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

2026-2566
Officer Involved Critical Incident - State Route 67 and Township Road 8, Republic, OH 44867, Seneca County (L)

Investigative Activity:	Scene Processing
Involves:	Seneca County Sheriff's Office
Activity Date:	07/07/2026
Activity Location:	State Route 67 & Township Road 8
Authoring Agent:	Crime Scene Technician Emily Miller

Narrative:

On July 7, 2026, at approximately 1100 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was contacted by the Seneca County Sheriff's Office in reference to an officer involved critical incident. The incident began as a traffic stop. It was reported that when the subject, Jeffrey Sergent, failed to comply with orders to exit the vehicle, responding officers broke the glass on the passenger-side and driver-side doors in order to gain access into the vehicle. The subject backed his vehicle up, then drove forward aiming the vehicle at two (2) officers. Gunfire occurred and the subject was pronounced deceased on scene. Seneca County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from the Crime Scene Unit and Force Investigation Unit in processing the scene and handling the investigation. Crime Scene Technician (CST) Miller and Special Agent (SA) Roberts accepted the request in the examination of the scene and collection of potential evidence.

CST Miller arrived on scene, at the intersection of State Route 67 and Township Road 8 in Republic, Ohio, at approximately 1230 hours. SA Roberts arrived a short time later. The crime scene was secure at the time of arrival. The scene was cordoned off with crime scene tape and officers from Seneca County Sheriff's Department were actively protecting the scene. The roadways were blocked at intersecting locations to prevent traffic from entering the area.

Weather conditions at the time of arrival were sunny and approximately 81 degrees Fahrenheit.

The scene was photographed as found.

Chief Deputy Boyer stated that he had obtained the firearms from the two (2) officers who had presumably fired their weapons. He stated they were placed into separate cardboard boxes, sealed, and were secured in the back of a marked vehicle. The

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cardboard boxes were obtained from the locked police cruiser and given to CST Miller for examination.

The first firearm was a Glock 45 (serial number [redacted]) with attached TLR-7 Streamlight and Aimpoint eyesight on top. The seated magazine contained eleven (11) WIN 9mm LUGER cartridges. One (1) WIN 9mm LUGER cartridge was found in the chamber. The box was resealed and retained as **BCI Item #12**.

The second firearm was a Glock 17 GEN 5 (serial number [redacted]) with attached TLR-1 Streamlight. The seated magazine contained fourteen (14) WIN 9mm LUGER cartridges. One (1) WIN 9mm LUGER cartridge was found in the chamber. The box was resealed and retained as **BCI Item #13**.



Glock 45



Glock 17

The scene was measured and documented by SA Roberts utilizing a Leica RTC360 scanner. A drone was deployed by CST Miller for photograph documentation and use of a scene diagram. The digital data was uploaded into Axon.

The scene was located at the intersection of SR 67 and Township Road 8. Township Road 8 runs east and west, while SR 67 traveled in a northeast and southwest direction. A creek was present to the east of SR 67 and passed beneath Township Road 8. A house was situated on the northwest side of SR 67.

Four (4) police cruisers and one GMC truck were present near the intersection. One (1) police cruiser was positioned on SR 67 with its front end facing southeast. Three (3) additional police cruisers were located on Township Road 8. Two (2) of these cruisers were positioned with their front ends facing northeast.

