



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



2024-1376

Officer Involved Critical Incident - Interstate 77 Southbound  
at Exit 85, New Philadelphia, OH 44663

**Investigative Activity:** Search Warrant-1994 Pickup Truck  
**Involves:** Kendell Woodard (S)  
**Activity Date:** 05/06/2024  
**Activity Location:** Tuscarawas County Court of Common Pleas  
**Authoring Agent:** Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

### **Narrative:**

#### **Search Warrant Obtained**

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (SA Momchilov) drafted a search warrant for the 1994 Chevy pickup truck that was occupied by Kendell Woodard (Woodard) during the May 3, 2024, officer-involved critical incident.

On Monday, May 6, 2024, SA Momchilov met with Tuscarawas County Court of Common Pleas Judge Mike Ernest (Judge Ernest). Judge Ernest reviewed the search warrant, search warrant affidavit, and request/order to seal. Prior to Judge Ernest signing the document, SA Momchilov testified on the record to the statement of facts related to this incident.

The request to seal was signed by Tuscarawas County Assistant Prosecutor R. Scott Deedrick.

On May 6, 2024 at approximately 1519 hours, Judge Ernest signed/authorized the search warrant.

#### **Search Warrant Executed**

On Monday, May 6, 2024, at approximately 1534 hours, SA Momchilov made contact with BCI Crime Scene Agent Larry Hootman. SA Hootman was at Rosenberry Towing, 1447 OH-39 NE, New Philadelphia, Ohio, the location of the vehicle. SA Momchilov advised SA Hootman that the search warrant was authorized, and the search of the vehicle could commence.

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During the search, the following items of potential evidence were seized:

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A copy of the search warrant was left inside the vehicle.

**Search Warrant Returned**

On Wednesday, May 8, 2024, SA Momchilov met with Judge Ernest. Judge Ernest reviewed and signed the search warrant return. On May 8, 2024, at approximately 1407 hours, SA Momchilov filed the original search warrant, search warrant affidavit, order to seal, request to seal, search warrant return and inventory to the Tuscarawas County Clerk of Courts.

A copy of the search warrant documents, and search inventory are attached to this investigative report.

**Attachments:**

- **Search Warrant for 1994 Pickup**
  - Search Warrant
  - Search Warrant Affidavit
  - Request to Seal
  - Order to Seal
  - Search Warrant Return
  - Inventory

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In the Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Court  
Tuscarawas County, State of Ohio

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TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO

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JEANNE M. STEPHEN  
CLERK OF COURTS

### SEARCH WARRANT

To: **Special Agent Cory Momchilov, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and/or any Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Agent, and/or any other duly authorized Law Enforcement Officer**

Greetings:

WHEREAS, as Judge of the above Court of Record, I hereby command you to search within the jurisdiction of this Court in Tuscarawas County, City of New Philadelphia, State of Ohio, within three days with the necessary and proper assistance,

Enter in the (1) day/~~night~~ into the Property of the said : A 1994 Red Chevy Pickup Truck bearing Ohio registration HZG 2442 vehicle identification number 2GCEC19K3R1221567, that vehicle is currently located at Rosenberry Towing, 1447 OH-39 NE, New Philadelphia, 44663, Ohio, property to be searched, and diligently search for the said goods and chattels or articles to wit:

1. Weapons and ammunition including but not limited to, firearms, knives, cutting instruments, projectiles, and all components thereof and/or items potentially used as a weapon regardless of their designed purpose
2. Trace and biological evidence including but not limited to blood, semen, saliva, fibers, hairs, latent prints, impression evidence, gunshot residue, and DNA, or the items themselves that may contain or possess trace or biological evidence, that may potentially identify or link a suspect(s) to the case
3. Evidence of ownership or any person for the vehicle in question
4. Any personal papers, communications, insurance policies or documents that may potentially identify or link a suspect(s) to this case or provide a motive for the crime
5. Computers, computer accessible storage devices, network devices, mobile phones, pagers, digital video recorders, video game systems, video game system storage devices, digital cameras, answering machines, all media including but not limited to compact discs, digital versatile discs, transistor-based media, and USB or Firewire compliant storage devices which may contain information potentially identifying or linking a suspect(s) to this case or providing a motive for the crime
6. Names, addresses, phone numbers and similar identifying or locating information for any family, friends or associates
7. Property that constitutes evidence of the commission of a criminal offense or property designed or intended for use or which is or had been used as a means of committing a criminal offense.
8. Any controlled substance as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 3719.41; drug devices, instruments, or paraphernalia used to administer or to prepare for the sale of controlled substances, ledgers, books or any other records relating to the sale,

preparation, cultivation, or possession of controlled substances or things otherwise criminally possessed.

