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2025-0559

Officer Involved Critical Incident - [REDACTED] Miami
Township, Ohio (Montgomery Co.) (L)

Investigative Activity: Scene Processing
Involves: Jayden Stephenson
Activity Date: 02/19/2025
Activity Location: [REDACTED] (Scene #1)
Authoring Agent: Crime Scene Technician Holly Ryczek #205

On Wednesday, February 19, 2025, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Miami Township Police Department (MTPD) to investigate an officer involved critical incident. Reportedly, MTPD patrol officers were dispatched on a 911 call that involved a disturbance with Jayden Stephenson (Stephenson) threatening family members with a knife. Allegedly once officers arrived, Stephenson was non-compliant and therefore a taser and less lethal shotgun were deployed multiple times. BCI was advised that Stephenson then charged at officers with the knife, and in response, two officers fired multiple shots. Stephenson was pronounced deceased at the scene. Crime Scene Technician (CST) Holly Ryczek responded to the scene to assist along with Special Agent (SA) Mathew Austin. CST Dylan Wical responded to the Miami Township Police Department, located at 2260 Lyons Road, Miami Township, OH 45342, and documented the involved officers as Scene #2.

Scene #1: [REDACTED]

CST Ryczek arrived at [REDACTED], at approximately 1609 hours, and was advised a search warrant was pending. She was advised the incident had started in the first floor living room and ended in an upstairs bedroom. The scene had been cordoned off by MTPD with yellow crime scene tape, multiple law enforcement vehicles, and uniformed personnel. CST Ryczek utilized a BCI crime scene log to document access into the scene. The home was photographed from the roadway and once the warrant had been signed, the entire scene was documented through photography. A Leica BLK360 3D scanner was utilized to collect measurements of the living room and second floor.

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Image 1. Overall front of [REDACTED]

The residence was described as a two-story house with a basement. The basement consisted of a family room, bedroom, bathroom, and laundry room. The first floor consisted of a living room and kitchen. The second floor consisted of two bedrooms, a master bedroom, and a bathroom.

A fired shotgun shell was located on the porch to the west of the front door of the residence (item #1).

On the first floor in the living room, an additional fired shotgun shell was located just inside the front door (item #2). A third fired shotgun shell was located on the first step of the stairs leading from the living room to the basement (item #7). A fired less lethal beanbag projectile was located underneath the living room couch (item #4). In the area between the stairs leading to the basement and stairs leading to the second floor, a second fired less lethal beanbag projectile was located surrounded by shotgun wadding pieces (item #5). Taser wires were observed on the floor in the center of the living room (item #3).

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Image 2. Close-up of less lethal beanbag projectile (item #5)

A third fired less lethal beanbag projectile was located in the kitchen/dining room area to the east of the dining room table (item #6).

On the stairs to the second-floor hallway, taser wires were observed (item #8). One of the taser probes had been embedded in a stairwell post on the first floor. These wires extended into the master bedroom where the decedent was located.

There was damage to the doorframe of the master bedroom, with a piece of the frame located across the hallway in the south bedroom. Suspected blood was located on the frame piece (item #10). Stephenson was located lying face-up on the floor just inside the master bedroom. He was not wearing any clothing on his torso; however, he had a mauve long-sleeved shirt draped across his left shoulder and a black and beige striped long-sleeved shirt around his hips. He was wearing a pair of black sweatpants and was not wearing any socks or shoes. He had a diamond-like earring in his right ear and was wearing a white rubber bracelet on his left wrist. Taser prongs/wire were located across the decedent's left arm that extended out into the second-floor hallway. These were collected as item #8 for documentation purposes¹. A projectile was located on the floor next to the right side of the decedent's torso (item #11).

¹ These were also erroneously photographed as item #10

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Image 3. Overall of Stephenson and taser prongs, projectile (item #11) and knife (item #12)

Montgomery County Coroner Investigator (MCCI) Rob Hartman arrived on scene and assisted with the examination of the decedent. The decedent's right arm appeared to be broken. He had multiple suspected gunshot wounds to his right arm and torso, with a projectile visible from one of the wounds. Suspected blood was coming from the wounds and from his mouth. When the decedent was turned, a gunshot wound was observed on his back. There were multiple protruding areas on his back, consistent with suspected projectiles inside the body. A circular-shaped bruise was located on his right buttocks. Underneath the decedent, a black, cracked iPhone was located (item #9). Once the decedent was removed from the residence, a projectile fragment was observed on the floor (item #30).