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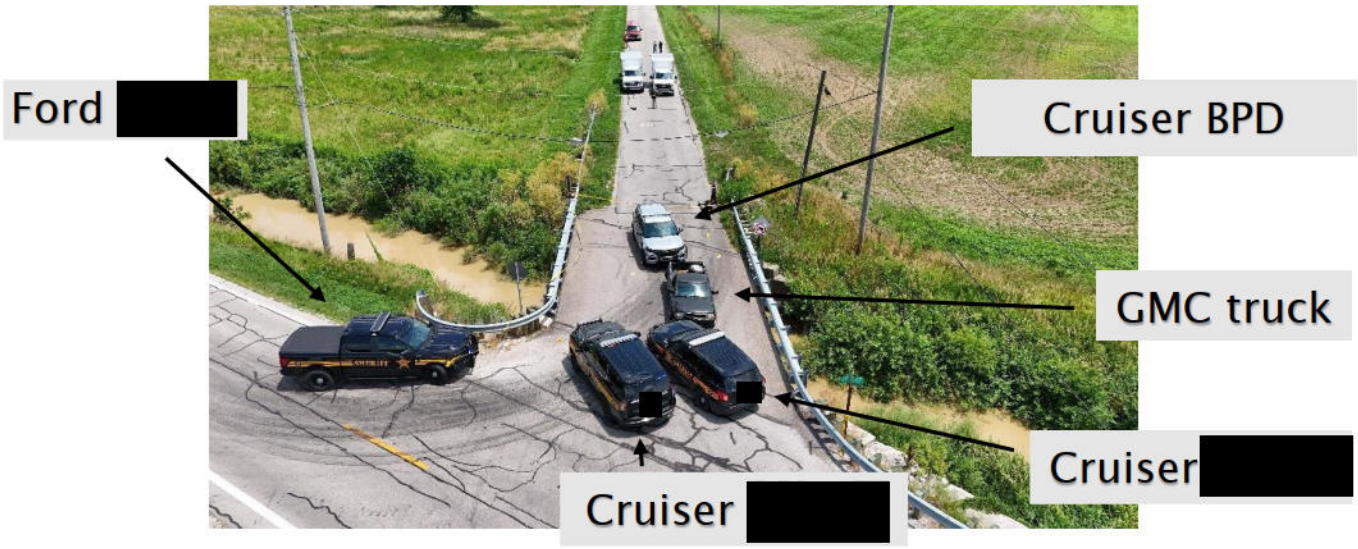
A black GMC truck, with the front of the vehicle facing west, was found bumper to bumper with cruiser 74 [redacted]. One (1) additional police cruiser was positioned to the east of the GMC truck, with its front-end facing west.



Make	Model	Registration	Owner
Ford	F150	[redacted]	Seneca County Sheriff's Office
Chevrolet	Tahoe	[redacted]	Seneca County Sheriff's Office
Ford	Police Interceptor	[redacted]	Seneca County Sheriff's Office
GMC	Sanoma	KWX 2981	Jeffrey Sergent
Ford	Police Interceptor	BPD 502	Bloomville Police Department

The GMC truck contained the deceased, Jeffrey Sergent (Sergent). Sergent was seated in the driver's seat with both legs extended toward the brake and gas pedals. His arms were bent at the elbows and rested on his upper thighs. His head was dropped forward toward the front of the vehicle, with his face positioned towards his thighs. He was clothed in a black T-shirt, blue jeans, black belt, and brown boots. His T-shirt was partially raised exposing a portion of his stomach, where medical lead attachments were present on his skin.

The Seneca County Coroner and Coroner Investigator removed Sergent from the truck and placed him onto a clean body bag. Rigor mortis was present throughout the body. A red-brown stain, irregular in shape, was present on the anterior right thigh area of his jeans, corresponding to the location where his head had been positioned. An

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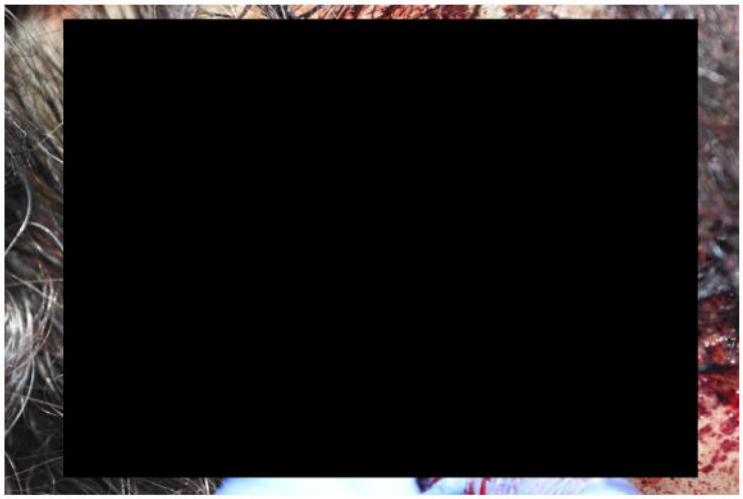
apparent gunshot wound was present on the decedent's upper right arm near the shoulder, with irregular shaped bloodstaining showing signs of flow. Another apparent gunshot wound was present on Sergent's right ear, with a large volume of blood appearing to spill from this area.





