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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 27695, Tracy Road,
Walbridge, OH 43465

Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Investigation – Tracy Road
Involves: Perrysburg Township Police Department
Activity Date: 05/24/2024
Activity Location: 27587-27951 Tracy Road, Walbridge, OH 43465
Authoring Agent: Emily Miller

Narrative:

On May 23, 2024, at 2330 hours, Crime Scene Technician Emily Miller was contacted by Special Agent Larry Hootman about an Officer Involved Critical Incident in Wood County, involving Perrysburg Township Police Department. Preliminary information provided to CST Miller indicated that Perrysburg Township Police responded to the scene of a report that a person was walking around outside carrying a firearm in his hand. When police tried to contact the individual, Beau Purtee, fired a handgun in the direction of the officers. Perrysburg Township Police Department requested assistance from the Crime Scene Unit and Special Investigations Unit in processing the scene and handling the investigation. CST Miller and S/A D. Hammond of the Crime Scene Unit accepted the request.

It should be noted that this information was provided to CST Miller and S/A Hammond as an initial briefing. This information was used as a general overview to assist with the crime scene investigation. Details included in the brief of this report may not reflect information given by involved parties later in the investigation.

At approximately 0030 hours on May 24, 2024, CST Miller arrived at the scene. The scene was cordoned off with crime scene tape and officers from Perrysburg Township and other surrounding agencies were actively protecting the scene. Special Agent Hammond arrived shortly after. Weather conditions at the time of arrival were approximately 60 degrees Fahrenheit with no wind. Det. Moskowitz from Perrysburg Township Police Department briefly spoke with CST Miller and stated that personnel had moved the handgun located by Beau Purtee's body when they went to render aid. The scene was photographed as found.

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Ariel view of scene

The scene was measured and documented by S/A Hammond utilizing a BLK360 scanner. A drone was deployed by CST Miller to capture ariel photographs. A diagram of the scene was completed by CST Miller.

The scene was located in a ditch west of Tracy Road in Walbridge, Ohio with coordinates of the body located at 41.55417 degrees North, 83.52867 degrees West and extended south approximately 150 feet. Tracy Road runs north to south with a ditch, small body of water, and homes to the west and the First Solar building parking lot to the east.

The deceased, Beau Purtee, was in the ditch laying in approximately one (1) foot of water close to a culvert. His body was approximately sixteen feet (16') from the edge of the roadway. His head was positioned to the south and his feet to the north. He was face down in the water with his head facing east. His left leg was bent at the knee and right leg fully extended. The left arm was bent at the elbow, with his hand resting close to his head. The right arm was fully extended above his head. Apparent trauma was present to the top right area of his head above his right ear. Fire personnel from Perrysburg Township assisted in removing the body from the ditch and placing Mr. Purtee on the roadway for further examination. Mr. Purtee had on a tank top, long sleeve button shirt, pants with belt, shoes, and socks. A wallet and keys were located in Mr. Purtee's front left jeans pocket. The wallet contained numerous cards, a driver's license bearing the

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name Beau Daniel Purtee, and two American dollars (\$2). A holster was located in the front right waistband and pocketknife located partially hanging out of the front right pocket. The keys, wallet, money, and pocketknife were retained in a brown paper bag and collected as evidence (**BCI Item #10**).



Body of Beau Purtee and the firearm were found northeast of the deceased.



Holster found in front right waistband of jeans.

The Wood County Coroner ordered the body to be transported to Lucas County Coroner's Office for further examination. The body of Beau Purtee was placed into a clean, unused

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body bag and was transported at approximately 0445 hours on May 24, 2024, by Charles Scott.

The remainder of the scene was examined by investigators. Northeast of the body was a **Glock 34 GEN 5 9x19** handgun with serial number **CAPP107**. A "Trijicon" brand scope was attached to the slide of the handgun and a light was affixed to the underside of the muzzle. The handgun was unable to be made safe due to the extensive damage to the slide/scope area. One (1) full cartridge could be seen in the chamber. The magazine contained five (5) hollow point **9mm SIG LUGER** cartridges. The handgun, magazine, and ammunition were retained as evidence (**BCI Item 1**).



S/A Hammond located a fired **9mm SIG LUGER** cartridge casing in a grassy area north of the deceased's body in the ditch. Due to it being surrounded by water and it being in a large grassy area, it was collected immediately. The fired cartridge casing was collected and retained in a manila envelope and labeled as **BCI Item #9**.

Located further south in the ditch were multiple items of evidence that were collected by the crime scene unit.

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Image of distance of BCI Items #5-8 from deceased

Located in the ditch toward the west slope (approximately 122 feet away from the deceased) were four (4) fired cartridge casings labeled **HORNADY 5.56 NATO**. Each casing was collected and placed in separate manila envelopes labeled **BCI #5** through **#8**. It should be noted these items were close to the southeast corner of a home located on Blue Jacket Drive, west of Tracy Road.

