



Ohio Attorney General's Office
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2022-1673

Officer Involved Critical Incident - Intersection of I-71 and I-73,
Waynesville, Warren County

Investigative Activity: Processing of Smith Road (*Scene 3*)
Activity Date: August 11, 2022
Activity Location: Smith Road near Van Tress Road, Chester Township, OH 45177
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Aja Chung, #86

On Thursday, August 11th, 2022, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was contacted regarding an officer involved critical incident. A male, identified as Ricky Shiffer (Shiffer) led law enforcement personnel on a pursuit after he tried to breach the FBI office in Cincinnati. The pursuit ended on Smith Road, south of Van Tress Road in Chester Township, Ohio. Shiffer engaged Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP) personnel by shooting his rifle at them and fire was returned by OSP troopers. After documenting the OSP troopers at the Wilmington OSP Post, SA Chung drove to Smith Road to process the scene. FBI agents and personnel were at the scene as well.

At 1925 hours, SA Chung arrived on scene and spoke with BCI Crime Scene Unit Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Joshua Durst. A Warren County SWAT vehicle was still on scene and parked on Smith Rd., south of the white Ford Crown Victoria (FL license plate/49B DGX) that Shiffer operated. Shiffer's body was still on scene and some contents from within his car had been removed and were on the roadway. SA Chung used a drone and a Sokkia Total Station to further document the scene.



(Drone photograph of scene facing southbound on Smith Road)

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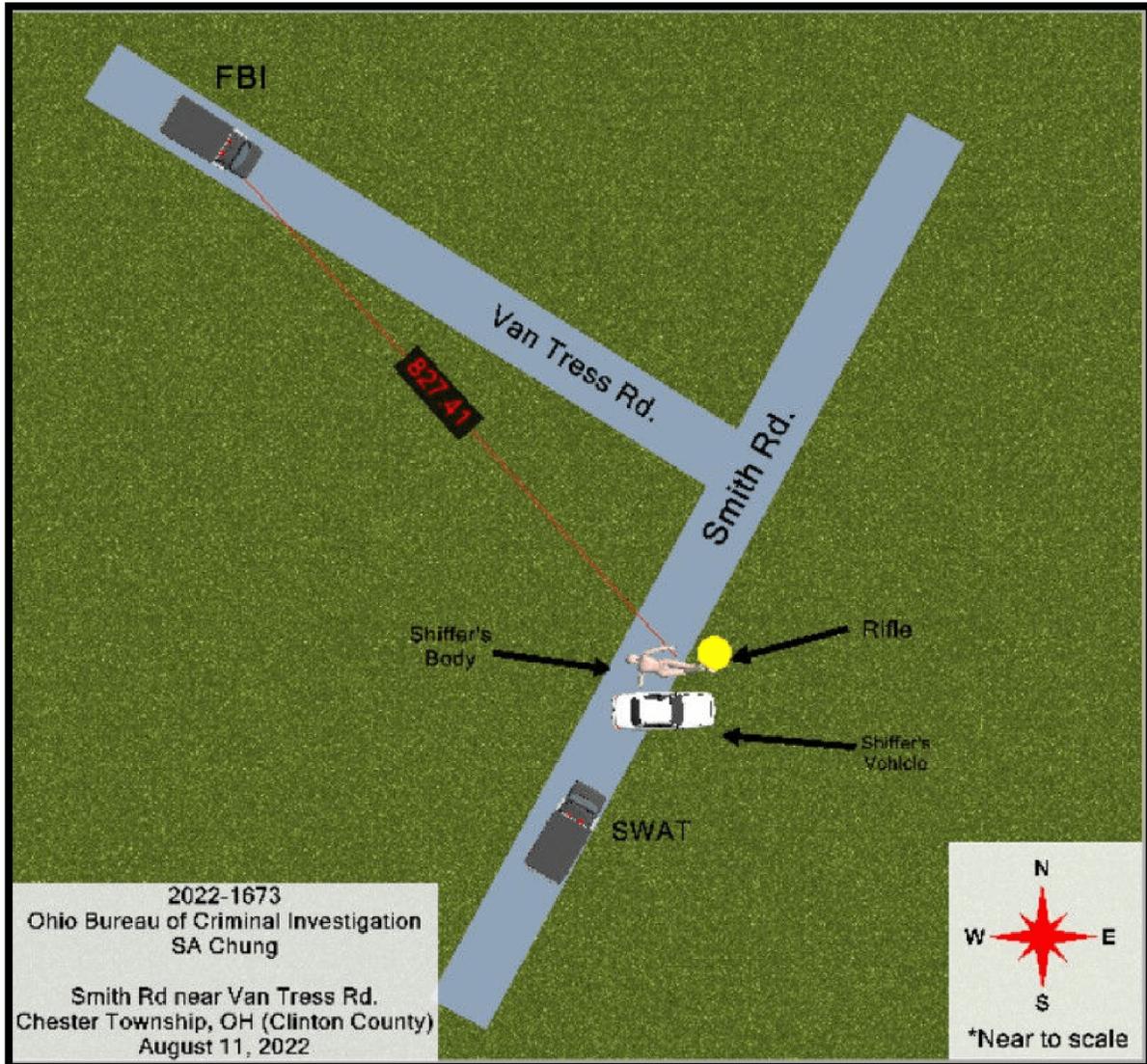


