



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



2022-1527  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5760 US 62, Hillsboro, OH,  
Highland County (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Case Opening  
**Date of Activity:** 07/17/2022  
**Activity Location:** – 5760 US 62, Hillsboro, OH 45133, Highland County  
**Author:** SA Steven Seitzman

**Narrative:**

On July 17, 2022, at approximately 0200 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Highland County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) to conduct the investigation into the Officer-Involved Critical Incident that occurred on US 62, Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio. The OICI occurred in front of 5760 US 62, which is the Hillsboro Church of God.

BCI Special Agents Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) and Kenneth Smith responded from the Special Investigations Unit. Special Agents Chad Holcomb and Kevin Wagner responded from the Crime Scene Unit.

SA Seitzman spoke with Highland County Detective Sergeant Vincent Antinore (Sgt. Antinore), who advised that HCSO deputies attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation and during which the sole occupant, Richard Jean Poulin (Poulin), fled from the deputies. HCSO deputies and Hillsboro police officers deployed tire deflation devices, which eventually caused the vehicle to become immobile. Upon approach, deputies attempted to break out the front windows, and during the process, Sergeant [REDACTED] (Sgt. [REDACTED]) discharged his weapon, firing a single shot. Poulin was fatally wounded and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Sgt. Antinore completed a search warrant authorizing the search of the 2003 F-250, bearing Ohio license plate FZQ17565, Poulin operated and used to flee from HCSO deputies. The search warrant was signed by Hillsboro Municipal Court Judge William C. Randolph. Sgt. Antinore provided SA Seitzman with a copy of the search warrant, which is attached below.

SA Seitzman emailed Sergeant Antinore a digital copy of the BCI OICI pamphlet, which included a list of requested records.

Highland County Coroner's Office Investigator James McKown, DDS, responded to the scene. He made a death notification to Poulin's ex-spouse, Theresa Poulin. He further advised agents that Poulin's autopsy was scheduled for the same date at the Montgomery County Coroner's

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On July 18, 2022, Highland County Sheriff Donald Barrera emailed SA Seitzman a written request for assistance, which is attached below.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: Sheriff Barrera Request for Assistance

Attachment # 02: Highland County Sheriff's Office Search Warrant for Vehicle (Det. Sgt. Antinore)

# **Exhibit 1**



# HIGHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF

## Donald E. Barrera

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**EMERGENCY 911**

To: Steven Seitzman, BCI & Special Agent, [Steven.Seitzman@OhioAGO.gov](mailto:Steven.Seitzman@OhioAGO.gov)  
From: Sheriff Donald E. Barrera  
Re: Investigation  
Date: July 18, 2022

I request the assistance of BCI in handling the investigation into the officer involved incident that occurred on US 62 on July 17, 2022.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheriff Donald E. Barrera".

Sheriff Donald E. Barrera

## **Exhibit 2**

Search Warrant

State of Ohio, Highland County, SS:

To: Any Highland County Deputy (Proper Police Authority), Greetings:

Whereas there appeared personally before me, the undersigned Judge, One Detective Sergeant Vincent Antinore, who on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 filed an Affidavit applying for a search warrant, a copy of which is attached hereto, made a part of hereof and marked "Exhibit A"; therefore, upon examination of the contents of the Affidavit and of the complainant (and having presented to me other and further evidence), I am satisfied that the grounds for the issuance of the search warrant applied for do exist, and that there is probable cause, supported by oath (affirmation), to believe as follows:

That in the Township of Liberty, Highland County, Ohio the following criminal offenses has/have occurred, To Wit:

Involuntary Manslaughter in violation of section 2903.04 of The Ohio Revised Code.

That the following named item(s) or property and things are sought and are connected with the commission of said offense(s), To Wit: Any weapon, including, but not limited to a firearm, long gun, hand gun, knife, blunt object, or any other items found to have been used as a weapon ,or any other item that could be utilized as a weapon; any ammunition, ammunition casings; any identification or other paperwork showing the identity of the victim or suspect; any bloody clothing, or any other forensic evidence including but not limited to latent finger prints and DNA samples related to the crimes listed above, finger print and DNA standards from the victim and suspect, Any human remains or deceased body, and to remove any deceased body from the scene and have transferred said deceased body to the Montgomery County Corners Office in Dayton, Ohio to be examined for any forensic evidence. Any evidence located inside or outside the vehicle connected to the above listed crimes. To seize and open any cell phones, computers or any other devices used to store digital information. Any forensic evidence, including but not limited to: latent prints, DNA, blood. Any paperwork, documents, or other items showing ownership or occupancy.

That the said items of property and things sought to be seized are unlawfully concealed either upon the person(s) of: Richard J. Poulin

Or are unlawfully concealed by said person(s) at the following place(s), in said

Liberty Township, Highland County, Ohio

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To wit: A 2003 Ford truck, Green in color, bearing Ohio license plate "FZQ 1756", with vehicle identification number (VIN) 1FTNX21LX3EA87595, registered to Teresa G. Poulin as found in the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) records.

The facts upon which affiant relies and bases his/her beliefs that the said items of property and things so unlawfully concealed are, To Wit: See "Exhibit A", attached hereto and made a part of.