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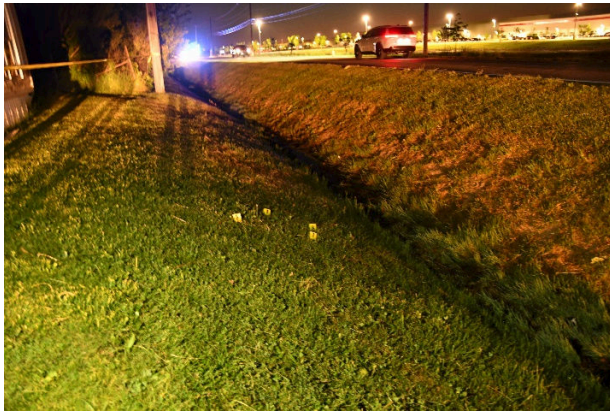


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Photographs of BCI Item 5-8



BCI Item #6

A phone with a black "LIFEPROOF" case was found on the east slope of the ditch. It was found with no power when collected. The phone was placed into a manila envelope, sealed with clear tape, and labeled as **BCI Item #2**.

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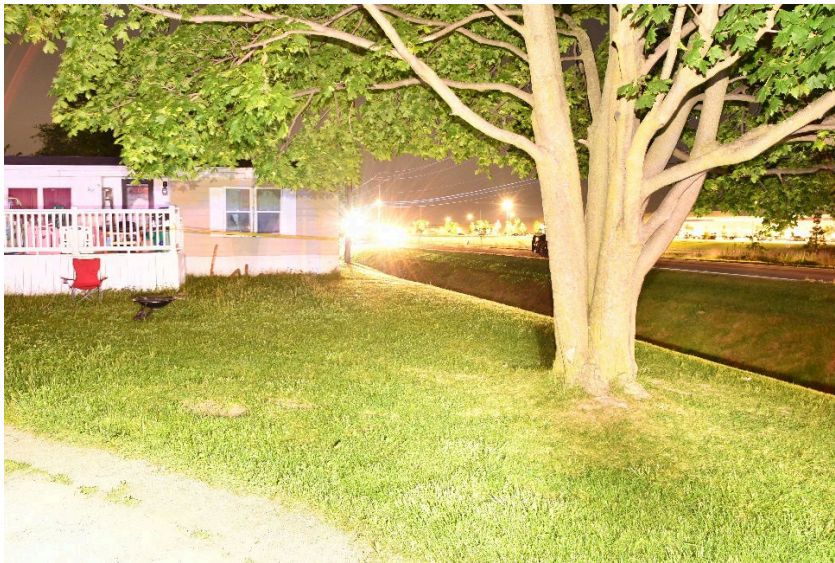


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Farther south in the center portion of the ditch a STREAMLIGHT WEDGE flashlight was found. The item was collected in a manila envelope, sealed with clear tape, and labeled as **BCI Item #3**.

South of the house located on Blue Jacket Drive and west of the ditch, was a tree that appeared to have apparent damage of potential bullet impacts to the north side of the trunk area. No fired bullets could be located.



Photograph of house, tree, and ditch to show orientation.

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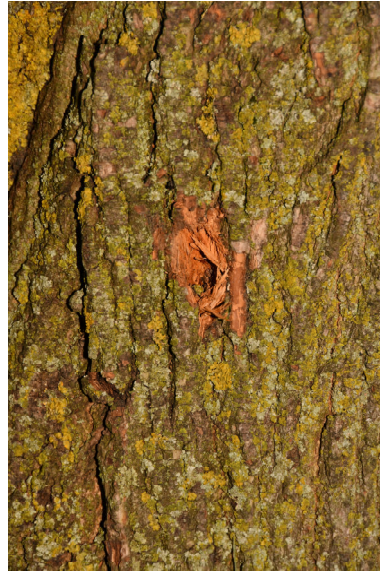


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Damage to the north side of the tree.

Examination of Perrysburg Township Police Department Vehicle

The exterior of the vehicle was examined. The vehicle was a black and white four-door Ford. "Police Perrysburg Township" was written on each side of the vehicle. Mounted on the top of the vehicle were emergency lights. The vehicle was in good condition.

The interior of the vehicle was examined and photographed as found. The vehicle was well kept. Various police equipment was present. Located in the trunk area of the vehicle (where Det Moskowitz said it would be located) was a "Rock River Arms" rifle, CAL 5.56MM, LAR-15 with serial number [REDACTED]. The rifle contained a scope with working light and was found locked in the "safe" position. One (1) HORNADY 5.56 NATO full cartridge was found in the chamber. The magazine was a PMAG 30 with "420" written on the side and contained twenty-three (23) HORNADY 5.56 NATO full cartridges. These items were placed into a cardboard box and retained as **BCI Item #4**.

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BCI Item #4



Full cartridge found in chamber of BCI Item #4

Beau Purtee's Vehicle

Exterior photographs of Beau Purtee's vehicle were taken. The vehicle was located in the driveway of residence Purtee was stated to have been previous to encounter with Perrysburg Township Police Department. This is the housing development located west of Tracy Road. The vehicle was photographed for placement purposes and was towed by a wrecker to BCI Bowling Green Office to be secured. Please refer to S/A Hammond's report for further information.