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(Diagram of scene)

At 2037 hours, SA Chung documented the scene through photography. It should be noted SA Holcomb arrived to Smith Rd. prior to SA Chung's arrival and photographed the scene at 1747 hours. Between those hours, no evidentiary items appeared to have been removed from or around the white Ford vehicle. SA Chung identified and collected multiple evidentiary items. Those items collected included:

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Item #	Description	Location collected from
1	(25) .223 casings	Behind SWAT vehicle on roadway
2	(3) Shot shells (fired)	Ground near SWAT vehicles
3	(2) .223 casings	Turret of SWAT vehicle ██████████ (WCSO)
4	(32) .223 casings	Roadway by SWAT vehicles
5	.223 casing	Roadway by white Ford
6	.223 casing	Roadway by white Ford
7	.223 casing	Roadway by white Ford
8	.223 casing	Middle of road, near white Ford
9	.223 casing	North side of roadway
10	.223 casing	North side of roadway
11	Camouflage battle belt with knife	Center of roadway
12	Camouflage magazine belt with (6) rifle magazines (loaded), two were damaged	Roadway near deceased body
13	Rifle: Ruger AR-556, 5.56 x 45 NATO S/N: 859-79984 (1) cartridge removed from chamber (25) contained in seated magazine	Woodline near front driver side wheel of white Ford.
14	Cell phone: Motorola with black case	Grass near deceased and white Ford
15	.223 casing	Middle of roadway near deceased
16	Blue duffle bag with firearms pouches and 5.56 NATO cartridges	Middle of roadway near items 5-7
17	Green jacket and wallet with Shiffer's FL driver's license	Roadway next to deceased
17.1	\$343.00 cash from wallet (item 17)	Roadway next to deceased
18	.223 casing	Inside white Ford, rear passenger floorboard
19	Tan rifle magazine pouch with (2) magazines	
20	Nail gun, Craftsman	White Ford rear, middle seat
21	Cell phone: blue Motorola	White Ford, front passenger seat

Item 14 and item 21 were turned over to FBI Special Agent Brandon Edwards for their Cyber Unit to further process at 2337 hours.

