



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



2022-1472

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 2793 Waterpark Drive, Mason, OH
45040, Warren County

Investigative Activity: Processing of SWAT Officers
Activity Date: July 12, 2022
Activity Location: Warren County Drug Task Force Building (*Scene #2*)
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Kevin Wagner #80

On July 12th, 2022, the Mason Police Department (MPD) requested assistance from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) in reference to an officer involved critical incident. The MPD informed BCI a male suspected of escaping a drug rehabilitation program in Hamilton County was barricaded in the Baymont Inn located at 2793 Waterpark Drive in Mason (room 310). They learned through the investigation that the suspect, Thomas Cromwell (Cromwell), may have had a hostage inside the room with him. MPD called the Warren County SWAT team due to the circumstances of the investigation. After negotiations with the suspect, the Warren County SWAT team made entry into the hotel room. It was alleged that a hostage inside the room was in immediate danger, and a SWAT officer shot Thomas once. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Special Agent (SA) Kevin Wagner responded to the Warren County Drug Task Force (DTF) building where SWAT officers were currently located. SA Wagner photographed and documented SWAT officers, personnel, and firearms that were on the third floor of the Baymont Inn when the entry into the hotel room took place.

Franklin Police Officer Chris Keene was the only Warren County SWAT officer that was said to have discharged his weapon inside the room after the entry took place. Officer Keene said he had only fired one round from his service rifle. SA Wagner documented and collected Officer Keene's rifle, a Wetzel Firearms/DSA Inc, semi-automatic ZM4 (serial number [REDACTED]). The rifle, rifle magazine, and twenty-six Winchester .223 caliber cartridges were collected together as item 1. There were no other items of evidentiary value on scene at the Warren County DTF building.

SA Wagner cleared the scene at 0645 hours. Item 1 was transferred to SA Holcomb at 0748 hours.

At 1102 hours, SA Holcomb submitted item 1 to the BCI laboratory for examination.