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Officer Involved Critical Incident - [REDACTED]
Youngstown, Ohio 44509

Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Processing
Involves: Youngstown Police Department
Activity Date: 06/13/2024
Activity Location: [REDACTED], Youngstown, Ohio 44509
Authoring Agent: SA Chad Doran #177

SUMMARY:

On 06/13/2024, BCI Crime Scene Unit Special Agents Larry Hootman and Chad Doran assisted the BCI Special Investigations Unit and the Youngstown Police Department with the processing of a single-family residence located at [REDACTED], Youngstown, Ohio 44509 regarding an officer-involved critical incident. The scene was photographed as it was found, and evidence was collected. The scene was further documented using a Leica BLK360 laser scanner. The scene was processed with the written consent of the homeowner, later identified as [REDACTED].

DETAILS:

On 06/13/2024 at approximately 0215 hrs., S/A Doran and S/A Hootman were contacted by BCI Special Agent Supervisor Edward Lulla regarding a request for assistance from the Youngstown Police Department (YPD). BCI SIU and CSU were requested to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident that occurred at [REDACTED], Youngstown, Ohio 44509, and involved a YPD officer.

Upon arrival, agents contacted YPD Det. Sgt. Sharon Cole from YPD Internal Affairs Division. D/S Cole briefed agents on the facts of the case as they were known at the time. The information provided was as follows:

Youngstown Police Dispatch Center received a 911-hangup call originating from [REDACTED], Youngstown. Three marked YPD units were sent to the residence to investigate. Upon arrival, YPD Officer [REDACTED] (involved officer) went to the front door of the residence and was let into the house by one of the female residents. Upon entering the front door into the living room, [REDACTED] was fired upon by the subject, later identified as Mathue O'Malley, who was in the rear hallway on the first floor. After an exchange of gunfire, the subject was located in the first-floor master bedroom with a suspected gunshot wound to the head. Both the officer and the subject were transported to the hospital for treatment prior to BCI arrival. D/S Cole advised [REDACTED] was not

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struck by gunfire. Investigators later learned the 911-hangup call was related to a domestic violence and sexual assault incident at this address. Written consent to search the residence was provided by the victim / resident, later identified as [REDACTED].

The scene was a two-story, single-family home on the West side of [REDACTED]. The residence was marked with [REDACTED] on the front of the house. The residence is further described as a tan brick and white-sided structure. A preliminary scene walkthrough was conducted, and S/A Doran obtained photographs of the scene as it was found. Several fired cartridge casings and ballistic impacts were observed throughout the first floor of the residence in plain view. Agents were advised that the entire incident took place on the first floor.

After initial photographs were taken, items of evidence were identified, and evidence placards were set in place. S/A Doran obtained additional photographs of the scene with placards present, and S/A Hootman placed trajectory rods in ballistic impacts found within the scene. The ballistic impacts were also photographed with scales by S/A Doran.

S/A Hootman deployed the Leica BLK360 laser scanner, and scans of the first floor of the residence were taken. The scan data was prepared for viewing using the Leica Cyclone Register360 software. S/A Hootman later completed a shooting incident reconstruction report using the Leica Map360 software, and the report details the ballistic impacts found at the scene.

On the front porch of the residence, one fired Hornady 9mm Luger +P cartridge casing was recovered near the doorway (item 1, Figure 1). The doorway led into the living room, where ten additional fired Hornady 9mm Luger +P cartridge casings were recovered (items 2-11, Figure 1 and 2).

A perforating ballistic impact through the front (kitchen) window was observed (Figure 3), and the projectile passed through a set of outdoor blinds mounted on the front of the porch (Figure 4). The exterior area was searched, but no projectile was recovered outside the residence.

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Figure 1: The front entry to the residence (photo taken facing Southwest on the front porch) showing the fired Hornady 9mm Luger +P cartridge casings.

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Figure 2: Inside the front doorway (photo taken in the living room facing Northwest) showing fired Hornady 9mm Luger +P cartridge casings.

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*Figure 3: The front porch window of the residence showing a **ballistic impact** through the window and screen (Photo facing West).*

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Figure 4: The outdoor blinds on the front porch bearing a *ballistic impact*.

Several ballistic impacts were observed on the walls of the living room, kitchen, and first floor hallway (Figure 5 and 6). Amongst them was a perforating ballistic impact through the front door which terminated inside the East wall of the living room (Figure 7).

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Figure 5: Photo from the kitchen, facing Southwest, showing *ballistic impacts* on the walls in the living room and the hallway.

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Figure 6: Photo from the kitchen, facing Southeast, showing *ballistic impacts* on the walls of the kitchen and living room.

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Figure 7: Perforating ballistic impact in the front door that terminated in the East wall of the living room.

