

Investigative Report

2023-3223

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 807 Alan Page Dr SE, Canton, OH 44707



Investigative Activity: Review of Canton Police Department records

Activity Date: 1/19/2024

Authoring Agent: SA Jon Lieber #50

Narrative:

On Friday, January 05, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) received documents that originated from the Canton Police Department (CPD). The records which were requested included any reports pertaining to the December 5, 2023, officer-involved shooting, except for any statements made by the involved officer. SA Lieber reviewed the documents and noted the following:

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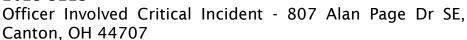
This report consists of three (3) pages and was authored by Det. V. Romanin. The narrative position of the report is included below.

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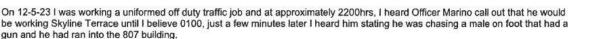
This report consists of twenty-six (26) pages and includes narratives from a multitude of officers. The narrative sections of the report have been included below.

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I was sitting in the 1300 block of McKinley Ave SW with the construction crew and when I heard Officer Marino state he was chasing a man with a gun, I started to head his way with my lights and sirens activated. When I was just a few seconds into my driving to Skyline, Officer Marino called out with Shots fired and Cancom put out a 10-25.

I travelled North on Cleveland to Navarre Rd, East on Navarre to Market, South on Market to 14th and East to Cherry Ave. At Cherry Ave I had to stop for other responding patrol cars heading South on Cherry into Skyline. When I pulled up in the 800 block, I saw several officers around a W/M laying on the ground and those officers were administering aid. I maneouvered my cruiser to use the takedown lights to give the officers working on the victim a well lit area. There were multiple patrol officers along with Detectives on scene starting to canvass for witnesses and secure the scene. I retrieved barricade tape from my cruiser and taped off the East side of the street from South to North and when I got to the driveway between 901 and 921 Alan Page Dr SE I stopped taping. I then walked over to a DB car where Officer Marino was sitting in the front seat and stood by him until he was escorted from the scene. A few minutes later Det. Huber advised me that there were enough detectives on scene and I left to come to HQ to do my supplement.

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807 Alan page DR SE

12/05/2023

First Shift- Car #20- North Side

Shooting

Mentioned

Mentioned:

Officer's: France #262

On December 5th, 2023 at 2210 hours I arrived at headquarters to get ready for my regular schedule shift. As I arrived I heard Officer Marino call out with shots fired and that EMS, and a supervisor was needed. I quickly went into headquarters and advised Sgt Rastetter that I would be going to the scene to assist.

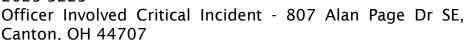
As I arrived on scene officers that were providing medical care advised that they needed an additional medical bag. As I exited my cruiser I grabbed a medical bag and made my way to the suspect, and officers providing aid I observed Detective Huber giving chest compressions to the male, Officer Dryden and Officer Wohlheter attaching chest seals to the male. At this time I took my medical bag and placed it back inside. As I placed the bag into the back of my cruiser I was advised by Detective Romanin that he had a witness that he needed transported back to headquarters. The witness was later identified as 02/21/2000. I then transported to the detective bureau where Officer Zeren took custody of the female.

Nothing further at this time, C.France#262



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Location-807 Alan Page DR SE Reference-Shooting

On 12/05/23 I was dispatched with Officer Wilson to 807 Alan Page DR SE to assist Officer Marino who advised he was chasing a suspect with a gun. While enroute Officer Marino advised shots fired. Officer Wilson and I arrived on scene and learned Officer Marino was in the back of the building. Officer Wilson and I ran up the stairs and out the rear door. I observed Officer Marino standing near a male who was laying on he ground. Several other officers and I rolled the male over. Officer Dryden and Wohlheter began rendering aid to the male. I ensured the medics had a clear route the male who was later identified as Zach Fornash. I then assisted in holding the scene.

Krug 248

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Location-807 Alan Page DR SE Reference-Shooting Officer: Wilson #268

On 12/05/23, Officer Krug, and I were dispatched to assist Officer Marino, who advised he was chasing a male with a gun. Officer Marino advised he was in the 807 building. When we arrived on scene we came in through the east side entrance of the 807 building. We made our way up the stairs to the second floor. At that time we made our way out of the 807 through the west side door, and Observed Officer Marino to the southwest of my location in the grassy area of the parking lot near the road. I observed a male on the ground on his back, who was later identified as Zach Fornash. At time, Officers Dryden, Wohlheter, Colecchi, Krug and Detective Huber started administering aid to the male. I assisted in giving them some light to see the work area with my flashlight.