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All items collected as evidence were taken to BCI Special Agent Hammond who stated he would take them to the BCI Office located in Bowling Green, Ohio and secure them in the evidence/property room. Crime Scene Technician Miller cleared the scene as approximately 0600 hours. Special Agent Hammond remained on scene to escort the wrecker carrying Beau Purtee's vehicle to the garage bay at Bowling Green BCI.

Crime scene photographs were uploaded into Matrix and will serve as the master images.

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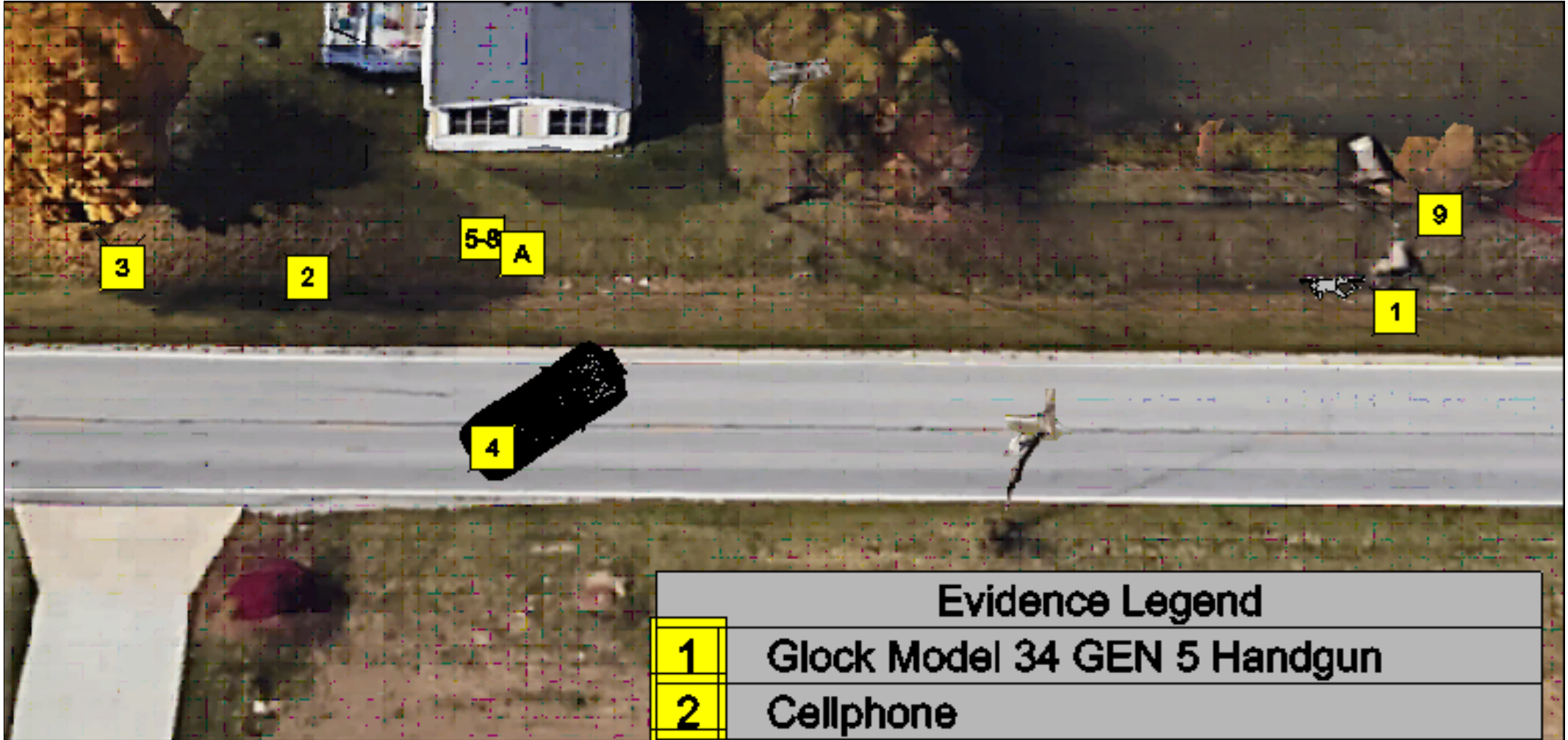
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References: Photographs of scene, LGS file on scanner drive, S/A Hammond's report of vehicle tow

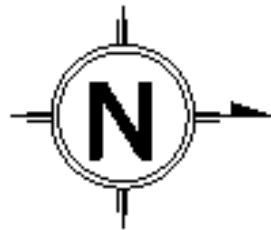
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Evidence Legend

1	Glock Model 34 GEN 5 Handgun
2	Cellphone
3	Flashlight
4	AR Rifle 556
5-8	Fired Cartridge Casing (556 Hornady)
9	Fired Cartridge Casing (SIG 9mm Luger)
A	Fired Cartridge Casing (556 Hornady)



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