



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



2025-1049

Officer Involved Critical Incident - Interstate 275 / State  
Route 32, OH, 45245 (Clermont County) (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Scene Processing

**Involves:** Union Township Police Department  
Ohio State Highway Patrol

**Activity Date:** 04/02/2025

**Activity Location:** I-275 Southbound at State Route 32  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45245

**Authoring Agent:** Crime Scene Technician Amy Cruey #203

**Narrative:**

On April 2, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Crime Scene Technician (CST) Amy Cruey and Special Agent (SA) Sarah Taylor, along with members of the BCI Special Investigations Unit (SIU), were assigned to assist the Union Township Police Department (UTPD) and the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) with an officer involved critical incident. It was reported that officers from both agencies were in the area responding to a wrong way driver along I-275 near State Route 32. OSHP [REDACTED] came into contact with a red Ford Escape SUV traveling northbound on the inside shoulder of the southbound lane of I-275, located on the bridge above State Route 32.

[REDACTED] reportedly utilized his patrol vehicle to stop the SUV. After utilizing his vehicle, the SUV came to rest against the inside concrete median. It was reported that the vehicle's occupant, later identified as Kelsey Hildal (Hildal), brandished a firearm and refused commands. [REDACTED] allegedly discharged his service weapon in the direction of the vehicle. Following the initial shooting, [REDACTED] cruiser was moved, and the SUV began to drift towards the outside concrete wall. It was reported that UTPD [REDACTED] discharged his service weapon several times at the SUV's tires. The SUV came to rest against the outside concrete wall. BCI personnel were informed that while removing Hildal from the vehicle, a firearm fell onto the ground and was relocated to the hood of a nearby cruiser. Hildal was removed from the scene to an ambulance, so that lifesaving measures could be performed; however, she was pronounced deceased. All southbound lanes of I-275 were shut down, the scene was secured, and a [REDACTED]. CST Cruey requested that SA Taylor respond to the OSHP Batavia Post to process the involved officers (see SA Taylor's *Examination of Involved Officers* report).

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*Image 1. I-275 southbound bridge over SR 32*

CST Cruey arrived on scene at approximately 0105 hours. The scene was located in the southbound lanes with OSHP Cruiser # [REDACTED] on the inside shoulder, facing northbound. A red Ford Focus with Ohio license plate JVV 3278, reportedly driven by Hildal, was observed on the outside shoulder. It was facing westbound, with the front bumper near the concrete wall. Two cats were observed inside the Ford Focus and were removed with the assistance of the Clermont County Dog Warden. The scene was documented through photography. A Leica 3D scanner was also utilized for further scene documentation.

The body of Hildal was located on a stretcher inside the back of Union Township Ambulance #49. Multiple pieces of medical intervention equipment were observed on and around the body. Hildal was a white female in her 30's with brown hair who was wearing jeans, a t-shirt, and what appeared to be a sporting equipment like chest plate. With the assistance of Clermont County Coroner's Office Chief Investigator Kenneth Mullis, CST Cruey examined and photographed the body. Multiple suspected gunshot wounds were observed to her head, neck, arms, and hands. Items that had been removed from Hildal's pockets were located on the stretcher near her feet and were

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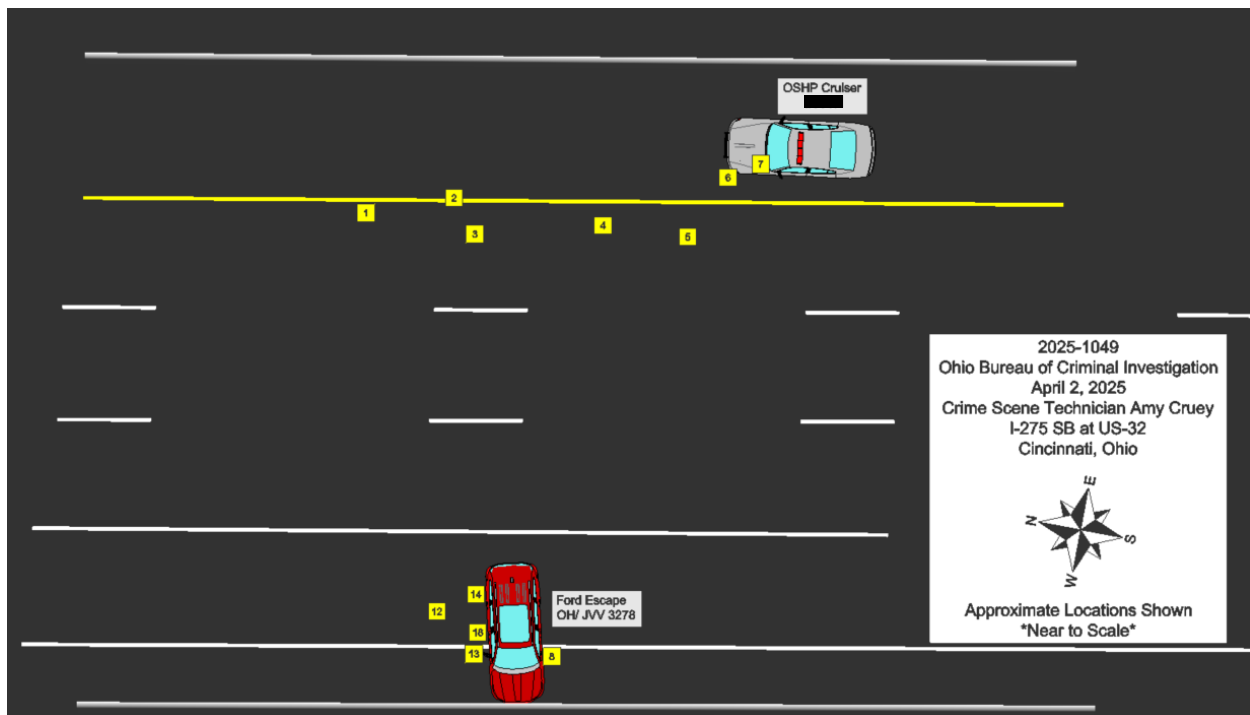
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collected as Item #9. These items included pens, \$5, a knife, a lighter, a spring, and two shotgun shells. Bags were placed on Hildal's hands to preserve potential evidence. Her body was secured in a locked body bag and transported to the Hamilton County Coroner's Office for an autopsy.