After heading back to my cruiser, I observed a cell phone in the parking lot of the 807 building, that was believed to be at the time in the area of the foot pursuit that lead into the 807 building.

After medics arrived and took the male to the hospital, I assisted in holding the scene with my partner.

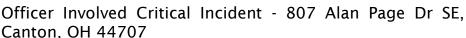
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Dryden 172 12/5/23 800 BLK Alan page dr SE Shooting

On 12/5/23 U212 and myself were in cruiser 33 for our patrol shift. Around 2210 hours U274 called out with a person with a weapon call in the 800 BLK of Alan page dr SE and that he needed more units to assist. While en route to back up U274, he called out shots were fired.

Upon our arrival with multiple other units, U274 was standing in a small grass field on the north side of Alan page in the 800 BLK. There was a white male that was laying on the ground in front of him. Other units and myself began to check for weapons and begin first aid to the male. While checking the male for weapons another unit found what appeared to be a black handgun in one of the subjects pockets.

The male was found to have three gunshot wounds to the chest (both armpits and the center of the chest), another was located on his left leg, and a possible wound to the right arm. I assisted with first aid on the subject. Soon medics arrived and transported the male to the hospital. Once I was done with first aid I helped ensure the scene of the incident was secure and looked for additional evidence. Throughout my time on scene multiple other officers arrived on scene for detectives to supervisors.

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On December 5, 2023 while working Afternoons east side in car 33, we did respond to the 800 block of Alan Page Dr SE for a person with a weapon called out by Officer Marino. I did hear Officer Marino state that the suspect ran into the 807 building, as we were enroute Officer Marino called out shots fired.

Upon arrival we located Officer Marino holding cover on a male laying on the ground to the west of the 807 building they were both north of the roadway and south of the parking lot. We approached with other officers to secure the male. I did observe the male laying on his back with his head pointing south and feet pointing northward. The male was not responding so we then approached to secure the male, as we made contact with the male I did observe what appeared as a firearm in the males right sweatshirt pocket and Officer Loparo secured that. Due to the male not being responsive instead of handcuffing him I did begin attempting to provide medical aid. I did use medical shears and cut the males sweatshirt off where we located multiple chest wounds and attempted to place chest seals on the wounds. Once we placed chest seals on the wounds we checked for any more wounds on the torso and Officer Huber began giving chest compressions. I then cut the males right pant leg off passed the shears to Officer Colecchi and began assessing the males right leg for any wounds. Officer Colecchi did locate a wound on his left leg and a tourniquet was applied. Shortly after this medics did arrive on scene and I assisted in loading the male on to the cot so he could be transported for further treatment.

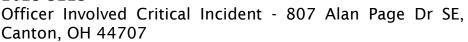
I then began helping finish taping off the area with crime scene tape specifically the southside of the roadway. After I was complete with that I did assist in locating and marking casings found in the parking lot to the west of the 807 building. After this I then held scene security awaiting BCI.

Wohlheter 212



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800 BLK Alan page dr SE Shooting Coblentz #179

At approximately 2208 hours (12-05-2023) I was at the intersection of 5th St NE and Market Ave N when Officer Morino #274 called out that he was chasing a male in the 800 blk of Alan Page Dr SE. While enroute to assist, Ofc Marino advised Camcom that the male had ran into a building and was also carrying a firearm. Moments later, Ofc Morino advised Shots Fire and dispatch notified a 10-25 to all cars.

On arrival, I observed the male who had sustained a gunshot wound lying on his back and several Officers rendering aid. I then supplied an additional stocked medbag per Ofc Dryden's request. I then assisted additional Officers in establishing a perimeter for the crime scene. Shortly after, Officers on scene began giving CPR to the subject. Subject was then transported via ambulance to Mercy hospital. I then remained on scene to until 0215 hrs (12-6-2023) until BCI completed documentation.

