



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



2023-2059

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 205 US 250, Polk, Ohio 44866

Investigative Activity: Officer Involved Critical Incident (Secondary Search, Second Day).
Activity Date: Sunday, August 6th, 2023
Activity Location: 203 US Route 250, Ashland, Ohio (Rowsburg)
Authoring Agent: S/A Ed Staley

SUMMARY:

The Ashland County Sheriff's Office requested crime scene assistance processing the scene of an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) located at 205 US Route 250, Polk, Ohio 44866, in the village of Rowsburg, Ohio.

DETAILS:

On Sunday August 6th, 2023 at approximately 9:48am S/A Ed Staley received a call from S/A Bill Conn of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. The call was regarding an agent request for crime scene assistance concerning an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI). On Sunday August 6th, 2023 S/A Staley responded to the address of 203 Us Route 250, Polk, Ohio 44866 (Rowsburg). S/A Conn had received a call from a neighbor Ashley who resides at 203 US Route 250.

S/A Staley contacted Ashley at [REDACTED]. Ashley advised she had what appear to be some bullet holes in her shed behind her house and a suspected bullet in the flower bed nearby. S/A Staley advised Ashley he would be on the way out shortly.

S/A Staley arrived shortly thereafter and met with Ashley at her residence. Ashley and her husband directed S/A Staley's attention the white tile shed in the back yard. S/A Staley viewed a suspected bullet impact to the left side window trim and the suspected bullet impact the sunflower thermometer hanging above the window. S/A Staley documented the suspected bullet impact to the window trim as BI 1.0 and the suspected bullet impact to the sunflower thermometer as BI 2.0.

S/A Staley "Road mapped" the locations of BI 1.0 and BI 2.0. S/A Staley photographed and captured a vertical and horizontal distance from the ground up and from the left corner as facing the wall.

S/A Staley located a suspected copper jacketed bullet in the flower bed just below both BI 1.0 and BI 2.0. S/A Staley photographed the bullet as it was found and again utilizing placard #30

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for documentation. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the suspected bullet as **item #30** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/06/2023.

S/A Staley located another suspected bullet impact to a small tree between the residences of 203 and 205 US Route 250. S/A Staley documented the suspected bullet impact as BI 3.0. S/A Staley utilized a scale for documentation purposes.

S/A Staley had received a call from Ashland County Sheriff's Office, Chief Deputy Dave Blake. Chief Blake advised S/A Staley after reviewing the officer worn videos, it was noticed that it appeared as if the subject had fired a handgun towards the Deputies when at the scene.

S/A Staley had gone back to 205 US Route 250, Polk, Ohio 44866 (*the original Scene*). S/A Staley met with a male subject believed to be the deceased nephew, who pointed out a suspected bullet impact to the tree along the driveway.

S/A Staley photographed the suspected bullet impact to the tree as it was found. S/A Staley documented the suspected impact as BI 4.0. S/A Staley placed a scale in the photographs for documentation purposes. S/A Staley was able to remove a suspected bullet from the impact site.

S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the suspected bullet as **item #31** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/06/2023.

S/A Staley searched the back-yard area of 205 US Route 250 with a metal detector. S/A Staley located two WIN 9MM cartridge cases between the sidewalk and the house. S/A Staley placed placards #32 and #33 for documentation. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the two cartridge cases as **item #32 and #33** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/06/2023.

All items of evidence were retained by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation to be held as evidence. Two Inventory / Receipt Attachment forms were filled out and signed by S/A Staley and S/A Nick Valente, a copy of the form was left with Valente for their records.

The photographs were uploaded into the Matrix record retention database. A USB copy of the photographs was made and disseminated to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation to be placed into their respective case file.



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