



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



2023-2232

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 5991 S Sunbury Rd, Westerville OH
43081

Investigative Activity: Processing of Clothing (*Scene 2*)
Activity Date: August 24, 2023
Activity Location: Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital
500 South Cleveland Ave, Westerville, OH 43081
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cassandra Tackett

On August 24, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested for an officer involved critical incident that took place in a Kroger parking lot, located at 5991 South Sunbury Road Westerville, OH. It was reported that a Blendon Township Police Department (BTPD) officer had shot a female, who had allegedly attempted to hit officers with her vehicle; see report "Processing of Shooting Scene (*Scene 1*)."

Special Agents (SA) Mathew Austin and Cassandra Tackett responded.

SA Tackett arrived at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital at approximately 2127 hours. SA Tackett entered the emergency department, and was led to a room with two deputies from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office stationed outside. It was reported that the involved female was deceased and unidentified. Hospital staff reported she had been pregnant, but did not confirm how far along in pregnancy she was. Hospital staff informed SA Tackett they had not yet contacted the Franklin County Coroner's Office (FCCO) to report the death. SA Tackett asked them to contact the coroner, report the death, and ask an investigator to respond.

SA Jim Mulford contacted SA Tackett in an attempt to identify the female after speaking with potential family members on scene. SA Tackett advised SA Mulford of the locations of two tattoos on the female's body; "Kiya" on her stomach and a flower on her right wrist area. Family confirmed the tattoos, and the female was identified as Ta'kiya Young (Young).

SA Tackett spoke with FCCO Investigator Catherine Fitzgibbon via telephone, who advised no one from their office would respond to the hospital on this date. Further, they advised the body would be transported for autopsy the next morning. SA Tackett received verbal consent from Investigator Fitzgibbon to collect clothing from the body of Young. With assistance from a nurse, SA Tackett collected a cut black t-shirt, cut denim shorts, and underwear from Young's body. Two shoes that were previously placed in paper bags by hospital staff were also collected.

All clothing had suspected blood stains on them. A suspected bullet hole was observed and photographed in the front, left side of the shirt. There were no holes observed in the back of the shirt. All clothing items and shoes, along with original packaging, were collected as item 1.



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Photo 1. Cut black t-shirt with suspected bullet hole

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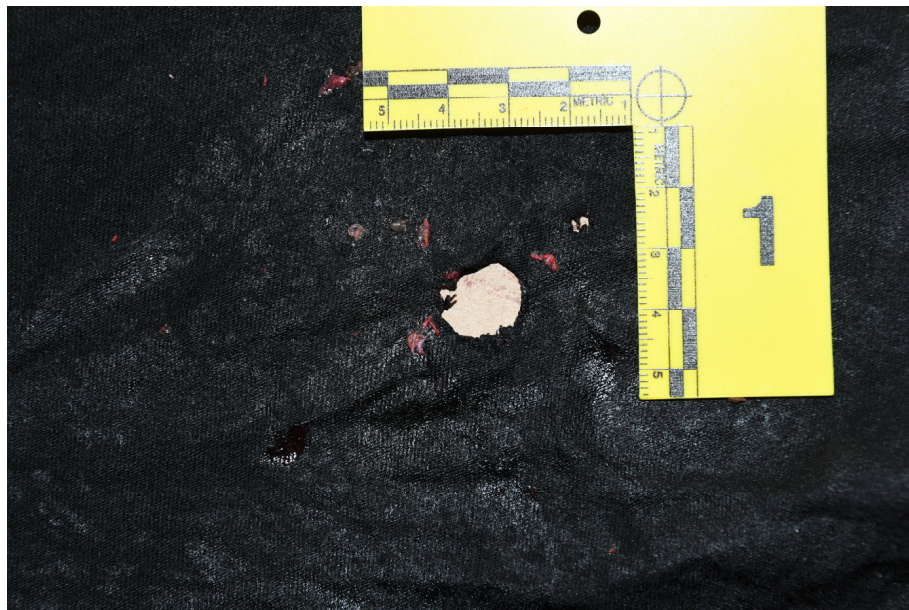


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Photos 2 & 3. Suspected bullet hole in the t-shirt exterior (top) and interior (bottom)

SA Tackett cleared from the hospital at approximately 2300 hours. Evidence item 1 was released to SA Austin at 0226 hours on August 25, 2023.

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