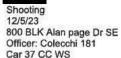
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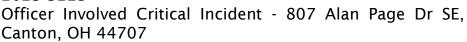
On December 5th 2023 while working afternoon shift in car 37 east side, I responded to the 800 Blk Alan page Dr SE to assist Officer Marino, who advised he out with a person with a weapon and needed more units. While enroute, Officer Marino he called out shots were fired. When I arrived on I entered from east side entrance of the 807 building and made my way up the stairs to the second floor. I then exited on west side of t thehe building and lobserved Officer Marino along with several additional officers standing near a male who was laying on he ground.. Officer Dryden, Officer Wohlheter, Det. Huber, and myself began rendering aid to the male. Medics arrived on scene and transported the male to the hospital. I then helped ensure the scene of the incident was secure and looked for additional evidence.

Nothing further, Colecchi 181



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800 blk Alan Page Dr SE Car 76

Officer: Zeren 177

On December 5, 2023 I was in car 76 assigned to the north side of the city. I responded to the 800 Blk of Alan Page Dr SE after U274 called out with a person with a weapon in the area. While heading to that location U274 called out that shots had been fired. On arrival there was a male on the ground and other officers were treating his injuries and securing the firearm that the male had, I walked with U274 to a vehicle and he asked me to secure his cruiser. After the cruiser was secured I met up with detectives that were talking with a couple witnesses. One of the witnesses was availt interviews with detectives.

Zeren 177

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On 05DEC2023 I was inside the Sergeant's office at Canton Police Headquarters for 2200 roll call when I heard Ptl. Marino 274 advise that he had one running. I advised SGT. Rasteter 46 and asked if he needed me and that I'd like to back up that Officer. A short time later Ptl. Marino advised that the suspect had a gun, then shots fired and that he needed a supervisor. When I arrived on scene several Officers were beginning medical care on the suspect. I joined in the medical treatment by giving two of my chest seals and by appying a touniquet to the left leg.

K9 Officer D. Jatich 185

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On 12/05/23 at approximately 2210 hrs., I received a phone call from Det. Premier advising me that there had been an officer involved shooting in the 800 blk of Alan Page Dr. Se. I telephoned Lt. Talkington and advised him of the same. I then proceeded to the scene.

Once on scene, I made contact with Officer Laparo, who was keeping the crime scene log. I checked him with him and walked through the scene. I spoke to Det. Szaniszlo, who explained to me that Officer Marino confronted an armed suspect and discharged his service pistol striking the suspect with 4 rounds. At the time we did not know the condition of the suspect. Officer Marino had already been taken away from the scene.

While walking through the scene, I observed a pile of clothing in the yard outside the 721 building. I stood by the east side of the scene and waiting for BCI or a shift supervisor to relieve me. After about an hour, Sgt. Taylor arrived and I responded to HQ to make contact with Lt. Talkington and Capt. Bosley. I relayed to them what I have wrote in this supplement. I have no other facts or details to report.

Nothing Further A.R. Birone #54



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Report

Location- 800 Block Alan Page Dr SE Nature- Officer Involved Shooting

Date- 12/05/23

Sgt. Mike Rastetter #46 (1st Shift Field Supervisor)

On 12/05/23 at approx 2208 hours I heard Ptl. Marino come on the radio and state he was chasing a suspect that had a gun. A short time after that he came on the radio and stated shots fired and requested medics. I took off from HQ and went to the scene.

When I arrived on scene there were multiple Officers already out on scene. Some were giving aid to the suspect, others were securing the scene. I spoke with Officer Krug and asked him where Marino was. Krug told me he was in a DB car. I went to check on him and recover his body camera. I then told Officers on scene to make sure the crime scene was taped off and make it big. I was advised that Ptl. Laparo took control of the gun that was laying under the victim for safety because scene was not secure when he arrived. I then called Lt. Pellegrino and he advised me it was ok for me to leave the scene with the DB guys and transport Marino to the Hospital for drug and alcohol screen.

I then took Marino to Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital for his drug and alcohol screening. After he was complete at the Hospital I then transported Marino back to HQ. When out at HQ Lt. Pellegrino and I took inventory of Marino's firearm, mags and rounds. We then took temporary custody of Marino's equipment until BCI showed up and we turned it over to them.

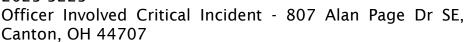
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Sgt. Mike Rastetter #46



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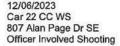


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While on patrol in car 22 working afternoon shift, I responded to the 807 building on Alan Page Dr SE to assist U274 with an emergency.