Both of his hands were in a clenched position. Irregular and symmetrical shaped red/brown stains were present. Visible glass fragments could be seen in the hair located on his left arm along with symmetrical shaped red/brown stains on the left medial forearm.

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A pocketknife was removed from the decedent's belt **(BCI Item #14)** and a wallet, lighter, and vape were removed from his pants pockets **(BCI Item #15 & #16)**. These items were placed into separate manila envelopes and sealed with clear tape.

The Seneca County Coroner requested the body of Sergent to be transported to the Lucas County Coroner's Office for further examination.

Each of the vehicles were examined. Three (3) of the vehicles were black and yellow. "Sheriff" was written on each side of the vehicle. The grey vehicle was labeled "POLICE Bloomville" on the sides. All cruisers had mounted emergency lights on the roof of the vehicles.

Seneca County Cruisers [redacted] and [redacted] were in good condition and appeared well kept. No visible dash cameras were present. These cruisers were photographed as found and were released from the scene.

Seneca County Cruiser [redacted] showed visible exterior damage to the front passenger side bumper and push bar. Besides the damage to the front of the vehicle, it appeared to be in well-kept condition. Additional documentation of the damage would be processed at a later time. Please refer to **2026-09-07: Vehicle Processing** report for further information.

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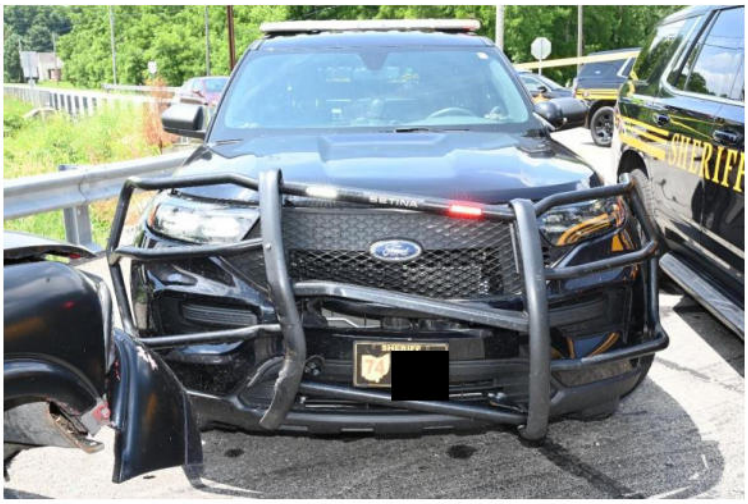

Front bumper of police cruiser 74 [redacted]

Bloomville PD Cruiser BPD 502 was in good condition and appeared well kept. A visible "Getac" dash camera was mounted on the interior front windshield. SA Emahiser stopped the recording upon his arrival at the scene. He stated all recorded footage would be automatically uploaded to Bloomville Police Department's server upon the arrival of the cruiser to the police station.

The GMC truck contained a large amount of rust on the exterior of the truck. Extensive damage was present to the front passenger side bumper area. The truck appeared bent towards the center, with the middle section sitting lower than the front and rear ends. Multiple ballistic impacts were present on the GMC truck. Glass was missing from the driver and passenger side windows. Multiple tools and tires were found in the bed of the vehicle. The interior appeared in disarray with batteries and tools present throughout.

Located in plain sight was a cell phone resting near the speedometer display. Due to the risk of evidence loss associated with the missing driver side window, towing process, and potential required charging to prevent data loss, investigators decided the cell phone should be collected. The cell phone was placed into a plastic bag and retained as **BCI Item #17**. Crash wrap was applied to the driver and passenger side windows of the vehicle.

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Black GMC truck

Multiple cartridge casings, apparent blood stains, and car parts were found in the roadway surrounding the vehicles. Investigators located six (6) WIN 9mm LUGER fired cartridge casings scattered across Township Road 8 between the vehicles described. Each casing was collected, placed into separate manila envelopes, sealed with clear tape, and retained as **BCI Items # 1-6**.