And it appearing for the reasons stated in the Affidavit that there is urgent necessity for a nighttime search, THESE THEREFORE are to command you in the name of the State of Ohio, with necessary and proper assistance, to enter in the NIGHT TIME into:

A 2003 Ford truck, Green in color, bearing Ohio license plate "FZQ 1756", with vehicle identification number (VIN) 1FTNX21LX3EA87595, registered to Teresa G. Poulin as found in the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) records.

Located in the County aforesaid, and there diligently search of the following named items or property and things: To Wit:

Any weapon, including, but not limited to a firearm, long gun, hand gun, knife, blunt object, or any other items found to have been used as a weapon ,or any other item that could be utilized as a weapon; any ammunition, ammunition casings; any identification or other paperwork showing the identity of the victim or suspect; any bloody clothing, or any other forensic evidence including but not limited to latent finger prints and DNA samples related to the crimes listed above, finger print and DNA standards from the victim and suspect, Any human remains or deceased body, and to remove any deceased body from the scene and have transferred said deceased body to the Montgomery County Corners Office in Dayton, Ohio to be examined for any forensic evidence. Any evidence located inside or outside the vehicle connected to the above listed crimes. To seize and open any cell phones, computers or any other devices used to store digital information. Any forensic evidence, including but not limited to: latent prints, DNA, blood. Any paperwork, documents, or other items showing ownership or occupancy.

And within the territorial jurisdiction of this Court, you are authorized to search the person(s) of: Richard J. Poulin

for said items of property and things so sought.

In the searching now authorized, if you should find the items of property and things above named, or any part thereof, you are commanded to seize the same; and if you find the person(s)



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so searched has/have committed any of the criminal offenses stated above, you are commanded to seize the said: N/A

The Court further orders that any computer equipment, data storage media, cellular telephone, "smart phones," or other things capable of storing electronic evidence seized during the execution of this warrant be turned over to be analyzed by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, or any other qualified Law Enforcement resource, that the return will reflect only the seizure of such items, not the results, and that such analysis shall continue beyond the three days for execution of this warrant.

The Court further orders that the affidavit listed as "Exhibit A", attached hereto and made a part of, to be sealed by the Highland County Sheriff's Office / The Hillsboro Municipal Court until after any indictment that may be returned as a result of this search, or until further order of this Court.

And to bring all of the items of property and things so seized together with the person(s) so seized, forthwith before me, to be disposed of and dealt with according to law.

Issued and given under my hand on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

at 3:46 AM/~~PM~~ o'clock.



William C. Randolph, Judge  
Hillsboro Municipal Court



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"EXHIBIT A"

## AFFIDAVIT

State of Ohio ss:

County of Highland

Detective Sergeant Vincent Antinore, being first duly sworn, and cautioned according to law, deposes and states as follows:

Affiant has been employed at the Highland County Sheriff's Office for more than eight years, and is currently assigned to the Detective Division. Affiant has received training to include criminal investigation, and violent crimes. Affiant has led numerous criminal investigations including but not limited to, Involuntary Manslaughter.

During the early morning hours of July 17, 2022 Affiant received a call from Sheriff Barrera who advised that The Highland County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol Division Sergeant [REDACTED] attempted to make a traffic stop on a 2003 Ford truck, Green in color, bearing Ohio license plate "FZQ 1756", with vehicle identification number (VIN) 1FTNX21LX3EA87595, registered to Teresa G. Poulin as found in the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) records on U.S. 62 North of the City of Hillsboro. Sheriff Barrera advised affiant that the vehicle failed to stop and a vehicle pursuit ensued. The pursuit came to an end when the vehicle stopped in Liberty Township, Highland County, Ohio, on U.S. 62 South of the City of Hillsboro. The driver, later identified as Richard Jean Poulin, failed to follow commands and barricaded himself inside the vehicle. Highland County Sheriff's Office Deputies approached the vehicle with Sgt. [REDACTED]. The windows of the vehicle were breached. During this process a single gunshot was discharged from Sgt. [REDACTED]'s duty weapon, which struck Mr. Poulin in the neck area. Highland County Coroner's Office investigator Dr. James McKown pronounced Mr. Poulin deceased.

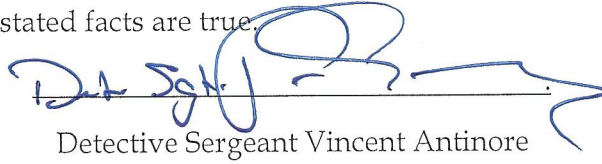
Affiant request the Search Warrant, and Affidavit be sealed by the Court, and the Highland County Sheriff's Office to protect the integrity of the investigation and the deceased family, who has yet to located or notified.

Based upon all of the foregoing, affiant believes, and has probable cause to believe that commission of a criminal offense as described above has been committed, and further that additional evidence will be found located inside a a 2003 Ford truck, Green in color, bearing Ohio license plate "FZQ 1756", with vehicle identification number (VIN) 1FTNX21LX3EA87595, registered to Teresa G. Poulin as found in the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) records.

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Further Affiant saith naught.

I hereby swear the above stated facts are true.

  
Detective Sergeant Vincent Antinore

Sworn to and subscribed to me this 17th day of July, 2019.

  
Judge