He originally called out that he had a person with a weapon in the parking lot that is between building 807 and 901. I ran to my cruiser and began to run code to his location. While driving there, I heard him say that they had both just ran into the 807 building as he was in a foot pursuit chasing him. I was at 11th St SE and Cherry Ave SE when I heard him say shots were fired and that he needed a supervisor. Dispatch called a 10-25 and all available officers responded. I arrived on scene and pulled into the parking lot that he had originally called out in. I looked to my left slightly up the hill and observed him standing with his service weapon pointing at something on the ground. I drove over the curb and pulled up next to him so my lights would show more of the area and so we could have some form of hard cover in case the suspect was still able to engage us.

I got out of my cruiser and drew my service weapon asking if U274 was okay and then asked if he had me covered. I observed the bottom side of a handgun sticking out of the pocket of the suspect who was on the ground and bleeding. I removed it from his pocked and rendered it safe as other officers were arriving now and rendering aid to the suspect. While rendering the firearm safe and placing it in the back of my cruiser, I observed that it was not a real firearm and was a pellet gun of some sort. I placed it in the trunk of my cruiser and then grabbed crime scene tape. I began to tape off the area as directed by other officers on the scene and then began a crime scene log. All personnel who were entering and exiting the scene were documented and BCI did respond to take over the investigation. All was logged on the crime scene sheet and then it was tagged into evidence. The scene was cleared and there is nothing further at this time.

Loparo #289

The narrative below is believed to have been written by Ptl. Philip Johnson (Johnson). Johnson's name appears at the bottom of the page (page 18 of 26).

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On listed date I was working in the Detective Bureau when I heard officer Marino call out with a foot pursuit of a man with a gun. Other detectives and I left the DB and headed towards the scene at Skyline Terrace Apartments. While en route we did hear there were shots fired and officer Marino said to send the medics. We arrived on scene and I observed several officers around the suspect's body. CPR was then initiated for life saving measures. Officer Marino was taken into one of the Detective Bureau cars and checked on and he sustained no injuries. The suspect was taken by ambulance to the hospital where he later expired. Officers secured the scene and located several shell casings. I left to go to headquarters while the shift officers maintained and secure the scene until BCI could arrive.

Once I arrived at headquarters I stayed inside the DB until BCI arrived to speak with the witnesses who were inside the holding cells. I then cleared headquarters and completed my shift



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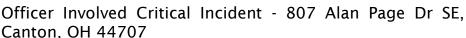
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relationship with Mr. Fornash b	ecause he was threatening her over text message. At some point	t Mrs called Mr
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stated they then observed a po	lice officer and advised him that Mr. Fornash had a firearm.	
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I than requested Mr. and M	lrs. be secured in cruisers and be transported to headquar	ters. They agreed. They were turned
over to patrol.		
I conferred with Det. Szanis	szlo and conducted a cursory assessment of the scene before ret	turning to HQ.
Nothing further at this time.		
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The narrative below is believed to have been written by Ptl. Robert Huber (Huber). Huber's name appears at the bottom of the page (page 21 of 26).

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On 12/05/2023 I responded from the Detective Bureau with Det. Szaniszlo and Det. Diels after hearing Ptl. Marino's radio traffic advising officer needing assistance. Ptl. Marino advised over the radio that shots were fired.

Upon arriving on scene I located the suspect, Zachary Fornash, laying in the grass near the parking lot of 807 Alan Page Dr. I observed patrol officers starting to render medical aid to Fornash and decided to assist them. I observed that officers had placed multiple chest seal on Fornash already and I made the decision to begin chest compressions. While do so I was able to located multiple gunshot wounds to Fornash's chest and abdomen area as well as his right arm and left leg. It appeared to me that the bullet strike to the arm passed through the arm and entered Fornash's upper abdomen area near his arm pit. This was the only wound I was able to observe where blood was exiting. All other wounds had minimal bleeding. I continued the chest compressions until CFD medics arrived on scene and took over.

