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Officer Involved Critical Incident - Corey Andrew (S)



Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Examination

Activity Date: August 25, 2023

Activity Location: 1913 Livingston Rd., Celina, Mercer County, Ohio

Authoring Agent: Senior Special Agent David M. Hammond

On 08/25/2023 at 0305 hours, S/A Hammond was contacted by Chief Deputy Douglas Timmerman of the Mercer County Sheriff's Office. He advised that the Celina Police Department was involved in an officer involved shooting at the above listed location. He advised that the Celina Police Department requested assistance from the Crime Scene Unit and Special Investigations Unit. S/A Hammond accepted the request for assistance from the crime scene unit. SAS S. Stranahan, S/A Jason Snyder, S/A Tiffany Volmer and S/A Josh Rammel responded from the Special Investigations Unit.

S/A Hammond arrived at the scene at approximately 0500 hours. The scene was contained to a city owned park. The scene was secured with crime scene tape and officer presence. S/A Hammond had an opportunity to speak with Chief Tom Wale, Sgt. Gabe Bartlett and PTLA. Anthony Poppe. They advised that they had gathered some information about the case. Preliminary information indicated that two officers approached a parked vehicle that was inside the park after hours. Officers noticed a marijuana cigarette on the dash and advised that the driver he would be issued a ticket. The driver backed his vehicle at a high rate of speed and drove erratically possibly hitting one of the officers. Officers fired their weapons hitting the driver.

The vehicle was occupied by a woman (front passenger seat) and her infant child (rear passenger side). They were taken to the Mercer County Sheriff's Office to wait to speak with the investigators. During the time that investigators were on scene, the woman requested assistance in retrieving some things to care for the infant. With the woman's consent, S/A Hammond retrieved a can of formula, blanket, bottle and wipes from the vehicle. These items were provided to S/A Jason Snyder, who gave them to her.

At 0530 hours, S/A Hammond left the scene and responded to the Celina Police Department. S/A Hammond met with Ptl. Dave Powel and Ptl. Justin Rice. The officers were photographed to document the condition and appearance of their uniforms.

Ptl. Rice may have suffered some injuries during the event. Two areas were documented with photography. The first area of injury was located on his right elbow. Two small abrasions were found and photographed, including a scale. Discoloration in the skin was noted near the abrasions, and had the appearance of an emerging bruise.

A second injury was noted at the back of Ptl. Rice's head. Ptl. Rice complained of a bump or knot on the back, right side of his head. S/A Hammond examined the skin below his thick short hair, finding a small abrasion and cuts to the scalp. These areas were photographed including a scale. Photographs of the injury were difficult due to the thickness of his hair.

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It should be noted that body cameras had been collected from the officers by the Celina Police Department, as well as their weapons and spare magazines. Replacement weapons were provided to the officers and are visible in the photographs taken by S/A Hammond. There was no indication that the Taser Units were utilized during the event.

Sgt. Patrick Crosby secured the weapons from the involved officers. He provided them to Assistant Chief Dan Harting. Assistant Chief provided them to S/A Hammond at 0547 hours.

#### Weapon #1:

Smith & Wesson	M+P	40 Caliber	SN:
#1 Mag – 15 Capacity	#2 & 3 (Zip tied	Stream Light Flash Light	Crimson Trace Laser
Loaded with 7 Win.	together)	Functional	Functional
S&W 40 Caliber	Capacity 15		
Jacketed Hollow Points	Loaded with 15 Each.		
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	Win S&W 40		
1 Envelope with 1	Potential Rounds Fired:	Weapon collected from.	
Unfired Cartridge from	<mark>8</mark>	Ptl. D. Powell	
Chamber. Win S&W 40			

#### Weapon #2:

Smith & Wesson	M+P	40 Caliber	SN:
#1 Mag – 15 Capacity	No Secondary Mags	Stream Light Flash Light	Crimson Trace Laser
Loaded with 12 Win.	Collected. Possibly	Functional	Functional
S&W 40 Caliber	Dropped at the Scene.		
Jacketed Hollow Points			
1 Envelope with 1	Potential Rounds Fired:	Weapon collected from.	
Unfired Cartridge from	3	Ptl. J. Price	
Chamber. Win S&W 40			

Based on the round count of the recovered weapons, there were a total of 11 potential rounds fired by both officers during the event. This is only an estimate, and based upon the listed capacity of the magazines, maintaining a round in the chamber and typical practices of officers in the field.

S/A Hammond secured the weapons and returned to the crime scene at 0611 hours. The scene was photographed as it was found. Digital images were uploaded to the matrix system. Personal protection equipment was utilized during the investigation. S/A Hammond mapped the scene with a Leica digital scanner.



