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2022-1354

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 135 Old National Rd, Lore City (L)

Investigative Activity: Processing of Shooting Scene (Scene 1)

Activity Date: June 25, 2022

Activity Location: 131 Old National Road, Lore City, Ohio, 43755

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Shawn D. Rowley #132

On June 25, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Shawn Rowley was assigned to assist the Guernsey County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) with an officer involved critical incident. SA Rowley was informed that law enforcement was attempting to stop a vehicle that Joy Graham (Graham) was driving. After stopping the vehicle, Graham reportedly brandished a firearm. GCSO Special Response Team deputies discharged their weapons. Graham was later pronounced dead at a local hospital. The incident location was reported as being near 204 Old National Road in the Village of Old Washington. SA Rowley requested SA Holcomb respond to the GCSO Office to photograph the involved officers and collect their firearms as evidence. One deputy had secured his rifle in a cruiser on scene (See scene 2 report by SA Holcomb). SA Rowley then requested Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Joshua Durst respond to Southeastern Ohio Regional Medical Center in Cambridge to retrieve the clothing and any evidence collected from Graham.

SA Rowley arrived on scene at 0130 hours and was briefed by the Guernsey County Sheriff, Jeffrey Paden (Paden). The overall scene consisted of a residential area with two Barnesville, Ohio police cruisers (Units 5132 & 5136) at the intersection of Old National Road and State Route 285. In front of the police cruisers in the northbound lane was a gray 2016 Honda Odyssey with an Ohio plate# JEP6640 (registered to Graham). The front of the van was partially stuck in a drainage ditch off the roadway with broken windows and several flat tires. Multiple ballistic shields were observed on or near the roadway along with broken glass and medical bags. A large area of suspected blood was on the roadway near the medical bags. The nearby residence had an address of 131 Old National Road, Old Washington, Ohio 43768. The perimeter of the scene was secured with crime scene tape and several uniformed law enforcement officers and cruisers with emergency lights activated. A mobile command post from GCSO was positioned behind the two Barnesville cruisers.

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Image 1. Shooting scene Old National Rd.

SA Rowley documented the scene through photography and met with BCI Special Investigation Unit (SIU) members who were investigating the incident. SA Rowley learned that SA James Poole was the lead SIU Agent for the case. Sheriff Paden described that the van was not in its original position as it had rolled forward after Graham was removed from the driver seat for medical intervention. It was reported that the vehicle was originally positioned near the driveway for 131 Old National Road. Sheriff Paden also described that the firearm in the roadway had been in Graham's possession when she was removed from the vehicle. Agents advised SA Rowley that a search warrant was being obtained for Graham's van.

SA Rowley located five fired cartridge casings on the roadway from two different caliber firearms. Items 1 & 2 were both 9mm casings with a head stamp of "FC 9mm Luger". Both casings were found near the driveway of 131 Old National Road. Items 4, 5, and 9 were rifle casings with the head stamp of "Hornady .223" located on or near the roadway behind the van. The firearms collected from the officers matched these calibers and ammunition headstamps. SA Rowley observed a black handgun laying in the northbound lane behind the van (Item #3). The handgun was a Smith and Wesson, M&P Shield, 9mm (S/N JCZ8844). The firearm was loaded with one cartridge in the chamber and three cartridges in the magazine. The safety was in the off position. All of the head stamps read "Blazer 9mm Luger". Suspected bloodstains were observed on the frame in multiple locations. A bullet fragment (item #6) was located in the southbound lane behind the van.

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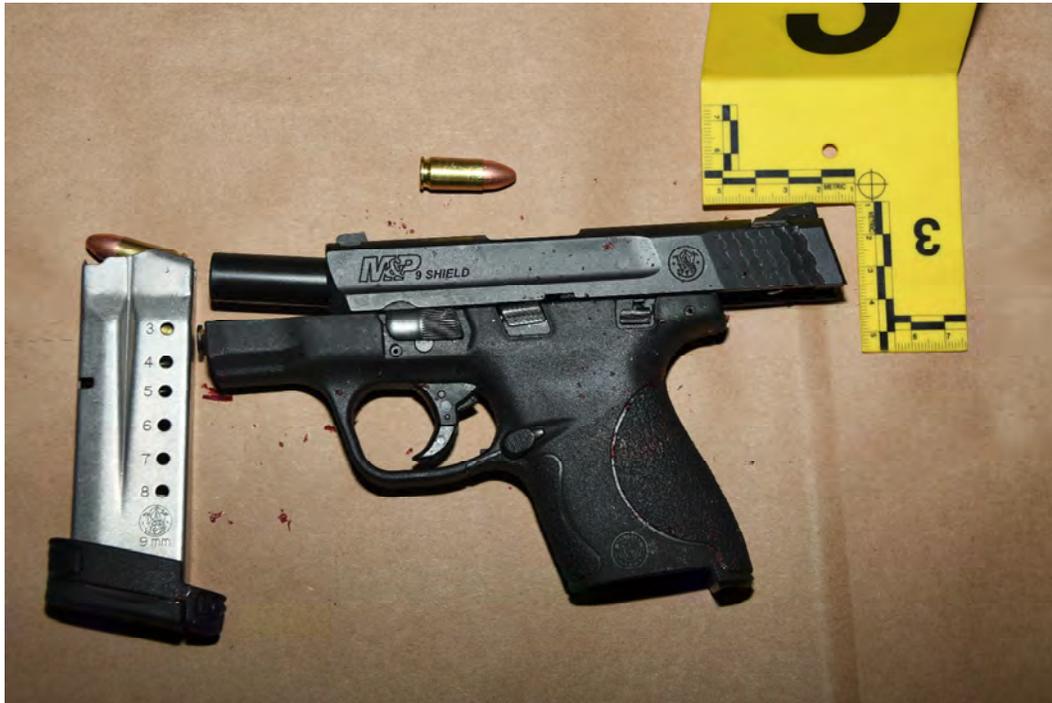