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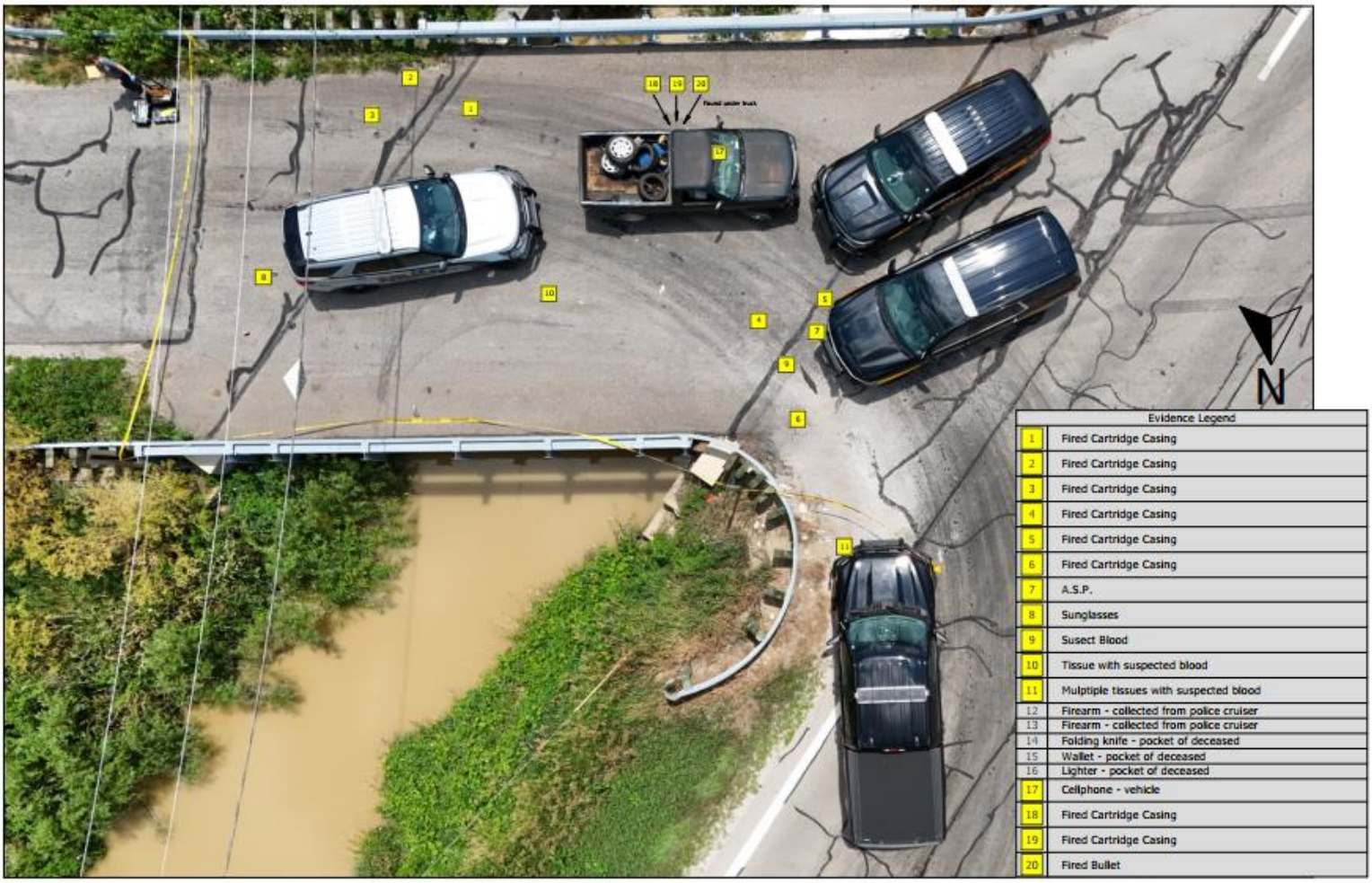

An ASP was found on the ground near the passenger side bumper of police cruiser 74 [redacted] **(BCI Item #7)** and sunglasses were found on the ground, behind the rear of police cruiser BPD 502. The items were placed into separate packaging, sealed with clear tape, and retained as evidence.