At that time I assisted Det, Szaniszlo and patrols officers locking down the scene and placing crime scene tape up. I walked the area around the crime scene with Det. Szaniszlo and were able to locate four shell casing in the parking lot area. Those casing were eventually tagged with markers so that they would not inadvertency be disturbed. A cell phone was located on the north side of the 807 building and staged two patrol officers to stand by with the phone. Once the scene was secured I stood by and waited for BCI to arrive on scene.

Once BCI arrived I briefed them about the findings and were evidence had been located, I then stood by and held security until BCI was compete with their scene investigation. Nothing further at this time.

The narrative below is believed to have been written by Ptl. Mark Diels (Diel). Diel's name appears at the bottom of the page (page 22 of 26).

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On 2/5/23 Det Szaniszlo, Huber and I responded from the Detective Bureau when officers heard Ptl. Marino requesting assistance. Upon arrival at the scene (700 block of Alan Page SE) I did observe Zachary Fornash lying in the grass area on the West side of the 721 building. Other patrolman were rendering first aid and doing chest compressions. Officers then began to secure the area and tape off the scene. The remainder of the time I was there I assisted in keeping the scene secure. I departed the scene at approximately 2320 hrs.

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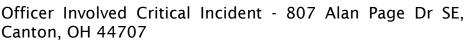
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The narrative below is believed to have been written by Ptl. Daniel Szaniszlo (Szaniszlo). Szaniszlo's name appears at the bottom of the page (page 24 of 26).

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On 12/5/23 I heard officer Marino 274 call out with a person running who had a gun. Det. Huber and I quickly got into my assigned detective vehicle and responded to back the officer up. While going in route I heard officer Marino stated shots fired and to respond a supervisor and the medics.

Upon my arrival multiple other units were arriving and they began to render aid. We secured the scene and held all located evidence in place with officers guarding until BCI was notified and arrived for the investigation.

While we were on scene the suspects family arrived from a building across the street, I spoke to his wife briefly she knew of the incident. She asked what hospital he was taken too, I walked away and attempted to get clearance to give her that information, she heard another units radio traffic and left for the hospital with her brother Mat LNU.

Sgt. Rastetter was the only supervisor working he asked me to maintain control until BCI arrived. I spoke to the BCI supervisor, he asked what all resources were needed, I advised him a crime scene unit and a special investigative unit.

Sgt. Taylor arrived and a short time later BCI arrived. Officers held the scene while BCI investigated. Upon completion of the investigation, I drove officer Marinos Marked unit to the parking deck.

Incident Number Investigative Report Title / Subject: DEATH INVESTIGATION On 12/6/23 I was working voluntary overtime when myself and Ptl. France were tasked by Lt. Pellegrino to take coffee and donuts to 800 block of Alan Page Drive for the officers working overtime reference the death investigation. We dropped the food off with Sgt. Taylor and left the point of call immediately afterward. Nothing further to report at this time. Ptl. Ratliff #291

The narrative below is believed to have been written by Ptl. Jeffrey Weller (Weller). Weller's name appears at the bottom of the page (page 26 of 26).

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in scence security. I was then called to Aultman Hospital to take photos of the deceased. I then was called to Police HQ to take photos of the Officer involed. I then returned to the scene to assist with security.



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Crime Scene Log

A crime scene log for 807 Alan Page Drive SE consisting of seven (7) pages was received. The document has been attached to this report.

Photographs taken by CPD of Zachary Fornash

Seventeen (17) photographs were received. The photographs show Zachary Fornash lying on a gurney. The photographs show injuries that Fornash sustained.

The above-referenced documents and photographs have been attached to this investigative report. Please refer to the attachments for further details.

Incident Number CANTON POLICE 221 3rd St SW CANTON 330-649-5800 **Incident / Offense Report** Method Received Time Received Time Dispatched Time Arrived Time Cleared: Offense 12/07/2023 22:08:00 12/07/2023 22:08:00 12/07/2023 20:08:00 12/07/2023 04:30:00 Incident Occured To Report Date / Time Incident Occurred From Date Time Date Time Date Time Thursday 12/07/2023 14:15:07 22:08:00 Tuesday 12/05/2023 Location of the Incident (Street #, Street, Apt. #, City, State, Zip) Zone 900 BLK ALAN PAGE DR SE CANTON OH 44707 3 Persons: **ZACHARY JAMES FORNASH - SUS** Property: Involved: -VIC Amount: Type: Units: Officers: **GARRETT MARINO** 1st: 2nd: 3rd: 4th: Photos: 0 5th: **OFFENSES** Descriptions: Codes: 2903.21 1398 AGGRAV MENACING Weapons Used: Trade Marks: Hate Bias **BB AND PELLET GUNS** Location Type: Entry: **Parking Lot** Refer to Arrest: Incident #: Tow#: Dispatcher: Officer in Charge: 27 Entry Id: 209 Case Status: Cleared Date: 12/07/2023 Cleared By: 209 Narrative: Page: 1 The victim stated the suspect threatened him and his wife with serious physical harm. PTL VINCENT V ROMANIN Bureau Supervisor:

Reviewing Supervisor:

Officer:

Report Number **CANTON POLICE** Page# 2 **Investigative Persons Involved** Incident #: Relation: Arrest #: CAD #: Date of Contact: Phone: **SUS** 12/05/2023 First Name: Middle Last Name: Til: DOB: SSN: Pager: ZACHARY **JAMES FORNASH** 07/18/1999 Street #: Street Name: Cell Phone: Apt: City: St: Zip: **Employer Phone:** 404 VALLEY STREET MINERVA OH 44657 Hgt: Wgt: Hair: Eyes: Race: Sex: Physical Marks: 509 150 BRO BLU W M 1398 Offenses: AGGRAV MENACING **Resident Class:** Suspected of using: Victim Type: Resident Incident #: Relation: Arrest #: CAD#: Date of Contact: Phone: VIC 12/05/2023 First Name: Middle Til: DOB: SSN: Last Name: Pager: 02/21/2000 Street #: Street Name: Cell Phone: Zip: Apt: City: St: **Employer Phone:** CANTON OH 44707 Hair: Eyes: Race: Sex: Physical Marks: Hgt: Wgt: 411 180 BLN **BLU** W Offenses: 1398 AGGRAV MENACING Resident Class: Suspected of using: Victim Type: Resident Individual Incident #: Relation: Arrest #: CAD #: Date of Contact: Phone: VIC 12/05/2023 First Name: Middle Last Name: Til: DOB: SSN: Pager: 01/27/1998 Street #: Street Name: Apt: City: St: Zip: Cell Phone: **Employer Phone: CANTON** OH 44705 Hgt: Wgt: Hair: Eyes: Race: Sex: Physical Marks: 508 210 **BRO BRO** W M 1398 AGGRAV MENACING Offenses: Resident Class: Suspected of using: Victim Type: Resident Individual PTL VINCENT V ROMANIN Officer: **Bureau Supervisor: Reviewing Supervisor:**

Incident Number

Investigative Report

Title / Subject: AGGRAVATED MENACING



On 12/05/2023 at approximately 2208 hours, I heard Ptl. Marino call out on the radio that he was chasing a person with a gun in the Highland Park housing complex in the southeast end of Canton. I began to respond there to assist. I then heard Ptl. Marino advise shots fired. I arrived with multiple other units to a chaotic scene, I escorted Ptl. Marino to my vehicle and ensured he was not injured. He indicated there were two people who flagged him down and were the original complainants related to the issue. I observed a male and female walking nearby who appeared to be in distress. Ptl. Marino identified them as the subjects who flagged him down. They were advised Zachary Fornash was the male who threatened him with a firearm and was was highly emotional and I did not interview her. Mr. 's statement was captured on Ptl. Zeren's body camera. The following is a summary of his narrative. He and his wife were experiencing marital challenges and were presently separated. Mrs. was apparently staying at and dating Mr. Fornash, Mrs. contacted Mr. 's and Mr. Fornash's relationship was apparently also strained. Mrs. to assist her with ending her relationship with Mr. Fornash because he was threatening her over text message. At some point Mrs. called Mr. explained he sped to get there because he and Mr. Fornash were because Mr. Fornash arrived to her location in person. Mr. "battling it out" for over a year and was apparently concerned from Mrs. . When Mr. arrived to their location near 921 Alan Page Dr. SE, he observed Mr. Fornash at Mrs. September 's vehicle driver's window. Mr. his vehicle, he heard Mr. Fornash cock a firearm, Mr. September imitated Mr. Fornash with his explained that when he calmly exited his vehicle, he heard Mr. Fornash cock a firearm. Mr. imitated Mr. Fornash with his hands as though he was racking the slide on a semi-automatic firearm, Mr. then challenged Mr. Fornash and told him they weren't going to do that. Mr. Fornash then stated he wanted to get his clothing. The incident continued when Mrs. and Mr. Fornash continued to argue. Mr. Fornash stated they then observed a police officer and advised him that Mr. Fornash had a firearm. I learned Ptl. Marino attempted to make contact with Mr. Fornash to continue the investigation. Mr. Fornash fled from Ptl. Marino and the encounter ultimately resulted in an officer involved shooting and the death if Mr. Fornash. I requested Mr, and Mrs, and Mrs, be secured in cruisers and be transported to headquarters. They agreed. They were turned over to patrol and later interviewed by the Ohio BCI as a part of their investigation into the officer involved shooting. Nothing further at this time. Det. V. Romanin 209

