

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



2024-1755 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4500 Block of Sullivant Ave, Columbus, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Collection of Autopsy Evidence

Involves: Noel Hernandez Cortaza

Activity Date: 06/17/2024

Activity Location: Franklin County Coroner's Office

Authoring Agent: Crime Scene Technician Amy Gill, #203

Narrative:

On June 17, 2024, as part of an ongoing officer involved critical incident investigation, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Crime Scene Technician (CST) Amy Gill retrieved evidence from the Franklin County Coroner's Office (FCCO).

At 1042 hours, CST Gill met with FCCO front desk attendant Sophia Vance and received a brown bag containing evidence from the autopsy of Noel Hernandez Cortaza. CST Gill returned to the Ohio BCI main office located in London, Ohio, where the evidence was packaged and labeled as the following:

| Item # | Description |
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| 1 | Clothing to include pants, t-shirt, underwear and socks |
| 2 | Personal belongings to include jewelry, miscellaneous papers and cards, |
| | wallet, credit cards with name Noel Hernandez, \$176 US currency |
| 3 | Fingernail collection kit from autopsy |
| 4 | Fingerprint cards collected during autopsy |
| 5 | Bags from hands collected during autopsy |
| 6 | Taser probe and wires collected during autopsy |
| 7 | FTA card collected during autopsy |
| 8 | CD containing photographs of autopsy |
| 9 | Multiple projectiles and fragments collected during autopsy |

At 1248 hours, CST Gill secured all items inside the BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) temporary evidence locker.

On June 26, 2024, CST Gill removed all items from the BCI CSU temporary evidence locker. At 1249 hours, item 9 (projectiles and fragments) was submitted to the BCI laboratory. All remaining items were placed into the BCI Temporary Evidence Locker #3 to be submitted to the BCI major crimes evidence vault.

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