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Officer Involved Critical Incident - Unknown, James J Sheets (S)

Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Processing
Activity Date: Friday, April 1, 2022
Activity Location: 914 Salt Springs Rd., Youngstown, Ohio 44509
Authoring Agent: SA Dan Boerner #135

SUMMARY:

On Friday, April 1, 2022, BCI Special Agent Dan Boerner assisted Chief Tim Roddy and the Struthers Police Department with the processing of an outdoor crime scene located at 914 Salt Springs Rd., Youngstown, Ohio 44509 in regard to an officer-involved critical incident. The scene was photographed as it was found and evidence was collected. The scene was further documented using a FARO Focus S70 laser scanner.

DETAILS:

On Friday, April 1, 2022, at approximately 1800hrs, SA Boerner was contacted by SAS Ed Lulla and was requested to assist Chief Tim Roddy and the Struthers Police Department with the processing of an outdoor crime scene in regard to an officer-involved critical incident.

On Friday, April 1, 2022, at approximately 1945hrs, SA Boerner arrived on scene and met with Captain Jason Simon of the Youngstown Police Department and Chief Tim Roddy of the Struthers Police Department. SA Boerner learned that members of the Struthers Police Department (Ofc. Tommy Schneeman and Capt. Matt Haus) were pursuing a subject vehicle in the City of Youngstown. SA Boerner learned that at some point near the end of the pursuit the subject vehicle struck a police cruiser. SA Boerner learned that after the reported traffic crash, the subject reportedly brandished a firearm and was shot by one of the officers. SA Boerner learned that the subject was subsequently declared to be deceased. SA Boerner learned that both officers were transported to the hospital for evaluation.

SA Boerner proceeded to photograph the scene as it was found (Figures 1-5, Overall photographs). The scene consisted of the roadway in the area of 914 Salt Springs Rd., the subject vehicle (a tan 2000 Chevrolet Malibu 4s, VIN: 1G1NE52J7Y6174532 and bearing Ohio registration HHQ1258), and two Struthers Police Department Cruisers (77 and 75).



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Figure 1, Overall photograph



Figure 2, Overall photograph

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Figure 3, Overall photograph

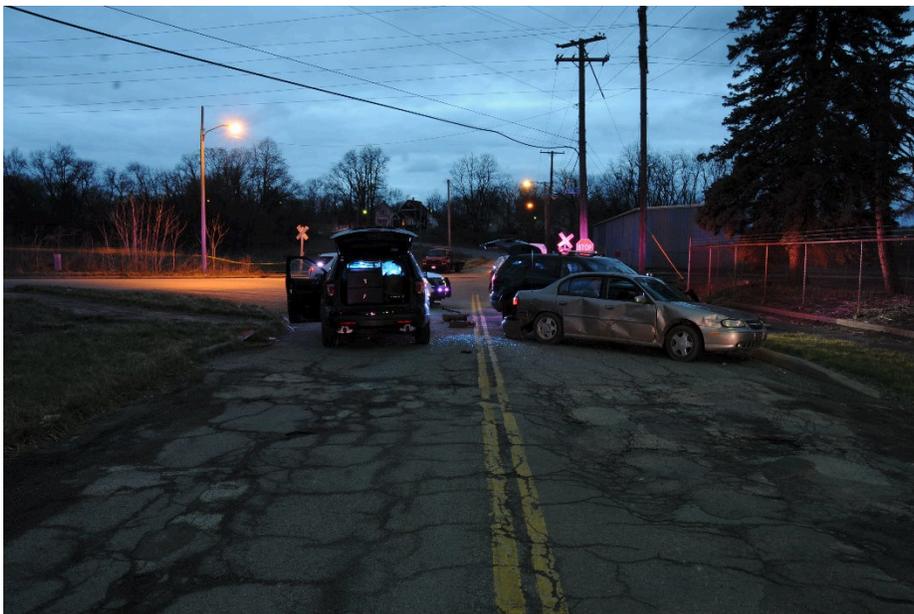


Figure 4, Overall photograph

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Figure 5, Overall photograph

The scene was examined for items of suspected evidence and several items of suspected evidence were observed. The items of suspected evidence were photographed as they were found and collected (Table 1, Items of Suspected Evidence) (Figures 6-8, Items of Suspected Evidence).

Item #	Description	Location
1	Cartridge case	Roadway near SPD 77
2	Empty magazine	Roadway near SPD 77
3	Cartridge case	Roadway near SPD 77
4	Cartridge case	Roadway near SPD 77
5	Cartridge case	Roadway near SPD 77
6	Cartridge case	Roadway near SPD 77
7	Cartridge case	Roadway near SPD 77
8	Cartridge case	Roadway near SPD 77
9	Cartridge case	Roadway near SPD 77
10	Cartridge case	Roadway near SPD 77
11	Cartridge case	Roadway near SPD 77
12	Cartridge case	Roadway near SPD 77
13	Cartridge case	Roadway near SPD 77
14	Cartridge case	Roadway near SPD 77
15	Ballistic shield	Hood of SPD 77