Red-brown irregular shaped stains ranging in approximate size 5mm to 20mm were present on the ground on the north and south side of the GMC truck, leading toward the Ford 150 police cruiser (Cruiser 74 [redacted]). The stains had irregular margins, most likely associated with the road surface. These stains are consistent with being a drip trail. During examination of the cruiser additional apparent blood was found in the driver side door pocket, driver side floor, center console, and on "DUDE WIPES"

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packaging located on the front passenger seat. Investigators stated that an officer had minor injuries from the shattered glass. A representative sample of the apparent blood was taken with one (1) swab utilizing distilled water. The swab was placed into a manilla envelope, sealed with clear tape, and retained as **BCI Item #9**. Multiple pieces of wipes/tissues containing apparent blood were also present in these areas. These items were collected and retained as **BCI Item's #10 and #11**.

The GMC truck and police cruiser 74 [redacted] were requested to be towed to the Seneca County Sheriff's Office to be processed at a later time. SA Burke escorted the vehicles to the Seneca County Sheriff's Office to be secured for storage. See SA Burke's report for additional information.

After the GMC truck was removed from the scene, two (2) additional WIN 9mm LUGER fired cartridges were found along with one (1) fired bullet were located. These items were presumed to have been beneath the GMC truck. Each item was placed into separate manila envelopes, sealed with clear tape, and retained as **BCI Item's #18-20**.

All items of evidence were transferred to SA Roberts at approximately 1700 hours. SA Roberts transported the items of evidence from the scene and took them to the Bowling Green BCI Office where she secured them.

A copy of the photographs obtained during the scene examination were uploaded into Axon and will serve as the master images.

References: Reference Item B – Crime Scene Photographs

Reference Item C – Scan Data

Attachments: Diagram

Evidence Inventory Sheet – Scene 1

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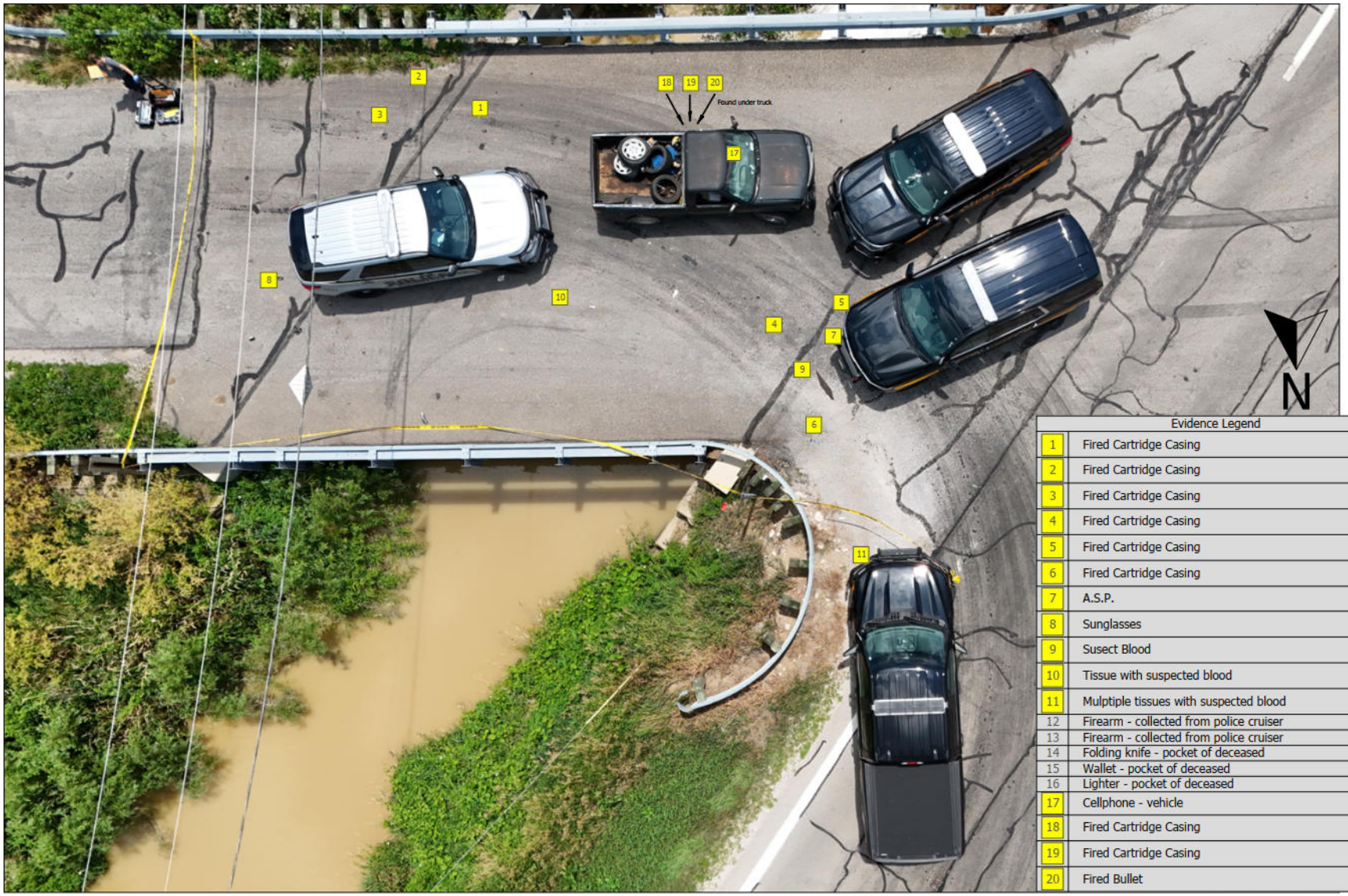

