



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



2025-1227

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4411 Montgomery Road,
Norwood, Ohio (Hamilton County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Search Warrant
Involves: Akeem A. Holtz (S)
Date of Activity: 04/21/2025
Activity Location: Ohio BCI – 1560 State Route 56, London, OH 43140
Author: SA Douglas Eveslage, #66

Narrative:

On April 21, 2025, Special Agent Doug Eveslage met with the Honorable Judge Eric Schooley with the Madison County Municipal Court to get a search warrant signed to download Akeem Holtz's two cell phones located during the investigation into the facts and circumstances involving the Norwood Police Department and Akeem Holtz.

On April 21, 2025 at approximately 13:45 hours, Judge Schooley signed the search warrant. SA Eveslage emailed the signed warrant to BCI London to be uploaded into Matrix so Cyber Agents can start downloading the two cell phones.

On April 28, 2025 at approximately 10:19 hours, the BCI Cyber Unit notified SA Eveslage about starting the extractions of the two cell phones.

On May 1, 2025, SA Eveslage returned and filed the search warrant with the Madison County Municipal Court Clerk's Office.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2025-05-01 Filed Akeem Holtz cell phones SW

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RETURN

ON, 4/28/25 I RECEIVED THIS WARRANT AND ON 4/28/25 AT 10 10 AM PM
I EXECUTED THIS WARRANT AT THE PLACE OR UPON THE PERSON NAMED THEREIN

____ PERSON ABSENT. I LEFT A COPY OF THIS SEARCH WARRANT _____ AT
THE PLACE NAMED IN THE SEARCH WARRANT AND WHERE THE SEARCH WAS MADE

~~X~~ FURTHER: ☐ NO PROPERTY WAS TAKEN
☒ PROPERTY WAS TAKEN, AS SHOWN BY THE ATTACHED INVENTORY

OFFICER

SA ROBERT EVESLAGE '66 THE OFFICER TAKING PROPERTY, BEING DULY SWORN,
SAYS THAT THE INFORMATION ON THIS INVENTORY / RECEIPT IS TRUE

SS #66
OFFICER TAKING PROPERTY

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED IN
MY PRESENCE ON 5 11 1995

Melinda Brown
CLERK / DEPUTY CLERK

Madison County Municipal Court
Eric M. Schooley, Judge
London, OH 43140

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STATE of OHIO

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Akeem Holtz

SEARCH WARRANT

MADISON COUNTY, OHIO.

TO: THE OHIO BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND IDENTIFICATION



FROM AFFIDAVITS SWORN TO BEFORE A JUDGE OF A COURT OF RECORD, I, AS JUDGE OF THIS COURT OF RECORD, FIND THAT THE AFFIANT AVERS THAT HE/SHE HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, AND DOES BELIEVE, THAT CERTAIN ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND/OR DATA STORAGE DEVICES (DESCRIBED BELOW) CONTAIN EVIDENCE RELATED TO VIOLATION(S) OF OHIO REVISED CODE LISTED BELOW

YOU ARE COMMANDED TO SEARCH THE PERSON/PLACE AND SEIZE THE PROPERTY, DESCRIBED BELOW. YOUR SEARCH SHALL BE WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, WITHIN THREE DAYS AND, ☒ ONLY IN THE DAYTIME, ☐ AT ANYTIME OF DAY OR NIGHT. PROMPTLY RETURN THIS WARRANT, TOGETHER WITH A WRITTEN INVENTORY OF ANY PROPERTY TAKEN TO THE UNDERSIGNED JUDGE.