*Diagram 1. Approximate locations of vehicles and evidence*

Significant damage was observed to the front and passenger side of [REDACTED] OSHP Cruiser # [REDACTED]. What appeared to be red paint transfer was observed to the passenger side of the vehicle. Five WIN 9mm Luger cartridge casings were located on the ground near the front of the cruiser and collected as Items #1-2. A projectile was located nearby on the ground and collected as Item #3. Eleven additional WIN 9mm cartridge casings were located on the ground, closer to the cruiser, and collected as Items #4-6. A Glock 43X 9mm semi-automatic pistol (S/N: CDEF942) was located on the hood of the cruiser. The pistol was observed to have one round in the chamber but had no seated magazine. Suspected blood was also observed on the firearm. The firearm and cartridge were collected together as Item #7.

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Image 2. Glock 43X 9mm semi-automatic pistol (Item #7)

At approximately 0318 hours, CST Cruey was informed that [REDACTED]. The vehicle and its contents were photographed for documentation purposes. Damage, and what appeared to be silver paint transfer, was observed to the driver side of the vehicle. The front passenger tire appeared to be flat. The interior of the vehicle was packed with miscellaneous personal items, including several pieces of sporting equipment like body armor.

Several items of evidentiary value were located on the ground outside the Ford Focus, which included the following:

Item #	Description	Location
8	Black chest guard body armor	Outside front driver door
12	Projectile	Outside passenger doors
13	Blazer 9mm Luger cartridge	Outside front passenger door

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14	Wooden box containing miscellaneous personal items and shotgun shells	Outside rear passenger door
18	Blue notebook	Outside front passenger door

The following items of evidentiary value were collected from inside the vehicle:

Item #	Description	Location
15	Black iPhone	Front driver seat
16	Blue journal	Front driver dashboard
17	Black helmet	Front passenger seat
19	Orange backpack containing miscellaneous personal items, ID and credit card with name Kelsey Hildal, Apple Mac in green case and multiple notebooks	Front passenger seat/ floorboard
20	Black and gray case containing 12-gauge rifled barrel with scope and Mossberg 500 12-gauge shotgun (S/N: U055367) containing one shot shell	Rear seat
21	Projectile	Front driver seat pocket
22	Mossberg 500 20-gauge shotgun (S/N: T752700) containing five shot shells	Rear driver floorboard

\$6,000 in US Currency was located inside the orange backpack (Item 19) and collected as Item #19.1.

Multiple suspected Ballistic Events (BEs) were located on the exterior and interior of the Ford Escape. The BEs were labeled as BE 1.0 through BE 11.0 for documentation purposes. BE 1.0 through BE 7.3 were observed to have a general direction of exterior to interior. The BEs appeared to originate in the front driver door and front seats and continue through the vehicle in a general direction of driver side towards passenger side. A projectile was recovered from BE 3.2 on the interior passenger side B-pillar (Item #23). An additional projectile was recovered from inside the side portion of the front passenger seat (Item #24). BE 8.0 through BE 11.0 were observed to the front passenger tire, hubcap, and rim. A projectile was collected from the hubcap at BE 8.0. No directionality was able to be discerned by these BEs.

CST Cruvey was informed that several items of firearm related evidence had been secured in the trunk of OSHP Cruiser #0144, including [REDACTED] duty and backup firearms. The duty pistol, a Sig Sauer P320 9mm semi-automatic pistol (S/N:

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██████████ with an attached TLR-7A Streamlight was located in the trunk. One cartridge was observed in the chamber and four additional cartridges were observed in the seated magazine. Two additional magazines, one containing 16 cartridges, and one containing 17 cartridges were located alongside the firearm. The firearm, three magazines, and all cartridges were collected together as Item #10. ██████████ backup firearm was located inside a black holster and observed to be a Sig Sauer P365 9mm pistol (S/N: ██████████). The pistol had one cartridge in the chamber and 10 cartridges in the seated magazine. The firearm was photographed for documentation purposes and returned to the cruiser. A Glock magazine containing seven cartridges was also located in the trunk and collected as Item #11.

No additional items of evidentiary value were located. At approximately 0529 hours, BCI personnel cleared the scene. CST Cruey and SA Taylor travelled to the Union Township Police Department to finish photographing and packaging the collected evidence. At 0753 hours, CST Cruey released all items of evidence collected from Scene #1 to SA Taylor for transport to the BCI Main Office located in London, Ohio.

On April 3, 2025, at 1224 hours, CST Cruey removed all items of evidence from Scene 1 and 2 from the temporary evidence locker. At 1341 hours, the following items were submitted to the BCI laboratory for examination:

- Scene 1, Items 1-2, 4-6 (cartridge casings), Items 3,12,22-25 (projectiles), Item 7 (Glock pistol), Item 10 (██████████ pistol), Item 11 (magazine)
- Scene 2, Item 1 (UTPD ██████████ pistol)

All remaining items from Scene 1 were submitted to the BCI Temporary Evidence Locker #1 to be submitted to the BCI Major Crimes evidence vault.

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