



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



2024-3954

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 3487 Belmont Avenue,
Youngstown, Ohio, 44505

Investigative Activity: Evidence Collection from Subject Vehicle

Involves: Liberty Township Police Department

Activity Date: 12/30/2024

Activity Location: Sorice Towing, 1740 Tibbetts-Wick Rd., Girard, Ohio 44420

Authoring Agent: S/A Chad Doran #177

Narrative:

On 12/30/2024, BCI CSU Special Agent Chad Doran was contacted by CSU Special Agent Larry Hootman. S/A Hootman advised that SIU Special Agent Goudy's investigation into Liberty Township Police Department's (LTPD) officer-involved critical incident revealed new information.

S/A Hootman advised one of the witness officers stated he observed an object which he thought was a handgun in the subject's lap when they approached the vehicle. The object was dropped onto the front passenger floorboard by one of the LTPD officers when they rendered aid to the subject. Agents processed the subject vehicle on 12/20/2024, and did locate two items of a similar size and shape to a handgun. S/A Doran was asked to respond to Sorice Towing, 1540 Tibbetts-Wick Rd, Girard, Ohio 44420, and collect those objects as evidence.

S/A Doran arrived at Sorice Towing at approximately 1430 hrs and was escorted into the secured impound lot by Sorice Towing personnel. S/A Doran photographed the objects, described as a red electrical device labeled "WEN 75" (later determined to be a soldering gun), and a black and silver pistol-grip lighter. These objects were collected into paper envelopes as evidence items 19 and 20.

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Fig. 1: Front passenger area of the subject vehicle.



Fig. 2: Front passenger floor of the subject vehicle.

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Fig. 3



Fig. 4

S/A Doran later transported the evidence items to BCI Richfield where custody was released to AP Betsy Farris. The photographs and property receipt were uploaded to Matrix.

References: None

Attachments: None

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