And that you bring the same or part of thereof found on such search, forthwith before me or some other judge or magistrate of the County having cognizance thereof to be disposed of and dealt with according to law.

I find, from affidavit(s) sworn to before me, a Judge of a Court of Record, that grounds exist for issuing this warrant, to wit; probable cause to search. It is further understood and authorized that for the proper collection of evidence, the use of force and/or destruction of property may occur, but only in the least amount necessary to properly identify, collect and preserve evidence of this crime.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, this 6th day of May 2024 at 3:19 AM (PM.)

1. Day/Night

  
Judge  
Tuscarawas Common Pleas Court

In the Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Court  
Tuscarawas County, State of Ohio

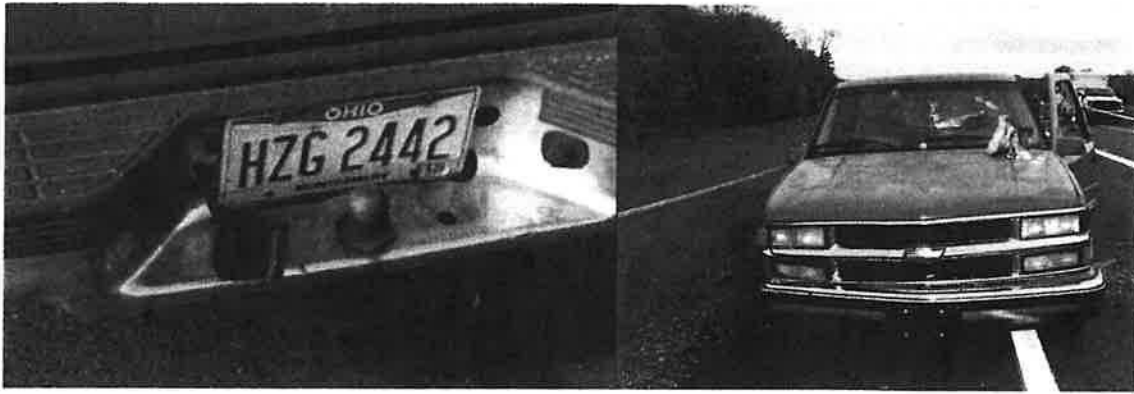
**AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT**

BEFORE ME, Judge of the Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Court, Tuscarawas County, State of Ohio, personally came Special Agent Cory Momchilov, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

Pursuant to the following information, affiant states his belief that certain items(s) to wit:

1. Weapons and ammunition including but not limited to, firearms, knives, cutting instruments, projectiles, and all components thereof and/or items potentially used as a weapon regardless of their designed purpose
2. Trace and biological evidence including but not limited to blood, semen, saliva, fibers, hairs, latent prints, impression evidence, gunshot residue, and DNA, or the items themselves that may contain or possess trace or biological evidence, that may potentially identify or link a suspect(s) to the case
3. Evidence of ownership or any person for the vehicle in question
4. Any personal papers, communications, insurance policies or documents that may potentially identify or link a suspect(s) to this case or provide a motive for the crime
5. Computers, computer accessible storage devices, network devices, mobile phones, pagers, digital video recorders, video game systems, video game system storage devices, digital cameras, answering machines, all media including but not limited to compact discs, digital versatile discs, transistor-based media, and USB or Firewire compliant storage devices which may contain information potentially identifying or linking a suspect(s) to this case or providing a motive for the crime
6. Names, addresses, phone numbers and similar identifying or locating information for any family, friends or associates
7. Property that constitutes evidence of the commission of a criminal offense or property designed or intended for use or which is or had been used as a means of committing a criminal offense.
8. United States Currency
9. Any controlled substance as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 3719.41; drug devices, instruments, or paraphernalia used to administer or to prepare for the sale of controlled substances, ledgers, books or any other records relating to the sale, preparation, cultivation, or possession of controlled substances or things otherwise criminally possessed.

