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2023-1614

Officer Involved Critical Incident - Taurean Devonte Brown, Officer
[REDACTED] (S)

Investigative Activity: Processing of Shooting Scene

Activity Date: June 16, 2023

Activity Location: 428 Foster Ave. Cambridge, Ohio, 43725

Authoring Agent: SA Shawn Rowley #132

On June 15, 2023, Special Agent (SA) Shawn Rowley and Crime Scene Technician (CST) Amy Gill along with Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Joshua Durst with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) were requested by the Cambridge Police Department (CPD) to assist with an officer involved shooting. It was reported by CPD that during a domestic disturbance call at the above address, Taurean Brown (Brown) allegedly fired a weapon at officers and CPD [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had returned fire. CPD further reported Brown had barricaded himself inside the residence and was in a stand-off with officers and multiple SWAT teams that had surrounded the home. SA Rowley arrived on scene at approximately 2100 hours and the scene was still active with SWAT officers attempting to call Brown out of the residence. SA Rowley along with SAS Durst and CST Gill staged nearby.

At approximately 0030 hours, SAS Durst brought [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to SA Rowley's crime scene truck where he was photographed and his Sig Sauer .223 rifle was collected as item #1 (scene 2). The rifle had a serial number of [REDACTED] one cartridge in the chamber, and a seated magazine that contained 16 cartridges. An additional magazine contained 30 cartridges. All cartridges had the headstamp "Hornady 223 REM."

At approximately 0100 hours, SA Rowley was informed that a drone had been used to fly into the home and observed Brown deceased in the upstairs hallway with several firearms around him. CPD also advised that a search warrant to process the scene was obtained. Agents moved their BCI vehicles to the street in front of the residence to process the scene (scene 1). Crime scene tape was used to secure the perimeter of the home and street where several vehicles and a police cruiser had been hit by gunfire. Several of Brown's family members were at the home across the street and verbally challenging the officers. SA Rowley was also informed that several canisters of "CS" gas had been launched through the windows of the home during the stand off and a gas mask would need to be used for processing. SA Rowley photographed the scene as it was upon arrival. Due to the agitated state of the family, Sheriff Paden (Guernsey County Sheriff) advised the Coroner would arrive shortly and requested the body of Brown be moved from the scene first to avoid any further confrontation with family members.

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Image 1. 428 Foster Ave. Cambridge, Ohio

A gold Chevy Tahoe (Brown's vehicle) was parked to the east of the residence near a CPD SUV. Both vehicles had suspected gunfire damage, or ballistic events (BEs) and were photographed prior to being moved for further processing. BCI personnel collected several .223 casings (item #6) that were on the street in front of the Tahoe. A Leica digital laser scanner was deployed to further document the exterior scene.

SA Rowley entered the home into the living room and observed several empty cannisters of CS gas and broken glass from the windows. A set of stairs to the right led to the second floor. A handwritten note on an envelope was located on the stairs (item #7). A broken-out window was observed by a small landing at the top of the stairs. Turning left on the landing, there was a small bedroom and a narrow hallway leading to a bathroom at the end. At the end of the hallway, bedrooms were located on either side (left: "front bedroom" and right: "rear bedroom").

The body of Brown was visible in the hallway laying face up on the carpet with his head resting against a closet door. A large saturation stain of suspected blood was observed around his head on the carpet. A

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shotgun (Mossberg 12-gauge, Ser# P449811) was located on the carpet of the hallway and was loaded with 5 shot shells (item #1). Two handguns were observed near his body. One was between his legs and the other was between his right forearm and stomach area (detailed in table below). A single WIN 9mm fired cartridge casing (item #2) was near the shotgun along with several other WIN 9mm cartridges (item #3). A wearable cell phone mount was near the body.

Item #	Description
4	Ruger SR9C 9mm (Ser# 339-21298) 1 cartridge in chamber 2 in magazine (suspected blood on barrel/slide/frame) R-P 9mm head stamps
5	SAR Arms Sark2P 9mm (Ser# T110216C01881) 1 cartridge in chamber 9 in magazine WIN 9mm head stamps