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East View Park – Celina, Mercer County (Photo by Mercer Co. SO)

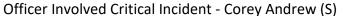


An area of tire tracks was located on the north side of the parking lot, near the shelter house. The tire tracks showed that a vehicle traveled off the parking lot, through the grass and back onto the parking lot. This area of tread transfer was identified with placards 19, 20, 23 & 24 in photographs.



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A second area of tire tracks was located south and east of the shelter house. This set of tire tracks showed a vehicle moving in circular direction. The tread marks were dark and appeared to change in width. Placard 16 was used to identify the area of the tire tread transfer. The area of the parking lot pavement was searched for potential evidence. A concentration of evidence was located west of the circular tire tread marks and south of the tire tread marks in the grass and north portion of the parking lot.



<u>Area of Evidence</u> – <u>Circular Tire Tread Marks</u>

#### Evidence located in this area included:

Placard 1	Item	Location	Retention
1	WIN 40 S & W Fired Cart. Casing	Parking Lot	Ohio BCI
2	WIN 40 S & W Fired Cart. Casing	Parking Lot	Ohio BCI
3	WIN 40 S & W Fired Cart. Casing	Parking Lot	Ohio BCI
4	WIN 40 S & W Fired Cart. Casing	Parking Lot	Ohio BCI
5	WIN 40 S & W Fired Cart. Casing	Parking Lot	Ohio BCI
6	WIN 40 S & W Fired Cart. Casing	Parking Lot	Ohio BCI
7	WIN 40 S & W Fired Cart. Casing	Parking Lot	Ohio BCI
8	WIN 40 S & W Fired Cart. Casing	Parking Lot	Ohio BCI
9	Handcuff Key	Parking Lot	Ohio BCI
10	WIN 40 S & W Unfired Bullet	Parking Lot	Ohio BCI
11	WIN 40 S & W Fired Cart. Casing	Parking Lot	Ohio BCI



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12	WIN 40 S & W Fired Cart. Casing	Parking Lot	Ohio BCI
13	Handgun Magazine with Ammo	Parking Lot	Ohio BCI
14	Handgun Magazine Part and Handcuff Key	Parking Lot	Ohio BCI
15	Broken Magazine	Parking Lot	Ohio BCI
17	Glass Fragments	Parking Lot	Ohio BCI

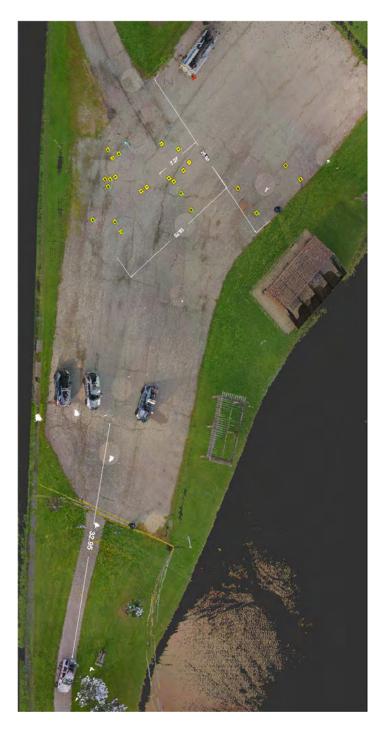




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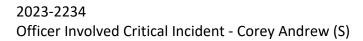
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S/A Hammond requested assistance from the Mercer County Sheriff's Office. Det. Chad Fortkamp assisted with aerial photographs taken with the Sheriff's Office drone. They also assisted in conducting a crash reconstruction to estimate possible speeds based off the skid marks. Please refer to reports and diagrams by the Mercer County Sheriff's Office.

Three Celina Police Cruisers were found at the east edge of the parking lot that leads to a bike trail/walking path. Units 211 and 171 were parked east bound, facing the bike path. Unit 211 was parked west, bound facing the park exit. All of the police cruisers were photographed and examined for evidence. No apparent signs of damage related to this incident were located.

The vehicle driven by the subject was found parked, east bound on the bike path, approximately 33' east of the parked police cruisers. The vehicle was a Chevy Trailblazer, SUV. The vehicle was silver and color and the license plate was Ohio, KAW-6519 (VIN 1GNET16S866107693). This vehicle was secured until such time as a search warrant was obtained. S/A Hammond used Crash Wrap to cover a damaged window on the driver's side. The doors were sealed with tape. The vehicle was towed from the scene to a secure garage facility.

S/A Hammond secured from the scene at approximately 1030 hours. Investigators followed the tow truck to the secure garage area to examine the Chevy Trailblazer for evidence. Examination of the vehicle began at 1053 hours.



