



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



2024-3258

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1273 Rosedale Drive,
Dayton, OH (Montgomery Co.) (L)

Investigative Activity: Processing of Roadway and Intersection
Involves: Taylor Cotton (V)
Activity Date: 10/19/2024
Activity Location: Intersection of Access Road and Rosedale Avenue,
Dayton, Ohio 45406 (Scene #1)
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Kevin Wagner #80

Narrative:

On October 19th, 2024, Special Agents (SA) Kevin Wagner, Sarah Taylor, and Crime Scene Technician (CST) Holly Ryczek with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) were assigned to assist the Dayton Police Department (DPD) with an officer involved critical incident. DPD, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and Moraine Police Department (MPD) all had officers responded to a call for service involving a suicidal male at the intersection of Access Road and Rosedale Avenue in Dayton. DPD investigators said the male, later identified as Taylor Cotton (Cotton), was at this intersection, inside a vehicle with a shotgun in-hand. DPD said they started communications with Cotton in order to de-escalate the situation and had initially had positive results. At some point, Cotton was said to have raised and pointed the shotgun towards officers on scene, causing eight officers to respond by shooting at Cotton. He was struck multiple times and was provided medical care before being transported to Miami Valley Hospital, where he was eventually pronounced deceased from his wounds. Six officers from DPD, one officer from MPD and one deputy from the MCSO were said to have fired their weapons (see Holly Ryczek's report *Scene #2* for officer documentation). DPD reported that they believed Cotton did not fire his weapon.

SA Wagner arrived at Access Road and Rosedale Avenue at 1045 hours and began a crime scene log. The scene was cordoned off by DPD with yellow crime scene tape. Multiple marked DPD cruisers were positioned in various locations around the scene and were said to have been there when the shooting occurred. A beige Buick with no license plate (VIN 2G4WS52J611274229) sat in the middle of Access Road, near the intersection and corresponding stop sign. A blue Chrysler 200 (Ohio plate KJT8270) was also near the intersection, in front of 1273 Rosedale Avenue. SA Wagner utilized a Leica BLK360 3D scanner to collect measurements of the scene.

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Image 1 – Beige Buick in the intersection of Access Road and Rosedale Avenue

SA Wagner located a Brasileira De Cartuchos model SB single-shot shotgun (item 1) with serial number 258513 in the grass, adjacent to the roadway at the base of the stop sign. Medical supplies were observed in close proximity to the beige Buick. The shotgun's exposed hammer was cocked and in firing position but was absent a shotshell in the chamber. A black smartphone with a tan case (item 2) was located near the shotgun and medical supplies in the grass. A bloody white t-shirt or sheet was collected among the medical supplies in the grass as item 3. A black handled kitchen knife was located on the center console inside the beige Buick and was collected as item 4. Multiple projectile fragments were located inside the driver's door panel of the beige Buick and were collected together as item 34. No additional items of evidentiary value were collected from the Buick.

The following items were collected from the roadway and near multiple marked police cruisers;

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Item #'s	Item description	Location
5-7, 9, 14-15, 22, 24-27, 31-33	9mm Luger FC casing	Roadway
8, 10-13, 10-16, 18-21, 23	.223 Rem FC casing	Roadway
17	Nine .223 Rem FC casings	From hood of DPD cruiser 180418
29	Six .223 Rem FC casings	From area near DPD cruiser 180414
28	Projectile fragment	Underneath Blue Chrysler 200 KJT8270

Table 1 – Casings and projectiles collected from the scene and their locations

SA Wagner photographed multiple ballistic events (BEs) to the blue Chrysler on scene. Three BEs were observed on the driver's rear corner and were labeled as BE 1-3. Bes 4-29 were in various locations including, but not limited to the driver's door, wheels, windshield, and interior components of the vehicle.

SA Perry Roeser with BCI attended the autopsy of Cotton. SA Roeser transported the autopsy evidence to Scene 1 where he released a DNA card, fingerprints, scrapings and eight projectiles to SA Wagner. These items were collected all together as item 35.

No additional items of evidentiary value were collected from the scene.

CST Ryczek released eight firearms (see CST Ryczeks report) collected from officers and a deputy at the DPD to SA Wagner at 1437 hours. The eight firearms were listed as items 1-8 from Scene #2.

SA Wagner took items 1-35 from Scene #1 and items 1-8 from Scene #2 back to the main BCI headquarters and put them into the temporary crime scene locker #1 at 1700 hours.

On October 21st, SA Wagner retrieved items 1-35 from Scene #1 and items 1-8 from Scene #2 from the temporary crime scene locker at 1155 hours. Items 1, 5-29, 31-35 from scene #1 were all submitted to the BCI laboratory for comparison at 1300 hours. Items 2-4, and 30 were taken upstairs to evidence locker #1 to be submitted into the major crimes evidence vault at 1352 hours. Items 1-8 from Scene #2 were submitted to the BCI laboratory for comparison at 1300 hours.

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