



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



2025-0151

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 350 South Arch Avenue,
Alliance, OH 44601, Stark County

Investigative Activity: Officer Involved Critical Incident
Involves: Alliance Police Department
Activity Date: 01/16/2025
Activity Location: 350 South Arch Avenue, Alliance 44601
Authoring Agent: S/A Larry Hootman

Narrative:

January 16, 2025 at approximately 0815hrs. S/A/S Ed Lulla contacted S/A Larry Hootman and S/A Chad Doran with an agent request made by Alliance Police Department. S/A/S Lulla stated Alliance Police Department was requesting assistance with an Officer involved shooting, 2 people were deceased including a female victim and a suspect. S/A/S Lulla said the scene was in an apartment building and they were on the 5th floor, the scene had been secured and Ohio BCI Special Investigations Unit were also responding.

S/A Hootman arrived on scene, S/A Doran was already on scene taking photographs of the exterior of the building. S/A Hootman had S/A Doran continue with pictures as agents entered the building. S/A Doran took photographic documentation of the scene while S/A Hootman spoke with several detectives on scene. S/A Hootman was told the residents on the floor that were able to be removed had been taken to the lobby of the apartment building on the 1st floor.

Detectives stated that they received a call of shots fired on the 5th floor near or in apartment #515. Officers arrived, exited the elevator and were confronted by a male subject with a firearm. Detectives stated 2 officers had rifles and the other two had handguns, the officers with the rifles took a kneeling position in the hallway and fired 14 times at the suspect who was standing over the female victim striking him. Detectives said the officers with handguns did not fire and nothing has been moved since the incident after EMS arrived to check on both deceased persons.

S/A Hootman noted several placards placed in the hallway, he was told these were placed by detectives marking the officer's cartridge casings. The remaining scene was unremarkable. S/A Hootman inquired about apartment #515 where the female victim lived and the incident started. S/A Hootman was told the male subject did not live there and she resided alone. This information was provided to S/A/S Charles Moran of Ohio BCI Special Investigations Unit.

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S/A Moran confirmed the lease information with management and contacted the Stark County Prosecutors Office to determine if a search warrant was necessary and advised S/A Hootman a warrant was not needed according to the Stark County Prosecutor.

The exit door in front of apartment #515 leading to the stairs had several ballistic impacts perforating the door and terminating in the hallway of the stairs and exterior wall. S/A Hootman located 5 impacts that appeared suitable for shooting reconstruction. S/A Hootman placed trajectory rods in these perforations prior to scanning the scene with the Leica BLK360 to obtain measurements and scene documentation. Placards were placed throughout the scene to describe visible items of evidence that would eventually be collected for further documentation and examination. S/A Hootman scanned the entire scene including the female victim's apartment.



(14 Rifle Cartridge Casings)

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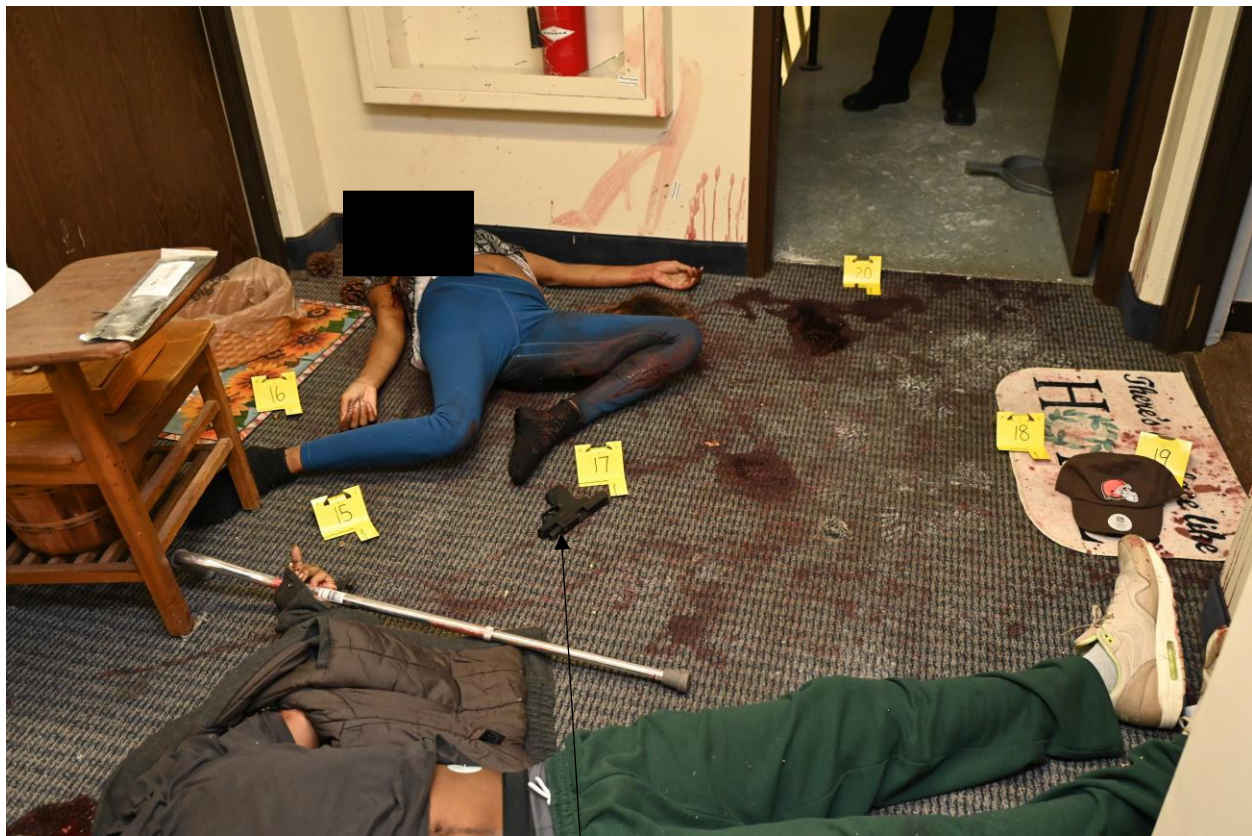