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CST Holly Ryczek

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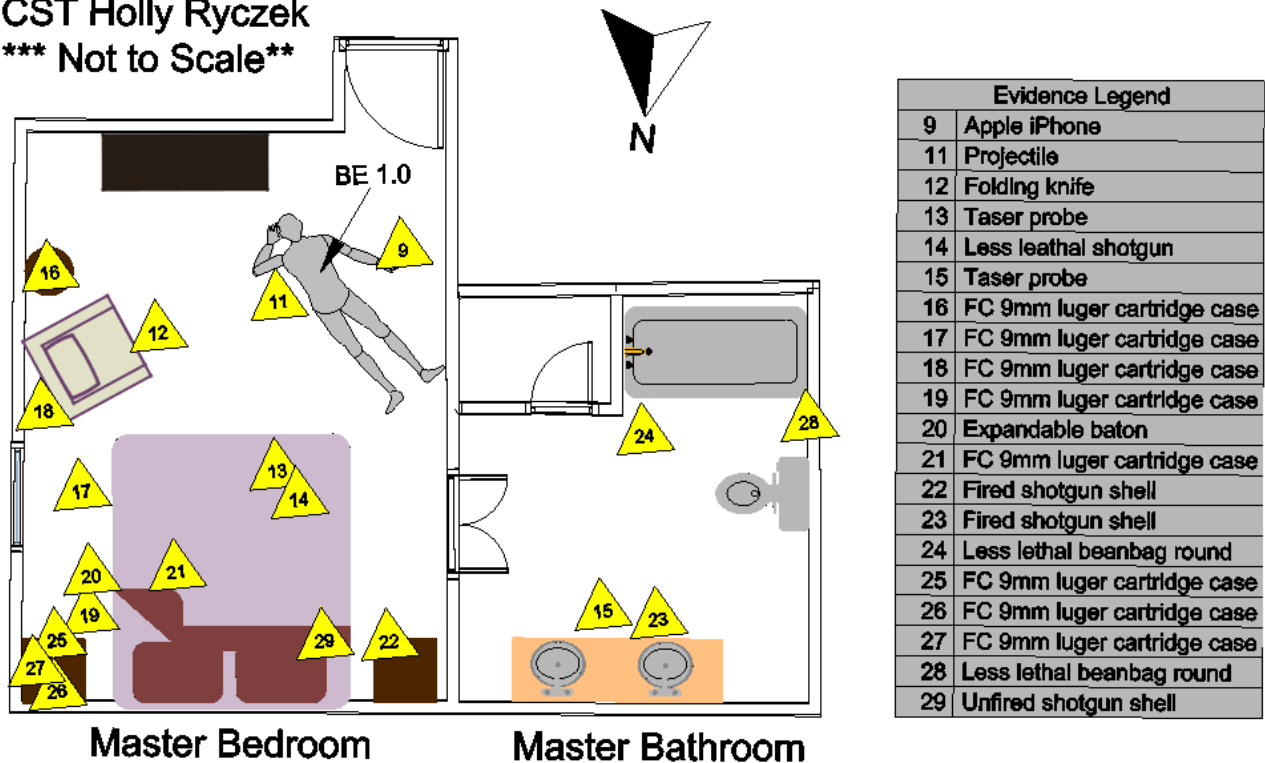


Image 3. Diagram of master bedroom and master bathroom

Multiple FC 9mm Luger cartridge cases were located on the east side of the master bedroom. These included one on an end table (item #16), two on the floor in-between the east wall and the bed (items #17 and #19), one next to a floor vent (item #18), one on the bed (item #21), and three underneath a nightstand table (Item #25-#27). Next to the two cartridge cases on the floor, a black expandable baton was observed (item #20). The baton was released to SA Smith at 1919 hours to be returned to MTPD.

