



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



2023-2598

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 415 Gregg Street, Washington
Courthouse, OH – Fayette County (L)

Investigative Activity: Autopsy Review, Evidence Submission, Evidence Collection
Involves: Timothy D West (S)
Date of Activity: 10/02/2023
Activity Location: Montgomery County Coroner – 361 W Third St, Dayton, OH 45402
Author: SA Lauren Frazier, #129

Narrative:

On October 1, 2023, the Washington Court House Police Department requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) involving a use of force incident with a Taser. The involved subject, Timothy West (West), was the passenger in a vehicle, who fled on foot from a traffic stop. During the foot pursuit, West ran onto a concrete patio, then turned and ran toward the officer, and the officer deployed his taser. West became unresponsive and was ultimately pronounced deceased.

West was transported by Fayette County EMS from the scene, 415 Gregg Street, Washington Court House, OH, to Adena Fayette Medical Center, located at 1430 Columbus Ave, Washington Court House, OH. Upon arrival, West was pronounced deceased by Dr. Smith. The hospital contacted the Fayette County Coroner's Office and Dr. Lenora Fitton responded to investigate and take photographs. West was transported directly from Adena Fayette Medical Center to the Montgomery County Coroner's Office for an autopsy.

On October 2, 2023, Special Agent Lauren Frazier responded to the Montgomery County Coroner's Office to attend Timothy West's autopsy. The autopsy began at approximately 0900 hours and was conducted by Montgomery County Coroner Dr. Brad Lachey. During the autopsy, two suspected Taser probe holes were located on the top area of West's head. SA Frazier also observed abrasions on West's forehead, nose, and right arm. [REDACTED]

The Montgomery County Coroner's Office recovered and collected items during the autopsy, to include a sealed plastic tube containing one (1) Taser barb/probe, a sealed envelope containing fingerprints, and a sealed envelope containing a DNA blood card. All three items were received by SA Frazier at approximately 1006 hours. A copy of the Montgomery County Coroner Evidence Sheet is attached to this report (attachment #01).

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The autopsy concluded at approximately 1130 hours. SA Frazier transported the property directly from the Montgomery County Coroner's Office to BCI Headquarters in London. SA Frazier took photographs of the envelopes and taser probe inside the plastic tube. These photographs have been uploaded in Matrix but are not attached to this report. The property was placed in temporary evidence locker #1 at approximately 1245 hours. A copy of the BCI Inventory Receipt is attached (attachment #02).

On October 3, 2023, SA Frazier received the photographs of West, taken by Dr. Fitton at Adena Fayette Medical Center. Additionally, Dr. Fitton provided photographs from Washington Court House Police Department of the incident location. These photographs have been uploaded in Matrix but are not attached to this report.

SA Frazier requested autopsy photographs, the coroner's report, and toxicology results, which will be received on a later date.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-10-02 Montgomery County Coroner Evidence Sheet

Attachment # 02: 2023-10-02 BCI Inventory Receipt

Exhibit 1

Kent E. Harshbarger, M.D.

Office of the Coroner

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

EVIDENCE SHEET

CASE NUMBER CC-23-14518 NAME Timothy Lewis

DESCRIPTION OF EVIDENCE ^① 1 - Sealed bag containing Taser Barbs, ^② 1 Sealed envelope containing fingerprints 1+2, ^③ 1 Sealed envelope containing DNA Blood card

RECOVERED BY Monica Vengundy AGENCY MCCO

RECOVERED AT SCENE MORGUE OTHER _____

SEALED YES NO

MARKED YES NO

RECEIVED FROM Agent #8 Tiffanie Foss AGENCY MCCO

RECEIVED BY Lauren Frazier LF AGENCY BCI

DATE RECEIVED 10-2-23 TIME RECEIVED 1006

RECEIVED FROM _____ AGENCY _____

RECEIVED BY _____ AGENCY _____

DATE RECEIVED _____ TIME RECEIVED _____

Exhibit 2