Image 2. Smith Wesson 9mm from Graham

SA Rowley was informed by Sheriff Paden that a Taser had been used during this incident along with a gas or flash grenade. Several parts of the deployed diversion grenade were located being items 7 (pin) and 10 (spoon). Both items were in the northbound lane near the white fog line. A Taser (item #12), was found in the northbound lane with extended fired wires from the cartridge. The Taser had a serial number of [REDACTED]. Additional evidence was located on the roadway that included an empty blue wallet with butterflies (item #8) and a cellular phone with a silver case (item #11). SA Holcomb used a FARO 3D scanner to further document measurements of the scene.

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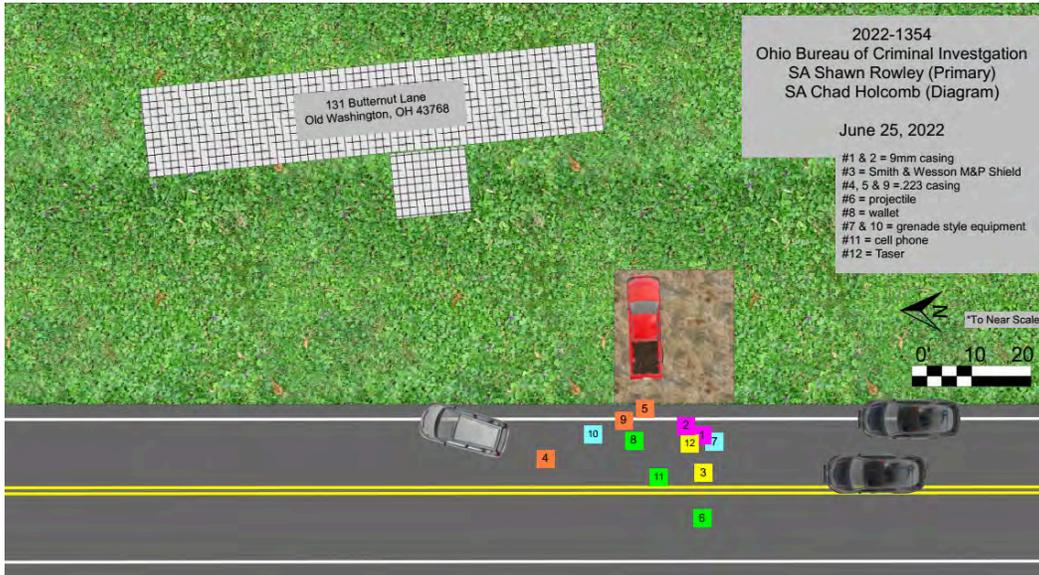


Image 3. Scene Diagram

SAS Durst arrived on scene and produced a red plastic bag containing items from Graham collected at the hospital. These were collected as item 13 and documented through photography. The items included clothing (jean shorts, bra, red shirt and black shirt). Identification items belonging to Graham included a concealed handgun license, credit card and hotel key cards. SA Rowley was informed by agents that the search warrant had been signed by the judge for the van.

Multiple ballistic events (BEs) were observed on the van. These were labeled and documented through photography.

BE 1.0 was a round perforating circular hole that entered the rear of the driver seat and exited as BE 1.1 on the front of the driver seat.

BE 2.0 was a perforating round circular hole that entered and exited the left side of the rearview mirror. The bullet then exited the windshield creating BEs 2.2 and 2.3. Beveling was present on the exterior side of the hole in the windshield, suggestive of a shot direction from the interior of the vehicle to the exterior.

SA Rowley observed a circular hole (BE 3.0) located in the middle of the exterior front passenger side door panel. The projectile perforated the door panel, creating BE 3.1 on the interior side.

A suspected ricochet (BE 4.0) was located on top of the driver side door. Due to the damage to other vehicle glass, additional ballistic events could not be identified.

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Despite an extensive search of the vehicle's interior, no casings or bullets/fragments were recovered. Large areas of suspected blood were visible throughout the interior and concentrated in the front of the van and driver seat area. Additional evidence located in the van included item 14, a 9mm Smith and Wesson magazine with four cartridges located on the driver side floorboard. Item 15 was 79, 9mm cartridges located in the glove box. Other documents/paperwork belonging to Graham were documented through photography along with the exploded canister of a suspected "flash bang" located on the passenger side front seat.



Image 4. Front view Honda Odyssey Graham was driving

SA Rowley printed an evidence inventory to be left with the search warrant for the van (items 14 & 15 only). SA Rowley then transferred custody of all evidence to SA Holcomb for transport to London where it was placed into temporary evidence on June 25, 2022 at 0830 hours. SA Rowley cleared the scene at approximately 0630 hours.

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Scene 3- Autopsy of Graham

On June 27, 2022, SA Rowley picked up evidence from the Licking County Coroner's Office from the autopsy of Graham. SA Rowley packaged two envelopes containing projectiles together as item 1. Item 2 consisted of three envelopes packaged together containing an FTA card and two envelopes containing glass fragments collected from the body.

Evidence Submission

On June 27, 2022, at 1339 hours, SA Rowley submitted firearm related evidence from the shooting scene (items #1-6 and 9) to the BCI London laboratory for examination. SA Rowley submitted law enforcement firearms evidence collected from scene 2 (items #1-2). Projectiles from the autopsy of Graham (item #1, scene 3) were also submitted to the BCI laboratory.