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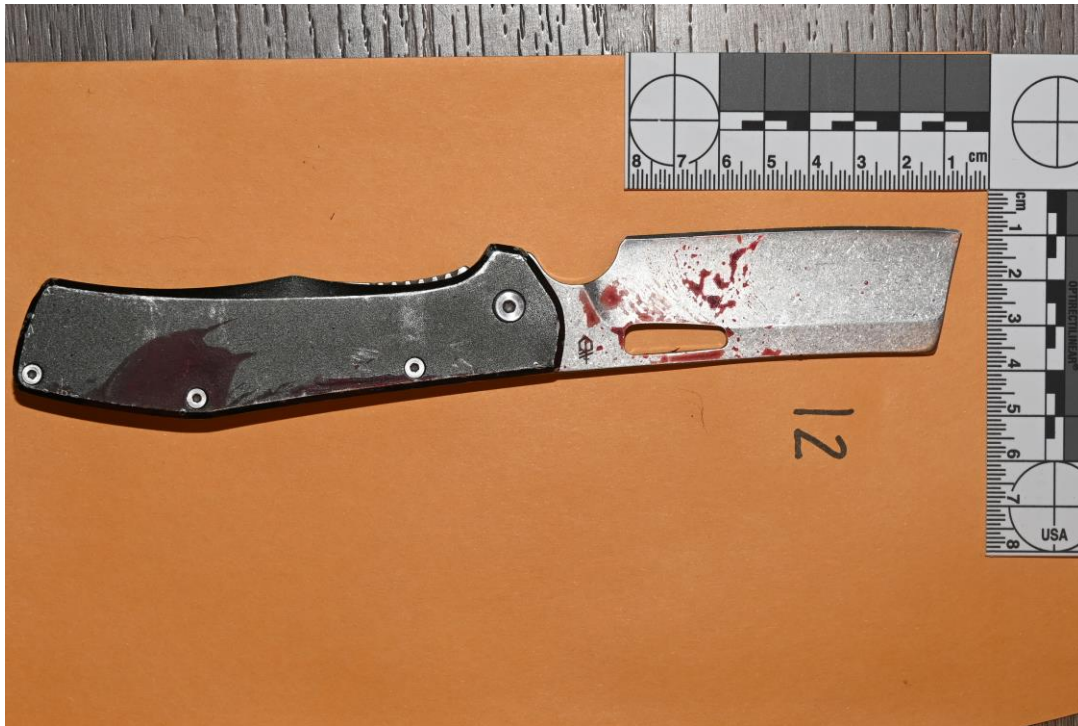


Image 5. Close-up of knife (item #12)

A “Gerber” brand pocketknife with a cleaver blade with suspected blood was located on the master bedroom floor in front of a chair (item #12). A taser prong with the taser wire attached was observed on the bed (item #13). A less lethal shotgun was located on the bed just above the taser probe (item #14). The shotgun was a Scattergun Technologies 12 gauge shotgun with a Streamlight TL-Racker shotgun forend light (S/N: [REDACTED]), and a black plastic shotgun shell holder screwed into the side, that obscured the firearm serial number. The shotgun was empty with no rounds in the magazine tube or chamber. A fired shotgun shell was located on the floor underneath a nightstand table on the west side of the bedroom (item #22). An unfired shotgun cartridge was located on top of the bed (item #29).

The master bathroom was located on the west side of the master bedroom. A fired shotgun shell was located on the bathroom floor (item #24). A taser prong with taser wire attached was observed nearby (item #15). Two fired less lethal beanbag

² This serial number was erroneously reported as the shotgun serial number on the evidence receipt

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projectiles were located in the master bathroom, one on the floor (item #24), and one inside the westmost wall near the toilet (item #28).



Image 6. Close-up of BE 1.0

A ballistic event (BE) was observed in the carpet of the master bedroom where Stephenson's body was located. This was marked as BE 1.0 for documentation purposes. The projectile appeared to continue through the master bedroom floor into the basement bedroom with visible suspected bullet damage to the basement bedroom ceiling, labeled as BE 1.1. Additional suspected bullet damage was observed on the basement bedroom north wall (BE 1.2) which continued into the adjacent laundry room (BE 1.3). In the laundry room, the projectile entered (BE 1.4) and exited (BE 1.5) a black laundry basket. The projectile then penetrated a cardboard box (BE 1.6) where it terminated. The projectile was collected as item #31.

SA Frazier and SA Seitzman searched the residence for items of evidentiary value. Unopened disposable syringe packages and a vial of testosterone were located inside a dresser in the south second floor bedroom. In the master bedroom, a Chipipa firearms SAA 1873 .22LR revolver (S/N: 17H00749) was observed along with a box of 22LR ammunition. In the master bathroom closet, two additional firearms were located. One was a Beretta 3032 Tomcat 32 Auto pistol (S/N: DAA537119), and the other was a Ruger LCP 380 Auto pistol (S/N: 371804417). Also in the closet were two boxes of 32 Auto ammunition. These items were documented through photography and not collected.

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No additional items of evidentiary value were located inside the residence at the time. CST Ryczek prepared printed copies of the inventory for the residence (Scene #1), SA Seitzman, and MTPD. At 2130 hours, all evidence from Scene #1 was transferred from CST Ryczek to SA Austin. BCI personnel cleared from the scene at approximately 2140 hours. On February 19th, 2025, at approximately 2230 hours SA Austin placed all the items from Scenes #1 and #2 in the temporary evidence locker at BCI headquarters in London, OH.

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