Property to be searched (description):

- Akeem Holtz's Samsung cell phone with clear case and white circle

- Akeem Holtz's red Vortex cell phone with clear case

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FOR ANY TEXT-BASED MESSAGES, VOICEMAIL MESSAGES, DOCUMENT FILES (REGARDLESS OF PROPRIETARY FORMAT TYPE), EMAIL MESSAGES, DOWNLOADED OR DELETED APPS, CALL HISTORY LOGS, INTERNET HISTORY, LOCATION HISTORY, SYSTEM FILES EVIDENCING USE OR ACCESS OF ANY RELEVANT FILE(S), SYSTEM FILES OR OTHER FILES EVIDENCING USER OR OWNERSHIP OF ANY OF THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED DEVICES, RELEVANT PICTURE FILES (E.G., RELATING TO RELEVANT INTERNET USE, SCREEN CAPTURES OF RELEVANT INFORMATION THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE FALL INTO THE CATEGORIES OF FILES PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED, OR PICTURES TAKEN OF RELEVANT ITEMS RELATING TO THE ALLEGED OFFENSE(S), OR OTHER DISCOVERED FILES RELATED TO THE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY DESCRIBED

IN THIS WARRANT RECOGNIZING THAT DATA CAN BE STORED ANYWHERE ON A PHYSICAL STORAGE MEDIA AND THAT FILE TYPES CAN BE FALSIFIED, AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO SEARCH THE ENTIRE DIRECTORY STRUCTURE, INCLUDING ALLOCATED AND UNALLOCATED MEDIA SPACE AND SYSTEM FILES, FOR THE EVIDENTIARY ITEMS IDENTIFIED ABOVE

ALL OF THE ABOVE RECORDS MAY BE SEIZED, ACCESSED, LISTENED TO, READ, REVIEWED, COPIED, AND CONVERTED TO HUMAN-REVIEWABLE FORM AS NECESSARY BY THE MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE OR LONDON POLICE DIVISION. AUTHORIZATION IS GRANTED FOR THE EVIDENCE SPECIFIED HEREIN TO BE SUBJECTED TO DATA DUPLICATION, DATA ACQUISITION, AND/OR THE RENDERING OF HUMAN-READABLE COPIES OR RECORDINGS OF THIS DATA IN ORDER TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE INFORMATION AND TO THEREAFTER SEIZE, READ, LISTEN TO, COPY, AND MAINTAIN THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND/OR EVIDENCE.

IF FOUND, SAID ITEMS WILL BE SEIZED AND USED AS EVIDENCE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF OHIO REVISED CODE:

SECTION: 2903.11 Felonious Assault

SECTION: _____

SECTION: _____

THIS KNOWLEDGE IS BASED ON THE FACTS ARTICULATED IN THE AFFIDAVIT BY THE AFFIANT, WHICH HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THIS COURT AND FOUND TO ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE FOR THIS WARRANT.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OHIO, WITH THE NECESSARY AND PROPER ASSISTANCE, TO SERVE THIS WARRANT AND SEARCH FORTHWITH THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED ITEM(S). THE EXECUTION OF THIS WARRANT MUST BE INITIATED WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS OF THE DATE HEREOF. DUE TO THE NATURE OF ACQUIRING AND ANALYZING ELECTRONIC AND/OR DIGITAL EVIDENCE, THE EXECUTION OF THIS WARRANT MAY CONTINUE UNTIL THE DATA ACQUISITION AND ANALYSIS IS COMPLETED AND THE SEARCH WARRANT RETURN SHALL REFLECT ANY ACQUISITION OF ELECTRONIC DATA GENERALLY. SAID SEARCH MAY BE MADE IN THE DAY SEASON, AND IF THE PROPERTY, OR ANY PART THEREOF BE FOUND THERE, YOU ARE COMMANDED TO SEIZE IT, LEAVING A COPY OF THIS WARRANT AND A RECEIPT FOR THE PROPERTY TAKEN, PREPARE AN INVENTORY OF THE PROPERTY SEIZED, RETURN THIS WARRANT TO THE UNDERSIGNED OR ANY OTHER JUDGE OF THE MADISON COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT.

LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF: Union

MADISON COUNTY, OHIO.