By: PTL VINCENT V ROMANIN	Badge# 209	Date: 12/07/2023	Time: 14:42:03 No. 001	Page #: 1
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Crime Scene Log Sheet

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ZEREN 177 DRYDEN 172 WOHLHETER21	2210	PATROL
KRUG 248 WILSON 268	2210	PATROL
FRANCE 262 COBLENTZ 179	1212	PATROL/TRAFFIC
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Crime Scene Log Sheet

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2251	USY ENTERS SCENE
2309	U218 / V195 LEAVE SCENE
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6019	LARRY HOOTMAN ENTERS SCENE (BCE)
0020	STANLEY # 147 ENTERS SCENE (BCI)
6022	JOHN TINGLEY ENTERS SCENE (BCI)
0629	ERIC LEHNHART ENTERS SCENE (BCE)
6030	EDWARD WHA ENTERS SCENE (DCI)
0035	AL BANSKY ENTERS SCENE (BCE)
0037	UZLOS LEAVES SCENE
6041	V268 ENTERS SCENE
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Crime Scene Log Sheet

Location: 807	ALAN PAGE DR SE	Report Number_	
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Report Number CANTON POLICE Page# 2 **Investigative Persons Involved** Incident #: Relation: Arrest #: CAD #: Date of Contact: Phone: OIV 12/05/2023 First Name: Middle Last Name: Til: DOB: SSN: Pager: **GARRETT** MARINO Street #: Street Name: Apt: Cell Phone: City: St: Zip: **Employer Phone:** 330-438-4449 221 3RD ST SW OH 44702 **CANTON** Hgt: Wgt: Hair: Eyes: Race: Sex: Physical Marks: Offenses: Resident Class: Suspected of using: Victim Type: Incident #: Relation: Arrest #: CAD #: Date of Contact: Phone: VIC 12/05/2023 First Name: Middle Last Name: SSN: Til: DOB: Pager: **ZACHARY JAMES FORNASH** 07/18/1999 Street #: Street Name: Apt: St: Zip: Cell Phone: City: **Employer Phone:** 404 VALLEY STREET **MINERVA** OH 44657 Hgt: Wgt: Hair: Eyes: Race: Sex: Physical Marks: 509 150 **BRO BLU** W M DI **DEATH INVESTIGATION** Offenses: **Resident Class:** Suspected of using: Victim Type: Individual Incident #: Relation: Arrest #: CAD#: Date of Contact: Phone: WIT 12/05/2023 First Name: Middle Last Name: Til: DOB: SSN: Pager: 02/21/2000 Street #: Street Name: Apt: City: St: Zip: Cell Phone: **Employer Phone: CANTON** OH 44707 Hgt: Eyes: Race: Sex: Physical Marks: Wgt: Hair: 411 180 BLN BLU W F Offenses: **Resident Class:** Suspected of using: Victim Type: Resident PTL TRAVIS KRUG **Bureau Supervisor:** Reviewing Supervisor: Officer:

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Investigative Report

Title / Subject: SHOOTING INVESTIGATION



On 12-5-23 I was working a uniformed off duty traffic job and at approximately 2200hrs, I heard Officer Marino call out that he would be working Skyline Terrace until I believe 0100, just a few minutes later I heard him stating he was chasing a male on foot that had a gun and he had ran into the 807 building.

I was sitting in the 1300 block of McKinley Ave SW with the construction crew and when I heard Officer Marino state he was chasing a man with a gun, I started to head his way with my lights and sirens activated. When I was just a few seconds into my driving to Skyline, Officer Marino called out with Shots fired and Cancom put out a 10-25.