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Items #1 through Item #14 were all collected individually, photographed, placed in separate envelopes and consisted of .223 caliber rifle cartridge casings. Item #15 and Item #18 were a projectile found on the floor in front of apartment #515.

Item #16 was a 9mm WMA20 cartridge casing found on the floor near apartment #515 and Item #17 was a 9mm Beretta Nano semi-automatic pistol, Serial number - NJO13539 found on the floor near the deceased male subject. The weapon's slide was locked open, the magazine was removed and was found to be empty. This was placed in a gun box, sealed and initialed.



(Beretta Nano 9mm Semi-Automatic Handgun)

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Agents located item #20 near door to the stair exit, Item #21 was inside door to apartment #515 and Item #23 was found on the kitchen floor in apartment #515. These items were all 9mm WMA20 cartridge casings, they were photographed and packaged separately in envelopes, sealed and initialed.

There were two projectiles found in apartment #515, one entered the closet just inside the front door through the sliding door, struck the interior wall but did not perforate and was found in a shoe in the closet. The other projectile entered through the wall near the entrance door into the closet and terminated in a metal shelving unit where it was removed from and placed in an envelope, these were items #25 and #26.

There was a glass cabinet on the exit wall that was struck by projectiles, looking inside the cabinet agents located a projectile in the bottom. This was photographed and marked as item #27. S/A Doran collected several other projectile fragments from the stairwell on the exit side of the ballistic impacts, these were all collected and placed in one envelope, they did not appear to have any evidentiary value.

The deceased were removed from the scene by Stark County Coroner Investigator and transported to the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office. When the deceased were removed there were several other items located. Item #28 and Item #29 were both 9mm WMA20 cartridge casings, there was a defect in the carpet and a projectile was removed and listed as item #31. The female deceased had a projectile fragment removed from her hair prior to being placed in a body bag and this was listed as Item #30.

After S/A Hootman completed the scan data for viewing, a measurement was taken from the male deceased center of mass to the rifle cartridge casings. This measurement was

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recorded as approximately 49 feet. There was a skip found on the carpet in the hallway between the rifle cartridge casings and the deceased. This was also photographed with a scale, there was no projectile found in the area.



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A shooting incident report was created from the scan data listing horizontal and vertical impact angles of 5 ballistic impacts on the door and wall at the exit to the stairs. The ballistic impact data sheet including the COE file showing trajectory lines were uploaded to the "T" drive. The final LGSX file and RAW scan data was also uploaded to the "T" drive for viewing.

The photographs were uploaded by S/A Doran to the Matrix Investigator software including a photo book. All items of evidence were turned over to S/A Nick Valente from Ohio BCI Special Investigations Unit to be placed in temporary evidence, this includes the rifles used by officers in the incident. All items collected was documented on CrimePad evidence inventory sheets and were also uploaded to Matrix Investigator.

All agents were secured from the scene at approximately 1500 hrs. this date.

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