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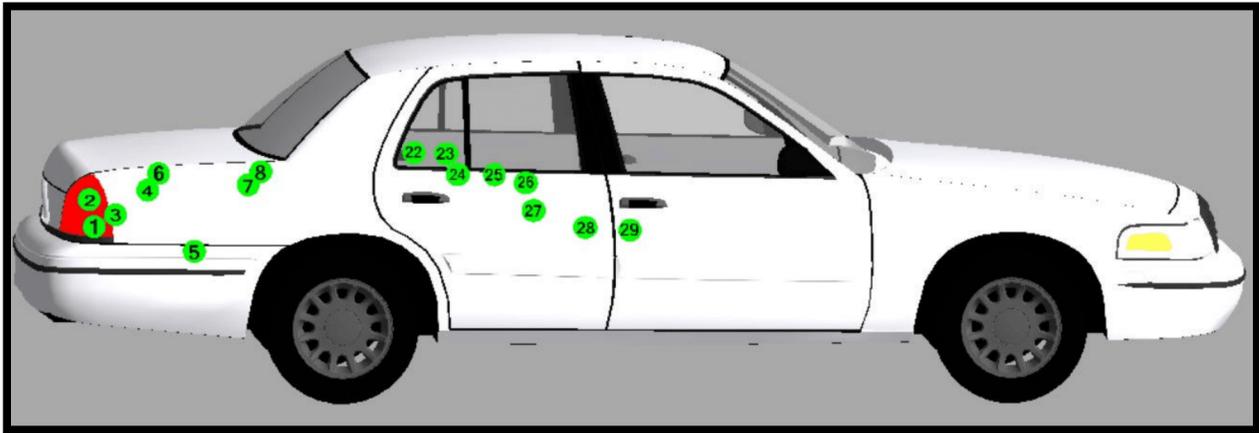
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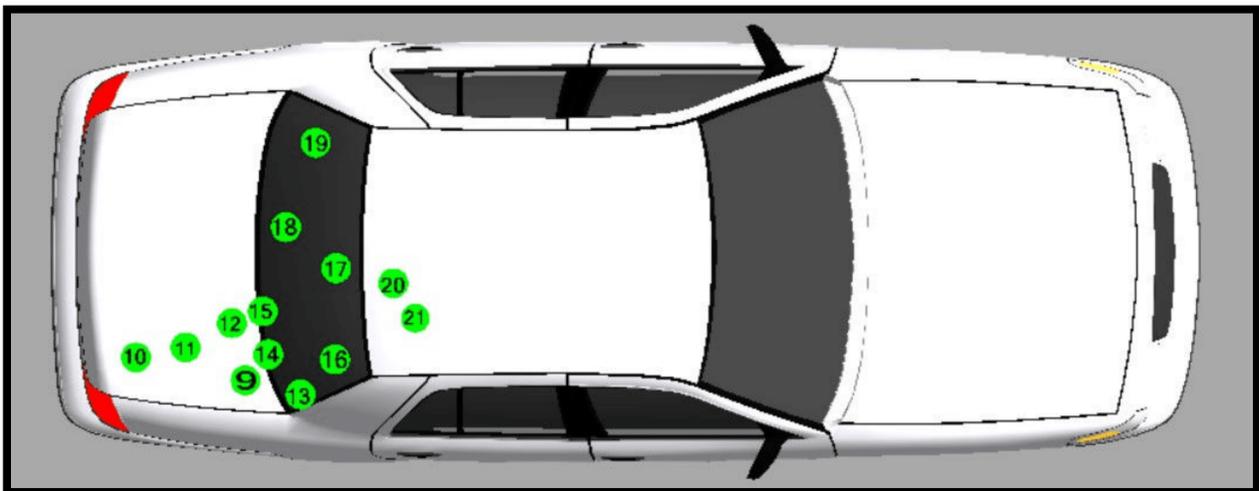
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The 4-door white Ford Crown Victoria had numerous ballistic events (BE). All defects appeared to have a general direction of passenger side to driver side. The defects that struck the metal portions of the vehicle where either circular or oblong in shape with the metal pushed inward. The defects that struck the glass where all misshaped. Some defects had concentric and radiating fractures from the point of impact. Projectiles that perforated the rear passenger side window were suspected to continue on to the rear driver side of the vehicle. Defects observed on the rear passenger window had beveling on the exterior side of the window. No projectiles were recovered from the 29 ballistic events documented.



(Diagram of general location of ballistic events on the passenger side of Shiffer's vehicle)



(Diagram of general location of ballistic events on the top side of Shiffer's vehicle)

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SA Chung was advised three OSP cruisers sustained damage during the incident. Those cruisers were [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. OSP Cruiser [REDACTED] had two bullet strikes on the rear passenger side door, near the B pillar. Those bullet strikes were labeled as BE 1.0 and BE 2.0. Ricochet defects were located on the C pillar (BE 3.0) of the cruiser and the trunk (BE 4.0). On the front driver side rooftop, were defects labeled BE 5.0 – BE 5.2. No projectiles were recovered from OSP cruiser [REDACTED]. OSP cruiser [REDACTED] was an SUV type vehicle. The front windshield, near the driver's side spotlight, sustained damage. It was reported that a piece of a tire struck the windshield. OSP cruiser [REDACTED] had multiple ballistic events that were observed. On the front driver side window, it appeared a shotgun (00 buck) struck the window. There was a distinct area with small, circular holes that had radiating and concentric fractures around each hole. There was a total of 17 holes counted, all documented as BE 6 – BE 17. The side mirror on the driver's side was damaged and there were three bullet defects on the front driver side door. The metal on the door appeared to be pushed outward and those defects were labeled as BE 18 – BE 20. On the rear passenger side roof a ricochet defect was located and labeled BE 21. No projectiles were recovered from OSP cruiser [REDACTED].

SA Chung used a metal detector in an attempt to locate any further evidence in the shallow ditch and wood line around the white Ford vehicle. After no other evidentiary items of value were located, SA Chung concluded the investigation at 2245 hours.

Evidence items 1-13, 15-20 were transported to BCI Offices by SA Chung and secured in the crime scene room temporary evidence locker at 0100 hours on 8/12/22.

At 1114 hours, SA Chung returned to BCI offices and removed the evidence items from the crime scene room temporary locker. Items 1-10, 13, 15, 18 were submitted to the BCI laboratory at 1140 hours and items 11, 12, 16, 17, 17.1, 19, 20 were submitted to the BCI evidence vault at 1237 hours.