



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



2024-2371

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 197 West 8th Ave.,
Columbus Ohio 43201 (L)

Investigative Activity: Scene Processing
Involves: Asante Taaj Omar Miller
Activity Date: 08/11/2024
Activity Location: 1517 Worthington Street, Columbus, Ohio (Scene 1)
Silver Pontiac Vibe (Scene 5)

Authoring Agent: Crime Scene Technician Holly Ryczek #205

On August 11, 2024, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) investigated an Officer Involved Critical Incident involving the Columbus Police Department (CPD) and The Ohio State University Police Department (OSUPD). Crime Scene Technician (CST) Ryczek from the BCI Crime Scene Unit responded to assist. CST Ryczek was requested by Special Agent (SA) Aja Chung to report to 1517 Worthington Street to process the residence and vehicle that was also at the location.

CST Ryczek arrived at the scene at approximately 1455 hours and met with SA Chung. She advised the incident had started at 1517 Worthington Street and the involved subject's vehicle was located in a parking area to the west of the residence. CST Ryczek began to document the scene through photography.



Image 1. Outside of 1517 Worthington Street

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The residence was a 2-story multi-family home with a basement. CST Ryczek was advised the incident occurred on the 1st floor near the entrance of the residence, through the 1st floor hallway, and into the kitchen.

The east (main) entrance to the residence had damage to the doorframe. A piece of the doorframe and a strike plate were observed inside the residence on the floor of the 1st floor hallway.



Image 2. Norma 9mm luger cartridge, item 1

In the kitchen, a norma 9mm luger cartridge was located on top of a wooden table. The cartridge was collected as item 1.

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Image 3. Silver Pontiac Vibe

There was a parking area to the west of 1517 Worthington Street. In the parking area, a vehicle that belonged to the involved subject was located. The vehicle was a silver Pontiac vibe with Ohio license plate (KJT7255) and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) (5Y2SL63875Z442359). The interior of the vehicle was cluttered with miscellaneous personal property and garbage items.

On the front driver's floorboard, a black wallet was located. The wallet did not contain a driver's license; however, it contained multiple cards bearing the name "Asante Miller". The wallet was collected as item 1.

In a gap between the front driver's seat and the center console, a knife was located. The knife was a "Food Network" serrated knife with a black handle. The knife was collected as item 2.

On the front passenger's floorboard, a black pistol case that contained ammunition was located. The pistol case was a black "Nuprol" brand case. Inside the case, there were two boxes of Sellier & Bellot 9mm Luger 25 count ammunition. Also in the case were sixteen loose 9mm luger cartridges of varying brands. The case and ammunition were collected as item 3.

Underneath the front passenger's seat of the vehicle, a clear plastic sandwich bag containing a mushroom-like substance was located. This item was handed directly to Detective Lemmon of the Columbus Police Department.

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CST Ryczek turned over the cartridge from scene 1 (item 1) and the wallet, knife, and firearm-related items from scene 2 (items 1-3) to SA Chung while assisting at scene 3. CST Ryczek then cleared from the scene at 2045 hours.

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