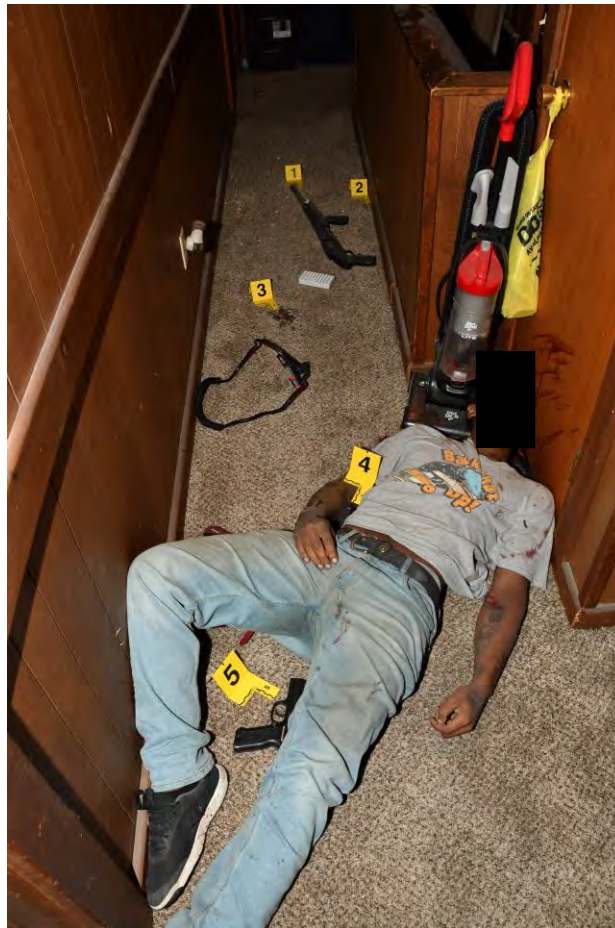


Image 2. Body of Brown and surrounding evidence

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With the assistance of the Guernsey County Coroner, Dr. Schubert, SA Rowley examined and photographed the body of Brown. It appeared that Brown had a single gunshot wound to the head. Brown was placed in a body bag and turned over to transport at the bottom of the stairs due to the CS gas still in the home.

Near Brown's feet was a tall cell phone stand with a mounted purple Motorola cellular phone (item #8). It was reported by family members that Brown was "live streaming" on social media during the stand-off. The upstairs bathroom floor had 11 fired cartridge casings on it. Eight had a headstamp of WIN 9mm and three had R-P 9mm (item #9). The bathroom window was shattered and broken glass was on the floor. In the rear bedroom, a single fired 12 gauge shot shell (item #21) was collected from the floor along with a second handwritten note (item #23). In the front bedroom, ammunition and several firearms were located around the room. A large gun safe was open and had multiple long guns inside. The table below details the items collected from the front bedroom.

Item #	Description
10	Heritage .22 caliber revolver ser# M13154
11	S&W M&P 15-22 .22 caliber rifle ser# DVW1230 and magazine with 3 cartridges
12	Raven Arms P-25 pistol .25 caliber ser# 448654 and magazine with 3 cartridges
13	RG Industries RG25 pistol .25 caliber ser# P067551 and magazine
14	Reck P8 pistol 6.35mm ser# 135792 with magazine
15	Ruger Single Six revolver .22 caliber ser# 63-65940
16	Ruger LR Auto pistol .22 caliber ser# 15-47666 and magazine with 10 cartridges
17	Hi-Point C9 9mm pistol ser# P137943 and magazine with 1 cartridge
18	Marlin 15Y rifle .22 caliber ser# 15738278
19	Iver Johnson 12-gauge shotgun ser# 18624
20	(35) WIN 12-gauge shotgun shells in belt carrier
22	Topper model 88 Shotgun 410 ser# AT352920

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Image 3. Front bedroom firearms with placards near bed

SA Rowley documented the stairwell and hallway with a Leica digital laser scanner for dimensions. No other evidence was collected from the home. Agents cleared the scene at approximately 0430 hours.

A neighbor's Jeep Laredo with Ohio plate KAN 6386 was reportedly struck by a bullet and towed from the scene prior to scene processing by BCI. At the Guernsey County Sheriff's Office, the vehicle and damage on the driver side roof near the windshield was photographed. The suspected bullet hole was labeled as BE1, but no projectile could be located. A CPD cruiser and Brown's vehicle that had also both been struck by gunfire and were secured at the Cambridge Police Department to be processed at a later date (see scene 3&4 report by SA Rowley).

At 0629 hours, SA Rowley turned over all the evidence to CST Gill who secured the items in a temporary storage locker at the London crime scene office (6/16/2023 0854 hours). On June 21, 2023 at 1157 hours SA Rowley submitted items 1-6, 9, 21 from scene 1 (residence) along with item 1 from scene 2 (officer's firearm) to evidence receiving in London. Items 7, 8, 10-20, 22, 23 (scene 1) were placed into BCI evidence storage in London.

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