



2025-0596 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 236 McKinley Ave, Piqua, OH (Miami County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Scene Processing

Involves: David West

Activity Date: 02/21/2025

Activity Location: 236 McKinley Avenue, Piqua, Ohio 45356

Authoring Agent: Crime Scene Technician Amy Cruey, #203

Narrative:

On February 21, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Crime Scene Technician (CST) Amy Cruey, BCI Special Agent (SA) Sarah Taylor, along with members of the BCI Special Investigation Unit (SIU), were assigned to assist the Piqua Police Department (PPD) with an officer involved critical incident. It was reported that David West (West) was involved in a domestic altercation with his mother within their home. Upon the arrival of officers, it was reported that West retreated to the basement and brandished a weapon. West refused all commands to come out of the basement and drop the weapon. PPD Lieutenant Marcos Rodriguez reportedly fired his duty pistol, striking West multiple times. West was pronounced deceased on scene. The scene was secured and a search warrant for the residence was obtained. CST Cruey requested that SA Taylor respond to the Piqua Police Department to process the involved and witnessing officers (see SA Taylor's *Documentation of Involved Officer* report).





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Image 1. 236 McKinley Avenue

CST Cruey arrived on scene at approximately 1945 hours. The scene was located inside a white one-story, single-family home. Two vehicles were observed in the driveway and the property had been secured with yellow crime scene tape. At approximately 2022 hours, CST Cruey was informed that the search warrant had been signed, and the scene was documented through photography. Inside the residence a living room was located directly inside the front door. A hallway to the north of the living room led to a bathroom and two bedrooms. A second hallway to the west of the living room led to a kitchen, laundry room, mud room, and garage. A doorway was observed in this hallway that led to an unfinished basement. A Leica 3D scanner was utilized inside the residence for further scene documentation.

Four FC 9mm Luger cartridge casings were located in the hallway at the top of the basement stairs and collected as Item 1. Several areas of suspected blood were observed in the stairwell leading to the basement. In the basement, a black Byrna SD less than lethal pistol (S/N: FA02E01002) was located on the floor near the north wall. A magazine containing multiple round projectiles was located on the floor next to the pistol. The pistol and magazine were collected together as Item 2. A projectile jacket was located on the floor near the north wall (Item 3). It was reported that West had





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been drinking alcoholic beverages prior to the domestic incident. Several alcoholic beverage cans were observed in the garage recycle bin and photographed for documentation purposes.



Image 2. Byrna SD less than lethal pistol with magazine on basement floor

The body of West was located near the southeast corner of the basement. He was observed on his back with his arms and legs out to the sides. Multiple pieces of medical intervention equipment were observed on his body. He was described as a white male in his 40s with a shaved head and had on a gray sweatshirt, black pants, and red shoes. Prior to BCI's arrival, the Miami County Coroner arrived on scene, pronounced West deceased and arranged for an autopsy to be completed. CST Cruey examined and photographed the body. Multiple suspected gunshot wounds were observed to the torso, right arm, and right shoulder. The hands were bagged, and the body was sealed in a locked body bag and transported to the Montgomery County Coroner's Office for an autopsy.

The remainder of the residence was searched, and no further items of evidentiary value were located. A printed copy of the search warrant and inventory were left inside the





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residence. At 2221 hours, CST Cruey received the items collected from Scene 2 from SA Taylor. BCI personnel cleared the scene at approximately 2305 hours.

On February 22, 2023, CST Cruey transported all the collected items of evidence to the BCI Main Office located in London, Ohio. All items from Scene 1 and 2 were secured in the BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) Temporary Evidence locker at 1027hours.

On February 24, 2025, CST Cruey removed all items of evidence from Scene 1 and 2 from the temporary evidence locker. At 1432, Item 1 (casings), Item 3 (projectile jacket) from Scene 1 and Item 1 (firearm) from Scene 2 were submitted to BCI laboratory for examination. All remaining items (Scene 1, Item 2- less than lethal pistol; Scene 2, Item 2- swabs of suspected blood) were submitted to the BCI Temporary Evidence Locker #2 to be submitted to the BCI Major Crimes evidence vault.