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Examination of the exterior of the vehicle located three potential ballistic incidents along the driver's side. They were identified as BI-1.0 – BI-3.0. Scaled photographs of the damaged areas were taken.

BI-1.0 was located on the exterior surface of the driver's door. It was located approximately 6'10" behind the front bumper and 3' ½" above the ground. This suspected bullet hole was found in the center of the door, in an area adjacent to the driver's seat. The suspected bullet hole was visually with a medium to large caliber bullet. The margins of the hole were pushed inward, visually consistent with an entrance hole the shape was slightly elongated but not elliptical.

A corresponding area of damage was found on the interior surface of the driver's door, in the molded plastic. This area of damage was identified as BI 1.1. The irregularly shaped area of damage was consistent with an exit hole.

It appears that the suspected bullet continued into the passenger compartment and struck a plastic trim piece near the vehicles center console. The impact site appeared to be circular in shape and visually consistent in size with a fired bullet. It appeared that a portion of the nearby plastic had been broken off by the impact. This area of plastic was covered in suspected blood. A search of the driver's floorboard in this area located a fired bullet (placard A) on the floor, in close proximity to the damaged area. Investigators related that the subject suffered a wound to his legs, during the incident.

A trajectory rod was threaded through the corresponding ballistic impacts (BI-1.0-1.2). The vertical angle was measured as -13 degrees (downward). The horizontal or azimuth angle was recorded as 67 degrees (0 rear of car / 180 front of car). This would indicate that the shot originated from a point slightly behind and out from the driver's door of the vehicle. The suspected bullet passed through the door, through the space at the front of the driver's seat and toward the engine area, in a downward trajectory.



BI 1.0 - BI 1.2 - Driver's Door Area

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BI 2.0 was located in the window glass of the rear passenger door, on the driver's side. This suspected bullet hole was located in the lower, left corner of the window. It was found approximately 9'  $\frac{1}{2}$ " behind the front bumper and 4' 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " above the ground. Examination of the bullet impact, margins of the hole and beveling of the interior side of the glass would indicate that the bullet passed through the glass from the exterior side of the door to the interior.

It appears that this bullet impacted the pillar, at the driver's seat. The bullet penetrated a black strip of molding and worked it's may downward, towards the floor. White powder residue was noted on the side of the driver's seat, consistent with the glass being impacted. The weather strip was pulled away from the pillar and a fired bullet was subsequently located on the floor of the vehicle, behind the driver's seat. It was identified with placard B and collected as evidence.

BI 3.0 was located in close proximity to BI 2.0 in the rear passenger window, on the driver side. This suspected bullet hole was located approximately 9′ 5″ behind the front bumper and 4′ 2 ½″ above the ground. The suspected bullet hole was visually consistent with a medium-large caliber bullet impact. The shape was close to symmetrical. No corresponding defects could be located to estimate the path of the bullet beyond its entrance from the outside of the vehicle (based on beveling on the interior side of the glass). A search of the vehicle did not locate an additional fired bullet. Investigators related that the subject had been impacted in the upper shoulder or back area by a fired bullet. An area of blood staining was noted on the driver's seat in the area where the left upper back would contact the seat while driving.

S/A Hammond documented damage to the front, driver's side quarter panel of the vehicle. There was a potential impact at the front of the panel which made it difficult to open the driver's door. S/A Jason Snyder advised that through interviews, he learned that this was damage that was unrelated to the event at the park.

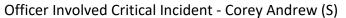
The vehicle was searched for potential items of evidence. The following items were located:

Placard	Item	Location	Retention
Α	Fired Bullet	Driver's	Ohio BCI
		Floor Board	0.110 20.
В	Fired Bullet	Driver's Side	Ohio BCI
		Rear Floor Board	
С	Knife	Passenger	Ohio BCI
	Black Folding	Floor Board	
D	Drug Paraphernalia	Front Passenger Seat	Ohio BCI
E	Large Fixed Blade Knife	Front Passenger Seat	Ohio BCI



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F	Zig Zag Rolling Cones	Front Passenger Area	Ohio BCI
G	Marijuana Cigarette	Front Passenger Seat – Floor	Ohio BCI
Н	Wallet	Armrest Console	Ohio BCI
1	Green Wallet	Passenger Area	Celina PD

#### **Evidence Photographs**













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S/A Hammond secured from the scene at approximately 1317 hours. The green wallet collected from the vehicle was turned over to the Celina Police Department to be returned to the female passenger. The remaining evidence was retained by S/A Hammond and transported to the Bowling Green Office of BCI. The evidence was placed into temporary locker number 2 until such time as it can be placed into the non-drug evidence system.

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Location	Chevy Trailblazer	Pol
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SAS S. Stranahan

S/A Jason Snyder



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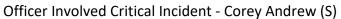


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