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Officer Involved Critical Incident – Jeremy McCracken (S)

Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Processing
Activity Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2022
Activity Location: 2347 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, Ohio 44312
Authoring Agent: SA Dan Boerner #135

SUMMARY:

On Wednesday, October 5, 2022, BCI Special Agent(s) Dan Boerner and Larry Hootman assisted Detective Robert Scherer and the Springfield Township Police Department with the processing of a crime scene located at 2347 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, Ohio 44312 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 FARO Focus laser scanner.

DETAILS:

On Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 1207hrs, SA Boerner was contacted by SAS Ed Lulla and was requested to assist Detective Robert Scherer and the Springfield Township Police Department with the processing of a crime scene located at 2347 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, Ohio 44312 in regard to an officer-involved critical incident.

On Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 1304hrs, SA Boerner arrived on scene and met with SA Charles Moran from BCI's Special Investigations Unit (SIU). SA Moran reported that officers of the Springfield Township Police Department were investigating a reported zoning violation. SA Moran reported that while attempting to tow a vehicle (a brown 1985 Ford 4s LTD, VIN: 2FABP43F3FX218896, bearing Ohio registration FKA2945) from the back of the property located at 2347 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, Ohio 44312. SA Moran reported that the occupant of the residence (ID to be Jeremy A. McCracken, W/M, DOB: 03/03/84) exited the residence and began shooting at the officers and the tow truck operator. SA Moran reported that officers (Chief Jack Simone and Sgt. Joe Gaffney) returned fire and that McCracken was struck at least one time. SA Moran reported that McCracken was subsequently transported to a local hospital. SA Boerner later learned that McCracken died from his injury(ies).

SA Boerner proceeded to photograph the scene as it was found (Figures 1-6, Overall photographs). The scene consisted of Springfield Township Police Department Patrol Units 907 and 909, the backyard of 2347 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, Ohio 44312, the roadway adjacent to the backyard of the property (Margaret Ave.) and the intersection of Margaret Ave. and Mohawk Trail. While photographing the scene, SA Boerner observed that evidence placards had been placed in the scene by members of the Springfield Township Police Department. SA Boerner

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learned that the evidence placards had been placed within the scene to identify items of suspected evidence and areas where officers reported that they were standing at or near the time of the incident. The evidence placards identifying items of suspected evidence were left in place and used to identify items of suspected evidence. The evidence placards identifying the areas where officers were reportedly standing at or near the time of the incident were collected after being photographed in place.



Figure 1, Overall photograph, Springfield Twp. Units on Margaret



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Figure 2, Overall photograph, tow truck and subject vehicle



Figure 3, Overall photograph, subject vehicle and residence

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Figure 4, Overall photograph, incident area



Figure 5, Overall photograph, incident area

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Figure 6, Overall photograph, incident area

The scene was further documented using a FARO Focus laser scanner. Using the scan data and SCENE software, panoramas were created and provided to investigators.



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The scene was examined for items of suspected evidence and several items of suspected evidence were observed, photographed and collected (Table 1, Items of Suspected Evidence) (Figures 7-12, Items of suspected evidence).

Item #	Description	Location
1	Blk revolver – Ruger Blackhawk 45 cal. six shot revolver w/six cartridge cases, SN: 46-04318	Backyard near reported location of deceased subject
2	Blue jeans, a pair of shoes and a red pocket knife	Int. of Margaret Ave. and Mohawk Trail
2.1	Cartridges – Qty 19, W-W 45 Colt and Qty 5, WIN FC 30 30	Item 2
3	Cartridges – Qty 7, W-W 45 Colt	Int. of Margaret Ave. and Mohawk Trail
4	Cartridge case – Speer 45 Auto	Backyard near reported location of Chief Simone
5	Cartridge case – Speer 45 Auto	Backyard near reported location of Chief Simone
6	Cartridge case – Speer 45 Auto	Backyard near reported location of Chief Simone
7	Cartridge case – Speer 45 Auto	Backyard near reported location of Chief Simone
8	Cartridge case – Speer 45 Auto	Backyard near reported location of Chief Simone

