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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1309 Yellowstone Rd.,  
Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44121

**Investigative Activity:** Initial Crime Scene Processing – 1305 / 1309 Yellowstone Rd., Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44121

**Involves:** Christian Alexander Tyson Thomas (S)

**Activity Date:** 08/30/2024

**Activity Location:** 1305 / 1309 Yellowstone Rd., Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44121

**Authoring Agent:** SA Dan Boerner #135

**Summary:**

On Thursday, August 29, 2024, BCI Special Agent(s) Dan Boerner, Laurna McClintock and Crime Scene Technician Mike Rostocil assisted Chief Christopher Britton and the Cleveland Heights Police Department with the processing of multiple crime scenes located in the 1300 Block of Yellowstone Rd., Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44121 in regard to an officer-involved critical incident. The scene was photographed as it was found, and evidence was collected. The scene was further documented using a Leica RTC360 laser scanner. The scene was processed with the authority of a search warrant.

**Narrative:**

On Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 2247hrs, SA Boerner was contacted by SAS Ed Lulla and was requested to assist Chief Christopher Britton and the Cleveland Heights Police Department with the processing of multiple crime scenes located in the 1300 Block of Yellowstone Rd., Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44121 in regard to an officer-involved critical incident. SA Boerner contacted Captain Jeremy Young and learned that officers of the Cleveland Heights Police Department were dispatched to 1309 Yellowstone Rd., Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44121 for a disturbance between two individuals inside the residence. Capt. Young further reported that one of the males was in possession of a firearm (later ID to be Christian Alexander Tyson Thomas, B/M, DOB: 06/11/2006). Capt. Young reported that during the incident, Thomas jumped out of a screened in porch and reportedly discharged a firearm. Capt. Young reported that three officers (ID to be [REDACTED]) returned fire. Capt. Young reported that Thomas collapsed in the driveway of 1305 Yellowstone Rd. Capt. Young reported that first aid was administered, and that Thomas was subsequently declared to be deceased. Capt. Young reported that his agency was in the

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process of obtaining a search warrant for 1309 Yellowstone Rd. and that the involved officers were at the police department.

On Friday, August 30, 2024, at approximately 0151hrs, SAs Boerner and McClintock learned that written consent to search to search the exterior of the property located at 1305 Yellowstone Rd., Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44121 had been obtained. Overall photographs were taken of the driveway, the front yard, the front flower beds and side yard (South side) (Figures 1-6, Overall photographs – 1305 Yellowstone Rd).



Figure 1, Exterior 1305

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Figure 2, Exterior 1305



Figure 3, Exterior 1305

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Figure 4, Exterior 1305



Figure 5, Exterior 1305

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Figure 6, Exterior 1305

On Friday, August 30, 2024, at approximately 0215hrs, SAs Boerner and McClintock learned that a search warrant had been obtained for the property located at 1309 Yellowstone Rd., Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44121. Overall photographs were subsequently obtained of exterior of the residence (Figures 7-12, Overall photographs - 1309 Yellowstone Rd.).

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Figure 7, Exterior 1309



Figure 8, Exterior 1309

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Figure 9, Exterior 1309



Figure 10, Exterior 1309

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Figure 11, Exterior 1309



Figure 12, Exterior 1309

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The exterior of 1305 and 1309 Yellowstone Rd. were examined for items of suspected evidence and several items of suspected evidence were observed, documented and collected (Table 1, Items of Suspected Evidence, Figures 13-18).

Item #	Description	Location
1	Handgun – a turquoise Glock 19, 9x19, SN: KNP943, 0 cartridge in chamber, no magazine, and suspected bloodstains and damage to the trigger guard	North side of 1309 Yellowstone near screened in porch
2	Cartridge case – SIG 9mm Luger	North side of 1309 Yellowstone near screened in porch
3	Cartridge case – Hornady 9mm Luger	Front yard of 1309 Yellowstone
4	Cartridge case – Hornady 9mm Luger	Front yard of 1309 Yellowstone
5	Cartridge case – Hornady 9mm Luger	Front yard of 1309 Yellowstone
6	Cartridge case – Hornady 9mm Luger	Front yard of 1309 Yellowstone
7	Cartridge case – Hornady NATO 5.56	Southwest corner of 1305 Yellowstone, in flower bed
8	Cartridge case – Hornady NATO 5.56	Southwest corner of 1305 Yellowstone, in flower bed
9	Cartridge case – Hornady NATO 5.56	Southwest corner of 1305 Yellowstone, in flower bed
10	Cartridge case – Hornady NATO 5.56	Southwest corner of 1305 Yellowstone, in flower bed
11	Cartridge case – Hornady NATO 5.56	Southwest corner of 1305 Yellowstone, in flower bed
12	Cartridge case – Hornady NATO 5.56	Southwest corner of 1305 Yellowstone, in flower bed
13	Cartridge case – Hornady NATO 5.56	Southwest corner of 1305 Yellowstone, in flower bed
14	Cartridge case – Hornady NATO 5.56	Southwest corner of 1305 Yellowstone, in flower bed
15	Cartridge case – Hornady NATO 5.56	Southwest corner of 1305 Yellowstone, in flower bed

