



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



2023-2812
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 16178 SR 160, Vinton
45686 (L)

Investigative Activity: Processing of Deputies
Activity Date: October 22, 2023
Activity Location: Gallia County Sheriff's Office: 18 Locust Street, Gallipolis, Ohio
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Sarah Taylor

On October 22, 2023, the Gallia County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) requested assistance from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) reference an officer involved critical incident (OICI). As part of a multi-agent response, Special Agent (SA) Sarah Taylor responded to assist. SA Mathew Austin informed SA Taylor that there was one deputy involved and two deputies who witnessed the OICI. Furthermore, the involved deputy's firearm had been collected at the incident location.

SA Taylor arrived at the GCSO and began to process deputies at 1456 hours. All deputies were documented through photography.

Deputy ██████ # ██████ advised he witnessed the OICI and was photographed with dirt and suspected blood on his shoes. In a holster attached to his duty belt, he had a Glock 45, 9X19 semi-automatic pistol (SN: ██████ with a cartridge in the chamber and a seated magazine containing 17 cartridges. Deputy ██████ had two additional magazines attached to his gun belt that were fully loaded.

Deputy ██████ (██████) ██████ # ██████ advised he witnessed the OICI. His duty firearm was secured in his holster and had two additional magazines on his duty belt. The handgun was a Glock 45, 9X19 semi-automatic firearm (SN: ██████ with a cartridge in the chamber and a seated magazine containing 17 cartridges. The additional magazines were fully loaded.

Deputy ██████ # ██████ advised he was involved in the OICI. Deputy Waldron did not have his firearm that was used in the incident; however, he did have three 9mm magazines attached to his duty belt. All three magazines were fully loaded. Deputy ██████ informed SA Taylor he had been struck on the upper lip by a suspected fragment during the OICI. Furthermore, Deputy ██████ advised it had previously been bleeding, but was not anymore. SA Taylor observed a red speck on Deputy ██████'s upper lip and photographed the area.

SA Taylor cleared the scene at approximately 1510 hours and responded to the incident location to assist SA Austin.

On October 27, 2023, SA Taylor responded to the Montgomery County Coroner's Office (Scene 3) to obtain evidence collected during the autopsy of Roger Meade. Morgue Supervisor Welch released the evidence to SA Taylor who transported the items to the BCI offices in London, Ohio.

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At 1147 hours, SA Taylor photographed the following items of evidence from autopsy:

Item	Description
1	2 projectiles recovered from the body of Meade.
2	DNA blood card, fingerprints, and other biological evidence.
3	A broken piece of a tape measure with suspected blood, a gray t-shirt with suspected blood and bullet holes, a blue pair of pajama pants with suspected blood, and a hair tie.
4	A pair of handcuffs.

At 1215 hours, SA Taylor released items 2-4 to BCI Administrative Assistant Greg Dunham. At this same time, SA Taylor obtained items 6 and 7, from Scene 1, for submission.

At 1233 hours, SA Taylor submitted items 6 and 7 (Scene 1) and item 1 (Scene 3) to evidence receiving for lab examination.

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