**in violation 2921.31 (Obstructing official business), 2903.11 (Felonious assault) property to be searched is a:** A 1994 Red Chevy Pickup Truck bearing Ohio registration HZG 2442 vehicle identification number 2GCEC19K3R1221567, that vehicle is currently located at Rosenberry Towing, 1447 OH-39 NE, New Philadelphia, 44663, Ohio,



**That the facts upon which such belief is based are:**

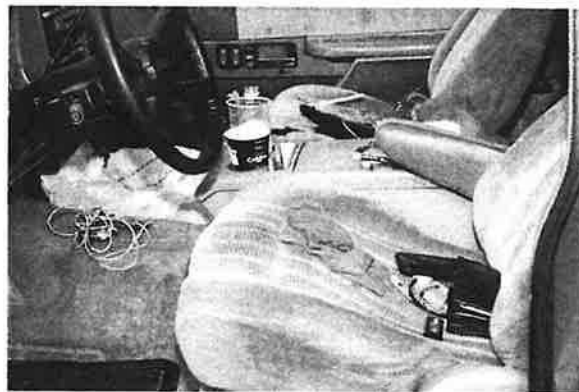
1. Affiant, Cory Momchilov, is a Special Agent for the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, having 18 years of law enforcement experience. Affiant has been employed by BCI for the last 12 years and is assigned to Major Crimes, Special Investigations Unit for the Northeast region of the State of Ohio. Prior to working for BCI, S/A Momchilov was employed by the Wooster Police Department for 6 years. Affiant spent nearly one year assigned to the MEDWAY Drug Task Force in the capacity of an Undercover Narcotics Officer; during that time, Affiant participated in numerous drug investigations. Affiant has served as the lead investigator for homicide and death investigations, officer-involved shooting investigations, use of force investigations and public official corruption investigations. Affiant has successfully completed extensive training in criminal investigations, including drug investigations and violent crimes investigations. During the course of these investigations, along with the training and experience obtained over the last 18 years, Special Agent Cory Momchilov has become familiar with the investigative methods necessary for the accurate resolution of violent crime investigations.
2. On May 3, 2024, the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation to investigate an officer-involved shooting that occurred
3. Affiant was informed by Ohio BCI personnel that the shooting occurred in the area of Interstate 77 Southbound, on the exit ramp of Exit 85, New Philadelphia, Ohio.
4. Ohio BCI personnel arrived on scene and learned the following information. On May 3, 2024 at approximately 1:42 A.M. an Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper observed a 1994 Red Chevy Pickup truck bearing Ohio registration HZG 2442 on the Interstate 77 southbound exit ramp, Exit 85, that appeared to be disabled.
5. The Trooper made contact with the single occupant of that vehicle. That occupant was later identified as Kendall Woodard. During the interaction, it was reported that Woodard was acting erratic and possibly suffering from some type of mental health crisis. It was reported that the trooper requested additional law enforcement personnel to assist. A Crisis

Intervention Officer with the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office also responded to the scene.

6. It was reported that law enforcement officers spoke and negotiated with Woodard for several hours. At approximately 5:23 A.M., it was reported that during law enforcement's negotiations with Woodard, Woodard produced a firearm causing four law enforcement officers to discharge their firearms striking Woodard. Woodard died as a result of his injuries.
7. Ohio BCI Crime Scene Agents processed the scene for potential evidence and noted what appeared to be numerous bullet holes in the 1994 Chevy pickup truck. A revolver type firearm was also recovered.