Evidence Legend	
1	Fired Cartridge Casing
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5	Fired Cartridge Casing
6	Fired Cartridge Casing
7	A.S.P.
8	Sunglasses
9	Susect Blood
10	Tissue with suspected blood
11	Mulptiple tissues with suspected blood
12	Firearm - collected from police cruiser
13	Firearm - collected from police cruiser
14	Folding knife - pocket of deceased
15	Wallet - pocket of deceased
16	Lighter - pocket of deceased
17	Cellphone - vehicle
18	Fired Cartridge Casing
19	Fired Cartridge Casing
20	Fired Bullet

BCI Case Number:	Location:	Date of Occurrence:
2026-2566	E Township Rd. 8 & SR 67, Republic, OH	Jult 7, 2026
Offense:	**Involved Agency:**	**Lead Investigator:**
Officer Involved Critical Incident	Seneca County Sheriff's Office	Special Agent Hammond

Drawn By:
Emily Miller, Crime Scene Technician - Overhead Diagram w/ Placards

Evidence Receipt for Case #: 2026-2566

Agency:
Prepared By: Miller
Case Date: Jul 7, 2026
Offense(s): Officer Involved Critical Incident
Victim(s):
Witness(es):
Suspect(s):
Scene #: 1
Scene Address: 910 ST 67, Republic

Evidence #	Item Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
1	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; 9mm WIN Luger	Roadway:	Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026
2	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; 9mm WIN Luger	Roadway:	Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026
3	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; 9mm WIN Luger	Roadway:	Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026
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5	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; 9mm WIN Luger	Roadway:	Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026
6	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; 9mm WIN Luger	Roadway:	Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026
7	Paper Bag containing A.S.P. -- Quantity: 1	Roadway:	Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026
8	Envelope containing Sun Glasses -- Quantity: 1	Roadway:	Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026
9	Envelope containing Swab of Suspected Blood -- Quantity: 1	Roadway:	Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026
10	Envelope containing Tissue -- Quantity: 1; with suspected blood	Roadway:	Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026
11	Envelope containing Tissue -- Quantity: 1; Multiple tissues with suspected blood	Roadway: Near cruiser [redacted]	Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026
12	Gun/Firearm Cardboard Box containing Handgun (Pistol or Revolver) -- Quantity: 1; Serial Number: [redacted] Glock - 45; One in chamber 11 in magazine WIN Luger 9mm Collected from [redacted]		Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026
13	Gun/Firearm Cardboard Box containing Handgun (Pistol or Revolver) -- Quantity: 1; Serial Number: [redacted] Glock - 17; 9 mm; One in chamber 14 in magazine WIN Luger Collected from [redacted]		Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026
14	Envelope containing Utility Knife -- Multi-tool	Body: Pockets	Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026
15	Envelope containing Wallet --	Body: Pockets	Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026
16	Envelope containing Lighter -- Lighter - green vape	Body: Pockets	Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026
17	Envelope containing Cell Phone -- Iphone; With black case	Vehicle:	Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026

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18	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; 9mm WIN Luger	Roadway:	Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026
19	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; 9mm WIN Luger	Roadway:	Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026
20	Envelope containing Fired bullet -- Quantity: 1	Roadway:	Emily Miller	Jul 7, 2026

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