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16	Cartridge case	Roadway near SPD 77
17	Cartridge case	Roadway near SPD 77
18	Taser S/N: [REDACTED] ¹ , with one fired cartridge and one intact cartridge	Roadway in between subject vehicle and SPD 75
19	Cartridge case	Roadway near SPD 77
20	Cartridge case	Hood of SPD 77

Table 1, Items of Suspected Evidence

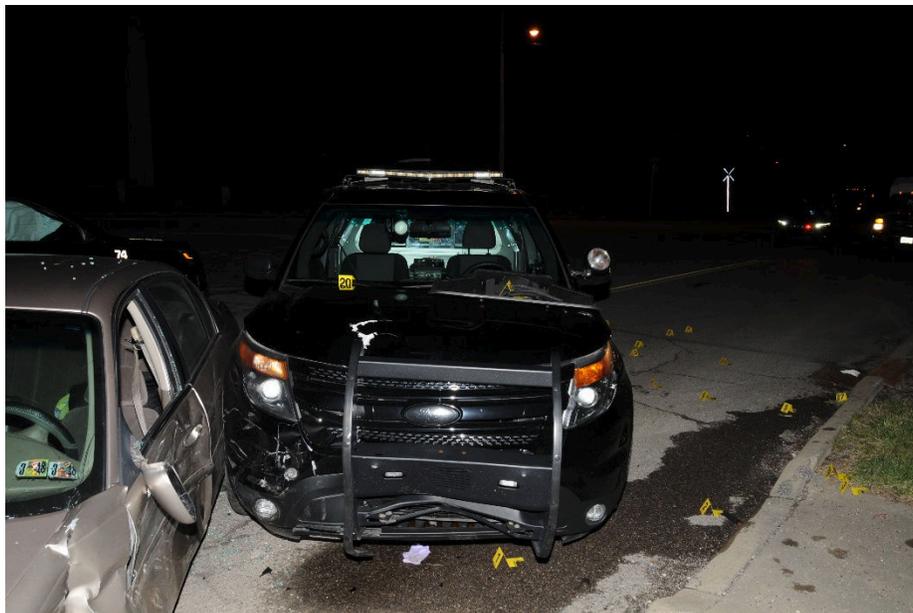


Figure 6, Items of Suspected Evidence

¹ The taser serial number was provided by Chief Tim Roddy as no markings were observed on the taser in the field. This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law - a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.



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Figure 7, Items of Suspected Evidence



Figure 8, Items of Suspected Evidence

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The vehicle (a tan 2000 Chevrolet Malibu 4s, VIN: 1G1NE52J7Y6174532 and bearing Ohio registration HHQ1258) and the body of the subject were photographed as they were found. The body of the subject exhibited several suspected gunshot wounds and at least three taser impacts/probes (Figures 9-12, Body photographs). While photographing the body of the subject, a handgun and a cell phone were observed on the driver's side front floorboard (Table 2, Items of Suspected Evidence, Vehicle) (Figures 13-14, Items 25 and 30). The vehicle was subsequently towed to the Struthers Police Department for processing at a later date.

Item #	Description	Location
25	Cell phone with pink case	Dr. side front floorboard
30	Black handgun – Taurus, G2c, 9mm, S/N: ABG663394, 1 cartridge in chamber, 11 cartridges in magazine	Dr. side front floorboard