Table 1, Items of Suspected Evidence

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Figure 7, Item 1

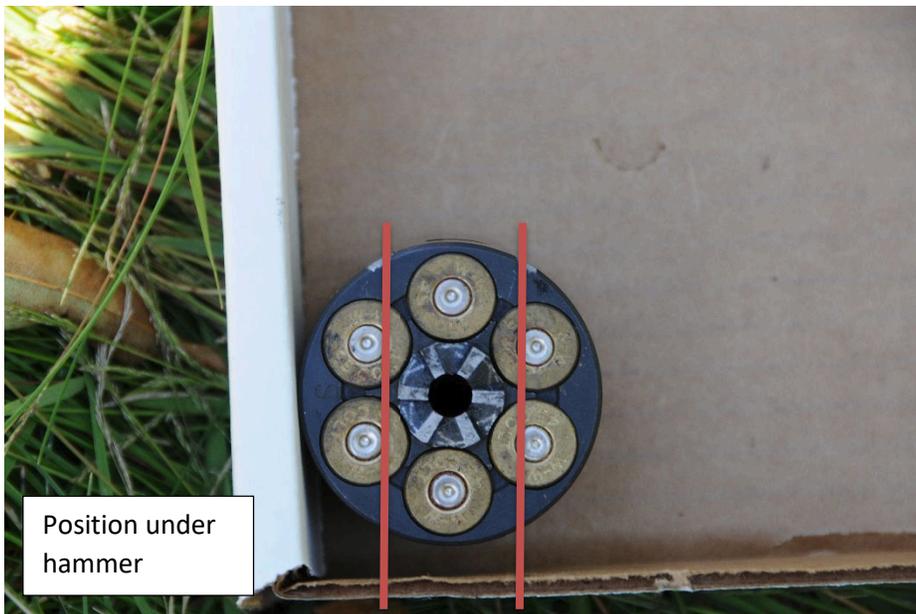


Figure 8, Item 1, cylinder

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Figure 9, Items 2-3



Figure 10, Items 2-2.1

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Figure 11, Items 4-7



Figure 12, Item 8

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On Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 1436hrs, SA Boerner received custody of the firearms reportedly used by Chief Simone and Sgt. Gaffney from Det. Scherer. The firearms were photographed as they were found and collected as evidence (Table 2, Officers' Firearms) (Figures 13-14, Items 9-10).

Item #	Description	Location
9	Blk, Smith & Wesson, M&P, 45 cal. SN: [REDACTED] with one cartridge from the chamber and one magazine with five cartridges	Det. Scherer
10	Blk, Springfield Armory, Operator, 45 cal. SN: [REDACTED] with one cartridge from the chamber and one magazine with three cartridges	Det. Scherer

Table 2, Officers' Firearms



Figure 13, Item 9, Chief Simone

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Figure 14, Item 10, Sgt. Gaffney

While processing the scene, SA Boerner learned that a search warrant had been obtained for the interior of the residence located at 2347 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, Ohio 44312. SA Boerner proceeded to photograph the interior of the residence as it was found. The interior of the residence was examined for items of suspected evidence and two items of suspected evidence were photographed and collected (Table 3, Items of Suspected Evidence) (Figures 15-16, Items 1-2, Scene 2).

Item #	Description	Location
1	Cellphone – Blk, Assurance, UMX	Living room
2	Paper bag with empty 45 cal. ammo boxes	Living room

Table 3, Items of Suspected Evidence

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Figure 15, Item 1, Scene 2



Figure 16, Item 2, Scene 2

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The scene was examined for suspected ballistic impacts and several suspected ballistic impacts were observed and photograph. Ballistic impacts were observed on the subject vehicle (a brown 1985 Ford 4s LTD, VIN: 2FABP43F3FX218896, bearing Ohio registration FKA2945), a piece of plywood near the subject vehicle and on a shed in the area where the McCracken reportedly fell (BI 1.0, BI 2.0-2.1 and BI 3.0).

Overhead diagrams (with and without evidence placards) were subsequently created and provided to investigators.

All items of evidence were transported to the Ohio BCI Richfield Office and placed into temporary evidence locker #30. An Inventory / Receipt Attachment form was filled out and signed by SA Boerner, a copy of the form was provided to SA Moran and Det. Scherer for their records.

The photographs are to be uploaded into Matrix. A copy of the photographs was made and emailed to SA Moran and Det. Scherer. A copy of the search warrant is to be placed in the case file.

A copy of this report should be sent to:

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