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16	Cartridge case - Hornady NATO 5.56	Southwest corner of 1305 Yellowstone, in flower bed
17	Cartridge case - Hornady NATO 5.56	Southwest corner of 1305 Yellowstone, in flower bed
18	Cartridge case - Hornady NATO 5.56	Southwest corner of 1305 Yellowstone, in flower bed
19	Cartridge case - Hornady NATO 5.56	Southwest corner of 1305 Yellowstone, in flower bed
20	Cartridge case - Hornady NATO 5.56	Southwest corner of 1305 Yellowstone, in flower bed
21	Cartridge case - Hornady NATO 5.56	Southwest corner of 1305 Yellowstone, in flower bed
22	Cartridge case - Hornady NATO 5.56	Southwest corner of 1305 Yellowstone, in flower bed
23	Handcuffs removed from the body of Thomas	Driveway of 1305 Yellowstone
24	Cartridge case - Hornady NATO 5.56	Front yard between 1315 and 1521 Yellowstone
25	Cartridge case - Hornady NATO 5.56	Front yard between 1315 and 1521 Yellowstone
26	Cartridge case - Hornady NATO 5.56	Front yard between 1315 and 1521 Yellowstone
27	Cartridge case - Hornady NATO 5.56	Front yard between 1315 and 1521 Yellowstone

Table 1, Items of suspected evidence

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Figure 13, Items 1-2



Figure 14, Item 1

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Figure 15, Items 3-6



Figure 16, Items 7-12

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Figure 17, Items 13-22



Figure 18, Items 23-27

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The exteriors of 1305 – 1321 Yellowstone Rd. were further documented using a Leica RTC360 laser scanner. Using the scan data and additional Leica software, panoramas and three overhead diagrams (with/without placards and with/without ballistic impacts) was created and provided to investigators (Figure 19, Overhead diagram).



Figure 19, Overhead diagram with placards and ballistic impacts

The interior of 1309 Yellowstone Rd., Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44121 was photographed as it was found and examined for items of suspected evidence. Several items of suspected evidence were observed, documented and collected (Table 2. Items of Suspected Evidence – Interior)<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Additional items of suspected drug evidence were found during the initial search of the residence. After obtaining an additional search warrant, the items of suspected drug evidence were collected by members of the Cleveland Hts. Police Department.

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Item #	Description	Location
28	Cartridge case - SIG 9mm Luger	On floor inside of garage man door
29	Cartridge - SIG 9mm Luger	Stairs leading to basement
30	Qty 2, cartridges - SIG 9mm Luger	Basement nightstand
31	Qty 10, cartridges - SIG 9mm Luger	Basement in box with suspected narcotics
32	Black cell phone	Kitchen counter
33	Taurus G3C 9mm gun case SN: AED274915 with two magazines	Third story bedroom
34	Apple iPhone, placed in Airplane Mode	Third story bedroom
35	Qty 3, misc. cell phones	Third story bedroom
36	Projectile from BI 9.4	Screened in porch, BI 9.4
37	Body camera - [REDACTED]	SA Matt Armstrong

Table 2, Items of suspected evidence - interior

The body of Thomas was photographed as it was found and examined for possible evidence by members of the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office (Figure 20, Body of Thomas). The body of Thomas exhibited multiple suspected gunshot wounds and was removed from the scene by members of the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office transport service.

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Figure 20, Body of Thomas

The exterior/interior of 1309 Yellowstone Rd., Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44121 was examined for suspected ballistic impacts and several suspected ballistic impacts were located, photographed and documented (Table 3, Suspected Ballistic Impacts, Figures 21-27, BI 1.0 – BI 10.0).

BI #	Location	General direction of travel	Evidence recovered (Y/N)
1.0	Front of 1309 Yellowstone	South to North / outside to inside	N
2.0	Front of 1309 Yellowstone	South to North / outside to inside	N
3.0	Front of 1309 Yellowstone	South to North / outside to inside	N
4.0	North side of 1309 Yellowstone near screened in porch	Northwest to Southeast / outside to inside	N

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5.0	North side of 1309 Yellowstone near screened in porch	Northwest to Southeast / outside to inside	N
6.0	North side of 1309 Yellowstone near screened in porch	Northwest to Southeast / outside to inside	N
7.0	North side of 1309 Yellowstone near screened in porch	Northwest to Southeast / outside to inside	N
8.0	North side of 1309 Yellowstone near screened in porch	Northwest to Southeast / outside to inside	N
9.0 -9.4	East side of 1309 Yellowstone between garage man door and screen porch	South to North / inside to outside	Y
10.0	North side of 1309 Yellowstone near screened in porch	Northwest to Southeast / outside to inside	N

Table 3, Suspected ballistic impacts



Figure 21, BI 1.0 - BI 3.0

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Figure 22, BI 4.0 - BI 8.0 and BI 10.0



Figure 23, BI 4.0 - BI 8.0 and BI 10.0

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Figure 24, BI 9.0



Figure 25, BI 9.1

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Figure 26, BI 9.2 – BI 9.4



Figure 27, BI 9.4 and Item 36

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Figure 28, Item 36

All items of evidence were turned over to CST Mike Rostocil for transport to the BCI Richfield Office. Items 1-37 were subsequently placed into Temporary Evidence Locker #10. An Inventory / Receipt Attachment form was filled out and signed by SA Boerner and CST Rostocil, a copy of the form was left with CST Rostocil for their records. A copy of the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form was also emailed to Detective William Robinson ([WRobinson@clevelandheights.gov](mailto:WRobinson@clevelandheights.gov)) for his records.

The photographs are to be uploaded into Matrix. A copy of the photographs was made and provided to investigators.

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**A copy of this report should be sent to:**

Ohio BCI – Richfield Office

Attn: Special Agent Nicholas Valente

Email: [Nicholas.Valente@OhioAGO.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Valente@OhioAGO.gov)

**References:**

**Attachments:**

- 2024-2614 Evidence Receipt – 1309 Yellowstone Rd., Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44121
- 2024-2614 Overhead diagram with suspected ballistic impacts

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