



## SUMMIT COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

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### REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Chapter 313 Ohio Revised Code

**Name:** James W. Gross

**Address:** 2470 26th Street, S.W., AKRON, OH 44314

**Age:** 58 years

**Race:** White

**Sex:** Male

**Marital Status:** Married

**Investigator:** MICHAEL MCGILL

**Case No.:** 2021-004433

**Date of Death:** 12/23/2021

**Time of Death:** 04:23

**Pronounced By:** Reber, Megan MD

**Place of Death:** Decedent's Residence

**Location of Death:** 2470 26th Street, S.W.,  
AKRON, OH 44314

**Autopsy Type:** Full Autopsy

James W. Gross was a 58 year old male who was shot by officer(s) from the Akron Police Department during a domestic violence incident in his residence and was pronounced dead at the scene of the shooting.

EPIC medical records indicate that Mr. Gross had history of hypertension, obstructive sleep apnea, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, gastroesophageal reflux disease, diabetes mellitus, lumbosacral spondylosis without myelopathy, bipolar disorder, and obesity. Summit County Jail records indicate that Mr. Gross had been arrested for multiple domestic violence and drug related offenses.

Mr. James resides with his wife, Mary Gross, at 2470 6<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, in Akron. On the morning of 12/23/2021 officers from the Akron Police Department responded to a domestic violence situation at that residence. Responding officers found Mr. Gross restraining his wife with a knife. Mr. Gross refused the commands from the officers and was shot during the incident. Akron Fire Department personnel responded to the scene and found Mr. Gross unresponsive with a gunshot wound to his neck. He had no detectable pulse or respirations and was asystole on the monitor. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Summit County Medical Examiner was notified of the death of James W. Gross at 0440 hours on 12/23/2021 by Renee Reali, Medical Unit #10, from the Akron Fire Department. This investigator responded to the scene at 0505 hours that same date. I observed the deceased located in a second floor bedroom of a two story single family home in Akron. He was supine on the bedroom floor, clad in black pants, black jacket, blue/orange shirt, black sneakers, and black underwear. There was a large amount of blood on the bedroom floor leading to the body. Access to the body was limited until the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation personnel responded to the incident to process the scene. Investigator Jason Grom later responded to the scene and observed Mr. Gross on the bedroom floor and he had a gunshot wound to his neck. He was entangled in two taser wires with taser probes. Rigor mortis was not detected and posterior livor mortis blanched to light pressure. His right axillary body temperature was 88.5 degrees Fahrenheit and ambient room temperature was 76.3 degrees Fahrenheit at 0753 hours. His hands were placed in brown paper bags at the scene.

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The body of the deceased was transported to the Summit County Medical Examiner's office where an examination was performed by Lisa J. Kohler, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner. The body of the deceased was later released to the Hummel Funeral Home.



Investigator

**After an examination of all available evidence, I do find that the deceased came to the death by:**

**Cause of Death:**                      **Gunshot wounds to the head and neck.**  
**Manner of Death:**                **Homicide: Shot during police action.**

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct report of said examination to the best of my knowledge and belief of said body.



Chief Medical Examiner