8. A cellular phone was also observed in the vehicle.



9. According to Woodard's driver's license, which was recovered from the scene, Woodard's listed address is 2415 Germantown Street, Dayton, Ohio. The 1994 Chevy pickup truck is registered to Rodney Twitty with a registered address of 2912 Rugby Road, Dayton, Ohio. At this time, it is unknown why Woodard was in the area of New Philadelphia area. However, investigators were able to speak with Woodard's family members and learned that the mother of Woodard's child lives in the Cleveland area.
10. The 1994 Red Chevy Pickup Truck bearing Ohio registration HZG 2442 was towed from the scene to the at Rosenberry Towing, 1447 OH-39 NE, New Philadelphia, 4466.
11. Affiant believes that potential evidence related to this incident will be recovered from the 1994 Red Chevy pickup truck to include projectiles and other possible evidence that could possibly explain Woodard's mindset at the time of the incident (cellular phone). The possible evidence may also reveal why Woodard was in the New Philadelphia area.

Based on the information contained in the affidavit, Affiant's training and experience as a law enforcement officer, participation in the investigation relative to this affidavit, conversations with participating law enforcement officers, corroborated facts and information supplied by named sources and any oral testimony incorporated herein, it is the Affiant's belief that the items to be searched for and seized are at the place to be searched. Affiant further states there is urgent necessity that the aforesaid premises be searched to prevent said property from being concealed, removed or destroyed by the passage of time so as not to be found or be of forensic use.

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Affiant  
Special Agent Cory Momchilov

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge  
Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Court  
Tuscarawas County, Ohio



In the Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Court  
Tuscarawas County, State of Ohio

IN THE MATTER OF SEARCH OF:

1994 Chevy Pickup Truck Bearing Ohio  
registration HZG 2442  
vehicle identification number  
2GCEC19K3R1221567

CASE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion of the State of Ohio  
To Seal the Search Warrant, Affidavit  
Inventory and this Motion.**

Now comes the State of Ohio, and respectfully moves this Court for an Order Sealing the Search Warrant, Affidavit for Search Warrant, any Inventory and this Motion in the above captioned matter.

In support of the foregoing, the State of Ohio states that the Search Warrant herein was applied for May 6, 2024, and the matter is an ongoing criminal investigation. Investigatory techniques relating to the matter outlined in the Affidavit would be exposed and could alert potential suspects or potential witnesses to the nature and extent of the state's efforts. Additionally, persons who would seek to interject themselves into this matter could also learn details of the State's efforts which would also make detecting false or incorrect information more difficult. This Court has the power to seal a warrant while the matter is under investigation.

WHEREFORE, the State of Ohio requests an order sealing the Search Warrant, Affidavit for Search Warrant, any Inventory and this Motion.

Respectfully submitted,



~~Cory Monchillo~~ R Scott  
Special Agent Deedrich  
Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Asst. (w. AT)  
Tusl. Court

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Tuscarawas County, State of Ohio

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**Order To Seal  
The Search Warrant, Affidavit  
Inventory and this Motion.**

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WHEREFORE, the Court orders the sealing of the Search Warrant, Affidavit for Search  
Warrant, any Inventory and this Motion.

IT IS SO ORDERED

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge  
Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Court  
Tuscarawas County, Ohio

IN THE TUSCARAWASCOUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT  
TUSCARAWASCOUNTY, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO:

SS


TUSCARAWASCOUNTY

CASE NO.

SEARCH WARRANT RETURN

On the 6th day of May, 2024 at 3:34 o'clock PM, I executed the Search Warrant  
attached hereto, and seized the following described persons and property, to-wit: See attached Property

Receipt

  
By: S/A Cory Momchilov  
Title: Senior Special Agent  
Ohio Attorney General's Office

Received this return sheet on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024, at 2:03 o'clock AM (PM)

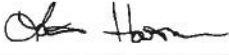

  
Judge  
Tuscarawas County Common Pleas

Evidence Receipt for Case #: 2024-1376



Agency:  
 Prepared By: Special Agent Hootman (#144)  
 Case Date: May 3, 2024  
 Offense(s): Officer Involved Critical Incident  
 Victim(s):  
 Witness(es):  
 Suspect(s):  
 Scene #: 2  
 Scene Address: 1447 State Route 39 Northeast, Goshen, OH 44663

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Released By	Released To	Date/Time
Special Agent Hootman (#144) 	SA Momchilov 	May 6, 2024 16:54