



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



2024-1376

Officer Involved Critical Incident - Interstate 77 Southbound  
at Exit 85, Dover, OH 44622

**Investigative Activity:** Officer Involved Critical Incident  
**Involves:** Ohio State Highway Patrol – Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office  
**Activity Date:** 05/03/2024  
**Activity Location:** I-77 Southbound Exit 85 ramp Dover, OH. 44622  
**Authoring Agent:** S/A Larry Hootman

**Narrative:**

On the above date at approximately 0615hrs. S/A Larry Hootman was contacted about an officer involved critical incident. S/A/S Ed Lulla advised the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Department was involved in a shooting on interstate 77 south at mile marker 85.

S/A Hootman arrived on scene that was located at exit 85, Schneider's Crossing Road on the exit ramp. S/A Hootman was first met by Sheriff Orvis Campbell who stated a crisis intervention support deputy was negotiating with the subject for several hours throughout the night, negotiations failed when the subject produced a weapon and was shot by officers. S/A Hootman was logged into the scene by Trooper Roy Beach of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. S/A Charlie Snyder was already on scene and briefed S/A Hootman of the situation as it was known at the time.

S/A Hootman spoke to Lieutenant Adam Fisher with the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office in reference to the placards that were placed in the scene. Lieutenant Fisher stated those were placed by him after the incident to assist in identifying known items of relevance to the incident. Lieutenant Fisher also stated the weapon recovered from the deceased was located on the Ohio State Highway Patrol cruiser parked directly behind the subject's vehicle. Lieutenant Fisher said he did not know who removed the weapon or where it was removed from.

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S/A Hootman was further told by officers on scene that the initial contact was for a disabled vehicle partially on the roadway. At this time S/A Hootman took photographic documentation of the scene while waiting on other agents to arrive.



While taking photographs of the overall scene S/A Hootman was approached by a Dover Medic. He asked if it was requested by Ohio BCI to release the SD card from the squad to agents, he said they have dash cam, and the squad was on scene just north of where it was currently parked during the incident. S/A Hootman told him that it would be taken, and S/A Snyder would assist with giving them a receipt and take custody of same.

S/A Hootman located several other items of evidence on the roadway while taking photographs. S/A/S Ed Lulla arrived on scene and assisted in placing disposable placards on these items including two plastic bags on the hood of the Highway Patrol Cruiser parked directly behind the subject vehicle. The weapon was a revolver and had been unloaded with the cartridges in the second plastic bag.

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S/A Hootman deployed the Leica BLK360 scanner to document the scene as it was found at the time of arrival. S/A Hootman documented the scene with 9 scans prior to Dr. Cameron, Tuscarawas County Coroner and Rachel Fetti, Tuscarawas County Coroner Investigator examining the deceased or having him removed from the scene for autopsy.

S/A Chad Doran arrived on scene to assist in the collection and interpretation of the items of evidence located. S/A Hootman placed trajectory rods in the subject vehicle's left rear bed prior to being impounded and a search warrant being issued to enter the vehicle. S/A Hootman conducted 3 more scans to document the trajectories identified as ballistic impacts to obtain shooter positions. S/A Hootman documented 6 ballistic impacts to the left bedside, 3 that exited into the "D" pillar of the vehicle. There were 8 impacts noted to the windshield that were from back to front. On the passenger door was an impact from left to right that did not exit and the rear window contained approximately 9 ballistic impacts. The rear window, driver's side window, and passenger side window were all tempered glass. The driver's side window and passenger side window were both completely compromised when S/A Hootman arrived on scene. The windshield contained laminate glass and was still intact to determine an exact number of impacts.

The deceased was removed from the scene and another projectile was found near where the victim was lying on the ground. A placard was placed at this location and photographed prior to collection. The Dover medic on scene had a cartridge casing that was located on the hood and was also photographed with a placard. S/A/S Lulla, S/A Hootman and S/A Doran collected all items of evidence marked and completed an evidence inventory sheet in crime pad, all cartridge casings collected were documented by photographing each head stamp prior to placing in a sealed envelope.

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S/A Hootman was asked to document a rifle at the scene that was allegedly charged during the incident but never used. This weapon came from Ohio State Highway Patrol Unit #631. S/A Hootman was assisted by S/A Charlie Snyder, the weapon was removed from the trunk and found not to be charged, a round count indicated there were 28 cartridges loaded in the magazine, standard round count for a rifle magazine in combat ready condition. The cartridges were all removed and counted outside the magazine. It was photographed, magazine reloaded and secured back in the trunk of the vehicle.



There were no cartridge casings recovered on scene from a rifle and no indication from the ballistic impacts on the subject vehicle that a rifle was used at the time of the incident.

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The weapon found on the Ohio State Highway Patrol vehicle allegedly used by the subject was a .38 INA Model 3 revolver, Serial #053704. There were 4 Federal cartridges and 1 Federal Cartridge Casings found in the plastic bags.



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After collecting all items of evidence that was located S/A Hootman placed plastic wrap around the subject vehicle's cab to maintain the integrity of the tempered glass for further examination and documentation after a warrant was obtained. The vehicle was towed to Rosenberry towing on S.R. 39 in New Philadelphia and was followed by law enforcement to the tow yard where it was secured.

S/A Hootman was contacted by S/A/S Charles Moran who stated after doing a round count of the officer's weapons that were fired it was determined there were 32 shots fired. S/A Hootman found there were 10 cartridge casings that had not been located, if the round count was accurate. All the vehicles were removed from the scene and agents continued searching using metal detectors and visual observation through the high grass areas along the exit ramp. There were 6 more cartridge casings located bringing the total number of cartridge casings recovered to 28.

The items of evidence and signed evidence inventory sheet were turned over to S/A Joseph Goudy to be transported to Richfield BCI temporary evidence. All crime scene agents were secured from this scene at approximately 1400hrs. this date.

S/A Hootman was contacted on Saturday May 4, 2024, by Trooper Roy Beach stating the rifle that was inspected on scene was not the rifle that was allegedly charged at the time of the incident. Trooper Beach said the weapon that was retrieved and charged came from [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] and it was still locked in the trunk of his vehicle at Ohio Highway Patrol Post 79. S/A Hootman planned to document this rifle on Monday May 6<sup>th</sup>. On Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> S/A Hootman met with Sergeant Bauer at the Ohio State Highway Patrol post in New Philadelphia. S/A Hootman was given access to [REDACTED]'s patrol car and the rifle was removed and made safe. The magazine was removed, and a cartridge was found in the receiver. The weapon was taken to S/A Hootman's crime scene truck where it was photographed, and round count done. The magazine contained 27 cartridges and 1 cartridge from the chamber. The weapon did not appear to have been fired. S/A Hootman turned the weapon back over to the Ohio State Highway Patrol to be secured.

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