THEREFORE: GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 21 DAY OF April 2025 AT 1:45 pm



JUDGE

Madison County Municipal Court
Eric M. Schooley, Judge
London, OH 43140

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STATE of OHIO

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Akeem Holtz

AFFIDAVIT

MADISON COUNTY, OHIO.

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF SEARCH WARRANT

AFFIANT, Special Agent Douglas Eveslage, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO
LAW STATES AS FOLLOWS:

Affiant is a Special Agent with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and has been a State of Ohio Peace Officer for approximately 20 years. Ten years have been spent with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation special operations division focusing on narcotics investigations on the state and federal level. Since May 2021, affiant has been assigned to the special investigation unit investigating officer involved critical incidents, homicides and other investigations. For approximately 3 years, your affiant was a detective at the Springfield Township Police Department in Hamilton County, Ohio with a focus on violent crimes and property crimes to include but not limited to: homicides, robberies, burglaries, and felonious assaults. Affiant has also been involved in numerous homicide and drug related investigations that led to arrest and convictions on the state and federal levels.

On April 16, 2025, the Norwood Police Department responded to the area of 4411 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio for an animal complaint call reference a homeless male letting his dog wonder around the area which almost attacked a bystander.

 #66
Officer

On this 21 day of April, 2025


Judge

AFFIDAVIT CONTINUED

The Norwood Police Department responded to this location and located Akeem Holtz and Karita Thomas on the second floor of the business, in the elevator, with numerous German Shepard dogs. The Norwood Police attempted to have a conversation with Akeem and Karita; however, they were not compliant. Eventually, the Norwood Police attempted to physically remove Akeem and Karita from the elevator and a confrontation ensued. During the confrontation, Akeem took a bite out of a Norwood Police Officer's arm causing injury.

After several minutes, Akeem was handcuffed and transported by the Norwood Fire Department to University of Cincinnati Hospital for further assistance. During the transport, Akeem's heart rate and life saving measures were conducted by fire personnel. After approximately 30 minutes at University of Cincinnati Hospital, Akeem was pronounced deceased.


On April 16, 2025, SA Eveslage and multiple BCI agents were requested to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident involving the Norwood Police Department and Akeem Holtz. Crime Scene units processed the scene at 4411 Montgomery Road, subjects at the hospital, and also the officers involved with the critical incident. BCI personnel collected Akeem's two cell phones, described above, as evidence and currently are in the BCI London office evidence lockers.

On April 16, 2025, SA Eveslage watched body worn camera footage of an incident involving Akeem Holtz and the Norwood Police, which occurred approximately 11 hours prior to the physical confrontation. The interaction was friendly; however odd, because Akeem thanked the officer for his assistance and stated that he would shake the officer's hand if he was not covered in dog feces.

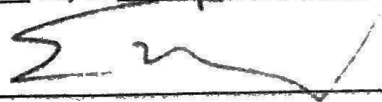
On April 16, 2025, SA Eveslage watched body worn camera footage of the interaction leading up to the physical confrontation with the police, and Akeem seemed to be suffering from some sort of mental health issues. The Norwood Police attempted to have a mental health expert respond to assist, but they were advised that the mental health services were at least 38 minutes away.

On April 17, 2025, SA Eveslage attended the autopsy of Akeem Holtz and Dr. Dorothy Dean stated

Based on the investigation, your affiant believes the identified device(s) will contain additional cellular and land based phone numbers for additional evidence. It is also highly likely that the device will contain text messages, photos, videos, and information sent and received by Akeem Holtz. Information obtained within the content of the device(s) will likely assist in identifying evidence to assist in this criminal investigation.




Officer

On this 21 day of April, 2025


Judge

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Officer

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Madison Co. Municipal Court
London, Ohio

On this 21 day of April, 2025



Judge

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INCORPORATED INTO THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE THE FOLLOWING:

The testimony of Special Agent Douglas Eversole, appearing personally,
before the undersigned alone and being examined under oath.

The affidavit for the arrest of Special Agent Douglas Eversole, who is a
Law Enforcement Officer.



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On the 21 day of April 1975