In the hallway past the kitchen, six fired FC 9mm Luger cartridge casings were located on the floor (items 12-17, Figure 8). Inside the doorway to the master bedroom, where the suspect was located by YPD officers, two additional fired FC 9mm Luger cartridge casings were found (items 18 and 19), and one unfired FC 9mm Luger cartridge (item 20) was also found (Figure 9). NOTE: In Figures 8 and 9, placard 23 was marking a cellular phone on the floor which was initially thought to belong to the suspect. Further investigation by SIU Agents determined this phone belonged to the victim, and the phone was not collected. The suspect's two Apple iPhones (items 24 and 25) were located on the master bedroom dresser and the back of the living room couch, respectively. Evidence item 23 was later designated to a projectile found in the master bedroom closet.

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Figure 8: The hallway outside the first-floor master bedroom (opening on the left), where six fired FC 9mm Luger cartridge casings were recovered.

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Figure 9: A view from the hallway, into the master bedroom. Two additional FC 9mm Luger cartridge casings (18-19) and one unfired FC 9mm Luger cartridge (20) are marked inside the room.

Inside the master bedroom closet, three projectiles were visible in plain view (items 21-23, Figure 10 and 11). Six ballistic impacts were observed in the East wall of the closet (Figure 12), and a search of the closet revealed that all projectiles terminated within the closet (items 26-28, Figures 13-15).

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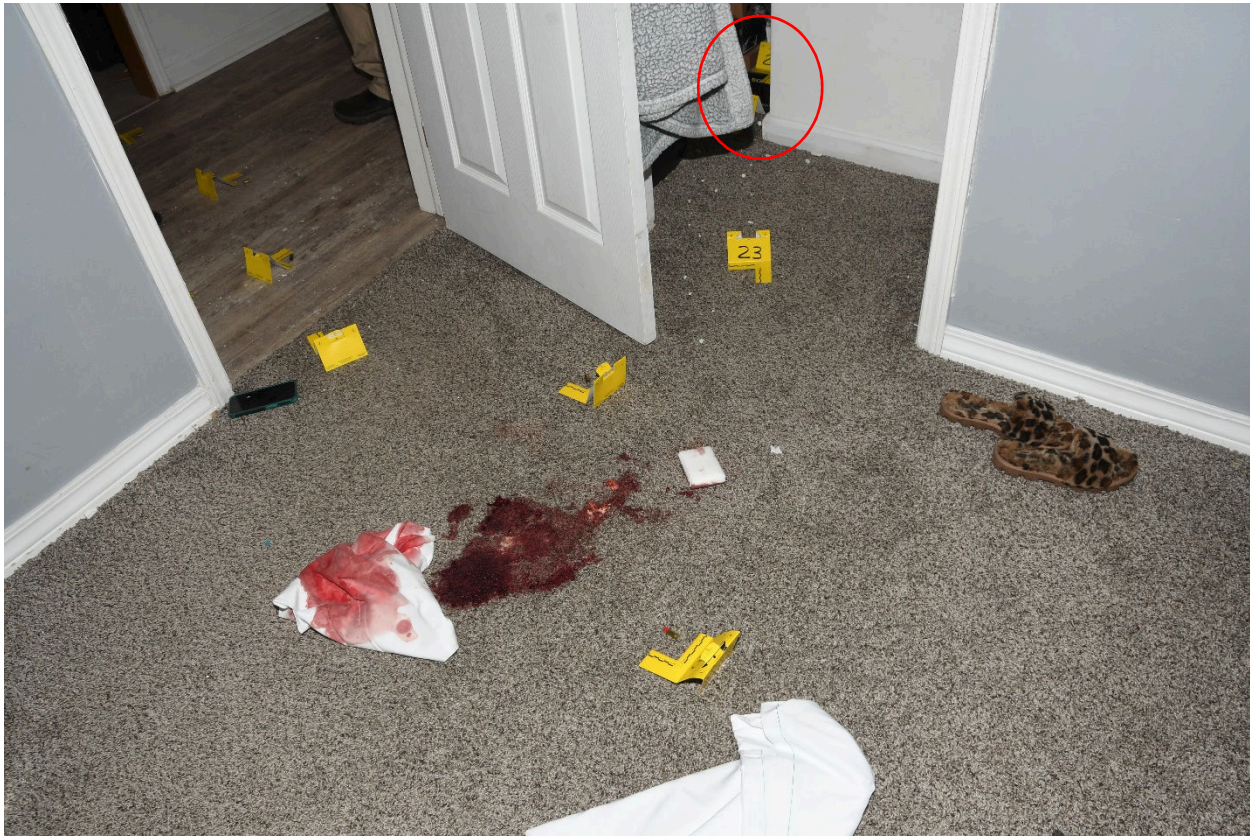


Figure 10: A view of the master bedroom floor leading into the closet where six projectiles were recovered. Placards for items 21 and 22 are partially visible in the background.

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Figure 11: The master bedroom closet floor. Two projectiles can be seen.

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Figure 12: Six ballistic impacts in the East wall of the master bedroom closet.

