearm (item #11) to CST Ryczek at approximately 0110 hours. See report by SA Frazier for details.

While on scene, SA Sean Zint transferred clothing items from Anderson Mercy Hospital that had been located on Noble (Scene 2). These items were transferred to CST Ryczek at 0145 hours.

BCI personnel cleared from the shooting scene at approximately 0215 hours.

¹ It was later determined that this firearm was not involved in the OICI

² A visible, thin elongated deposition of bullet wipe transferred to a surface as a bullet first makes contact with that surface at a shallow impact angle

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Scene 2 (Hospital) and 3 (Autopsy):

On November 19th, SA Frazier transferred items of evidence from Noble's autopsy to CST Ryczek at 1330 hours. CST Ryczek processed the items at BCI Headquarters in London, Ohio on November 21st at approximately 1330 hours. The items included:

- Left and right fingernails
- Nail clippers
- Head hair
- One projectile fragment
- Blood card
- Fingerprints

The fingernails, nail clippers, and head hair were collected together as Item #1, the projectile as Item #2, and all other items as Item #3.

While at BCI headquarters, CST Ryczek processed the clothing items collected from Noble at the hospital. These items included a pair of white socks with suspected blood on them, a pair of black "AND1" size medium underwear, a blue "1 Fortis" size large t-shirt with suspected blood on it, a black robe with suspected blood on it, and a silver-colored chain necklace. One suspected BI was located on the shirt in the left chest area. The clothing items were packaged separately as Item #1.

Disposition of Evidence

On November 18th, 2025, at approximately 1400 hours, CST Ryczek placed all of the items from Scenes 1 and 2 in the temporary evidence locker at BCI headquarters.

On November 21st, at approximately 1330 hours, CST Ryczek removed all items from Scenes 1 and 2 from the temporary evidence locker. The following items were submitted to the BCI laboratory for comparison at approximately 1500 hours:

Scene 1 (4272 Cider Mill Drive): Items #1 (5.56 cartridge case), #2 (9mm cartridge case), #5 (airsoft gun), #6 (pistol), #7-#10 (5.56 cartridge cases), #11 (rifle), #12 (5.56 cartridge case)

Scene 3 (Autopsy): Item #2 (projectile)

All remaining items were placed into temporary evidence locker #2 to be submitted into the major crimes evidence vault at approximately 1519 hours.

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