Table 2, Items of Suspected Evidence, Vehicle

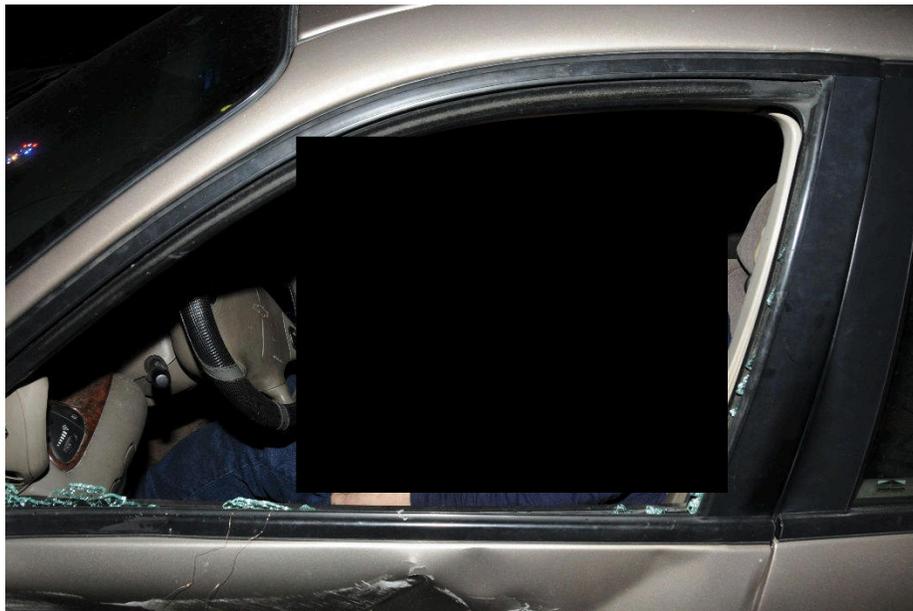


Figure 9, Body photograph

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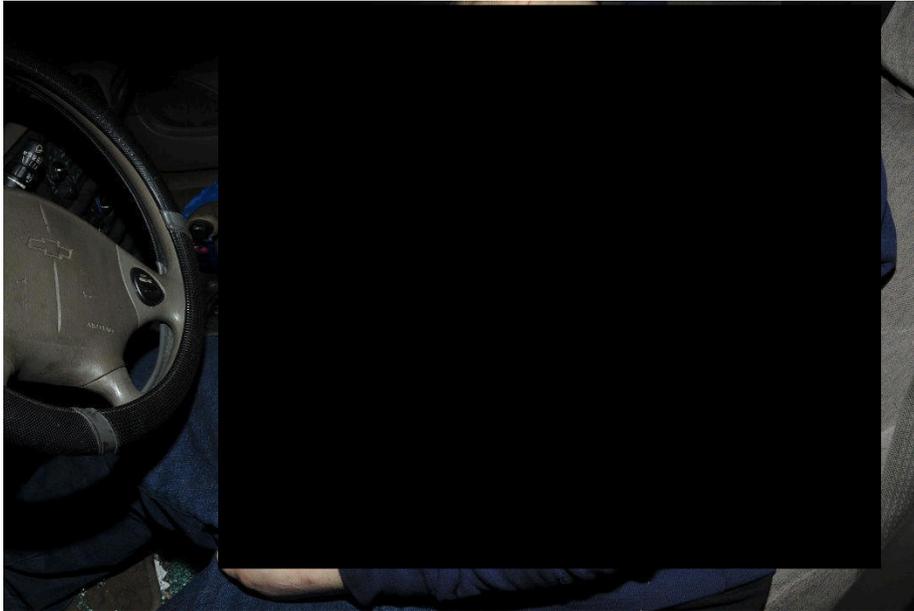


Figure 10, Body photograph



Figure 11, Item 30

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Figure 12, Body photograph



Figure 13, Item 25

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Figure 14, Item 30

The body of the subject (tentatively ID as James Sheets) was subsequently removed from the vehicle and examined for items of suspected evidence. Several items of suspected evidence were observed on the body of the subject (Table 3, Items of Suspected Evidence, Body). The items of suspected evidence were photographed as they were found and collected (Figure 15, Items 21-24).

Item #	Description	Location
21	Wallet containing multiple IDs, Suboxone and \$263.00 in currency	Body of James Sheets
22	Pill bottle – “Vincent DiGiacomo” “Pregabalin 50mg”	Body of James Sheets
23	Qty 2, plastic baggies of suspected methamphetamine	Body of James Sheets
24	Plastic baggie containing a white powder	Body of James Sheets

Table 3, Items of Suspected Evidence, Body

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Figure 15, Items 21-24

On Friday, April 1, 2022, at approximately 2035hrs, SA Dan Boerner received the duty belts and handguns of Ofc. Schneeman and Capt. Haus from Capt. Simon. The handguns and magazines were removed from both duty belts, photographed and collected (Table 4, Items of Suspected Evidence, Duty Belts) (Figures 16-19, Items 26-29).

Item #	Description	Location
26	Black handgun – Glock 45, 9mm, S/N: [REDACTED] 1 cartridge in chamber, 17 cartridges in magazine (Capt. Matt Haus)	Duty belt of Capt. Matt Haus
27	Qty 2, magazines w/17 cartridges each	Duty belt of Capt. Matt Haus
28	Black handgun – Glock 45, 9mm, S/N: [REDACTED] 1 cartridge in chamber, 17 cartridges in magazine (Ofc. Tommy Schneeman)	Duty belt of Ofc. Tommy Schneeman
29	Qty 1, magazine w/17 cartridges	Duty belt of Ofc. Tommy Schneeman

Table 4, Items of Suspected Evidence, Capt. Simon

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Figure 16, Item 26 (Capt. Matt Haus)



Figure 17, Item 27 (Capt. Matt Haus)

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Figure 18, Item 28 (Ofc. Tommy Schneeman)



Figure 19, Item 29 (Ofc. Tommy Schneeman)

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The scene was also documented using a FARO Focus S70 laser scanner. Using the scan data and SCENE software, panoramas and overhead diagrams were created and provided to investigators (Figure 20, Overhead diagram w/placards).



Figure 20, Overhead diagram with placards



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All items of evidence were transported to the Ohio BCI Richfield Office and placed into temporary evidence locker twenty (20) (Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 0130hrs). An Inventory / Receipt Attachment form was completed and placed into Matrix.

The photographs are to be uploaded into Matrix. A CD / DVD copy of the photographs will be made and provided to the agency. A copy of the FARO Focus S70 scanner data (SCENE 2go) is to be placed on in the "BCI Scanner" folder on the shared directory.

A copy of this report should be sent to:

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