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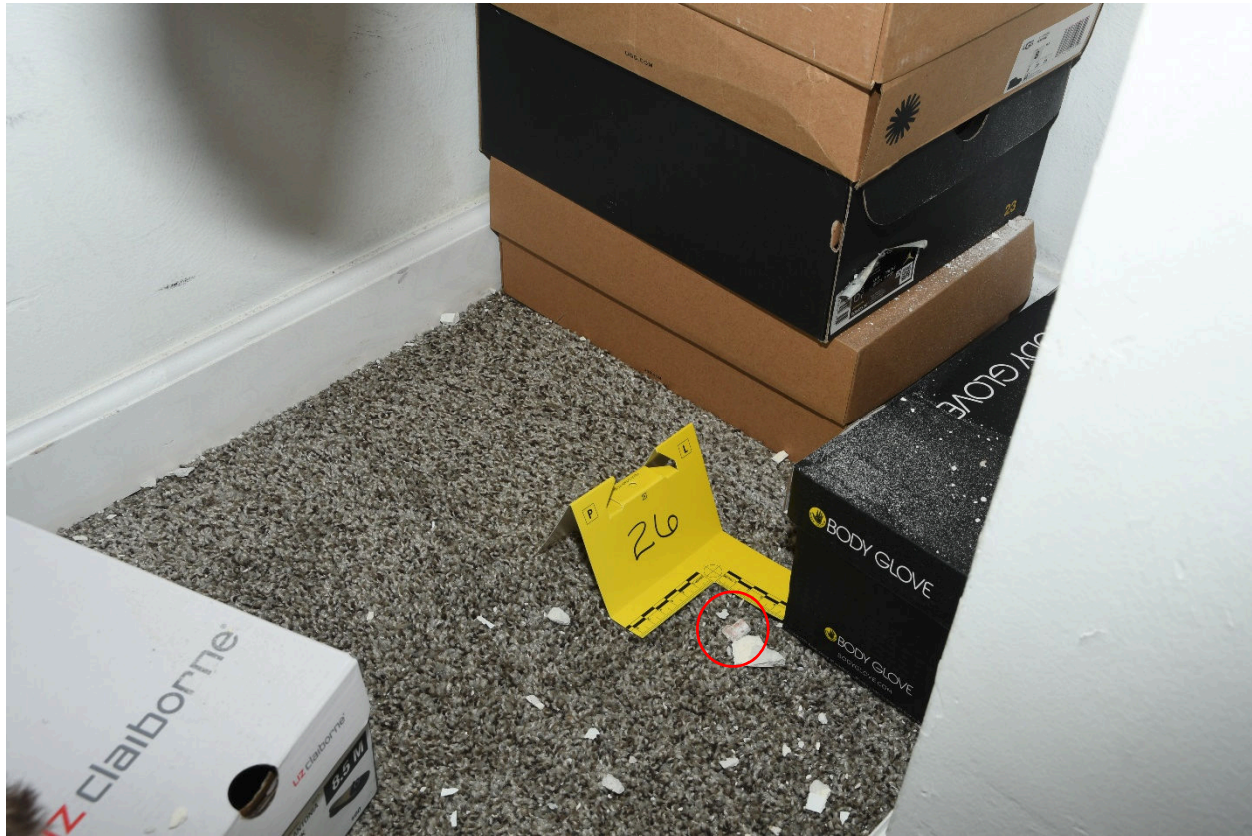


Figure 13: Projectile found during a search of the master bedroom closet.

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Figure 14: Projectile found during a search of the master bedroom closet.

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Figure 15: Projectile found during a search of the master bedroom closet.

A projectile fragment was later located on the floor between the kitchen and hallway. The fragment was photographed and collected as item 29.

Upon the completion of scene processing, YPD Internal Affairs personnel provided [REDACTED]'s service weapon and the suspect's weapon to S/A Doran. These items had been secured by YPD personnel prior to BCI arrival. S/A Doran photographed and packaged both firearms and completed a round count.

[REDACTED]'s firearm (item 30) was a Sig Sauer P320 9mm handgun bearing serial number [REDACTED]. The 17-cartridge magazine was loaded with six Hornady 9mm Luger+P cartridges. The suspect's firearm (item 31) was a Taurus G3 9mm handgun bearing serial number ADC134241. The 17-cartridge magazine was loaded with three unfired 9mm Luger cartridges, and an unfired FC 9mm Luger cartridge that had been cleared from the chamber was also collected.

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All projectiles, cartridges, and cartridge casings were sealed into paper envelopes. The two cellular phones were placed in "airplane" mode and sealed into clear plastic bags. Both recovered firearms, with their respective magazines and ammunition, were sealed into two cardboard gun boxes.

An Inventory / Receipt form was signed by S/A Hootman and S/A Lieber, and custody of the evidence was transferred to S/A Lieber to be logged into temporary evidence storage. The photographs and signed consent to search form were uploaded into Matrix. A copy of the Leica scan data was uploaded to the [REDACTED] folder on the shared directory.

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