I travelled North on Cleveland to Navarre Rd, East on Navarre to Market, South on Market to 14th and East to Cherry Ave. At Cherry Ave I had to stop for other responding patrol cars heading South on Cherry into Skyline. When I pulled up in the 800 block, I saw several officers around a W/M laying on the ground and those officers were administering aid. I maneouvered my cruiser to use the takedown lights to give the officers working on the victim a well lit area. There were multiple patrol officers along with Detectives on scene starting to canvass for witnesses and secure the scene. I retrieved barricade tape from my cruiser and taped off the East side of the street from South to North and when I got to the driveway between 901 and 921 Alan Page Dr SE I stopped taping. I then walked over to a DB car where Officer Marino was sitting in the front seat and stood by him until he was escorted from the scene. A few minutes later Det. Huber advised me that there were enough detectives on scene and I left to come to HQ to do my supplement.

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By: PTL KEVIN SEDARES	Badge# 198	Date: 12/05/2023	Time: 23:05:01	No. 001	Page #: 1
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Title / Subject: SHOOTING



807 Alan page DR SE

12/05/2023

First Shift- Car #20- North Side

Shooting

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Officer's: France #262

On December 5th, 2023 at 2210 hours I arrived at headquarters to get ready for my regular schedule shift. As I arrived I heard Officer Marino call out with shots fired and that EMS, and a supervisor was needed. I quickly went into headquarters and advised Sgt Rastetter that I would be going to the scene to assist.

As I arrived on scene officers that were providing medical care advised that they needed an additional medical bag. As I exited my cruiser I grabbed a medical bag and made my way to the suspect, and officers providing aid I observed Detective Huber giving chest compressions to the male, Officer Dryden and Officer Wohlheter attaching chest seals to the male. At this time I took my medical bag and placed it back inside. As I placed the bag into the back of my cruiser I was advised by Detective Romanin that he had a witness that he needed transported back to headquarters. The witness was later identified as a 02/21/2000. I then transported to the detective bureau where Officer Zeren took custody of the female.

Nothing further at this time, C.France#262

By: PTL CRYSTAL S FRANCE Badge# 262 Date: 12/05/2023 Time: 23:13:55 No. 002 Page #: 1

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Investigative Report

Title / Subject: SHOOTING



Location-807 Alan Page DR SE Reference-Shooting

On 12/05/23 I was dispatched with Officer Wilson to 807 Alan Page DR SE to assist Officer Marino who advised he was chasing a suspect with a gun. While enroute Officer Marino advised shots fired. Officer Wilson and I arrived on scene and learned Officer Marino was in the back of the building. Officer Wilson and I ran up the stairs and out the rear door. I observed Officer Marino standing near a male who was laying on he ground. Several other officers and I rolled the male over. Officer Dryden and Wohlheter began rendering aid to the male. I ensured the medics had a clear route the male who was later identified as Zach Fornash. I then assisted in holding the scene.

Krug 248

By: PTL TRAVIS KRUG Badge# 248 Date: 12/05/2023 Time: 23:09:38 No. 002 Page #: 1

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Location-807 Alan Page DR SE Reference-Shooting Officer: Wilson #268

On 12/05/23, Officer Krug, and I were dispatched to assist Officer Marino, who advised he was chasing a male with a gun. Officer Marino advised he was in the 807 building. When we arrived on scene we came in through the east side entrance of the 807 building. We made our way up the stairs to the second floor. At that time we made our way out of the 807 through the west side door, and Observed Officer Marino to the southwest of my location in the grassy area of the parking lot near the road. I observed a male on the ground on his back, who was later identified as Zach Fornash. At time, Officers Dryden, Wohlheter, Colecchi, Krug and Detective Huber started administering aid to the male. I assisted in giving them some light to see the work area with my flashlight.

After heading back to my cruiser, I observed a cell phone in the parking lot of the 807 building, that was believed to be at the time in the area of the foot pursuit that lead into the 807 building.

After medics arrived and took the male to the hospital, I assisted in holding the scene with my partner.

Nothing further at this time.

C. Wilson #268

By: PTL COLE WILSON

Badge# 268

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Dryden 172 12/5/23 800 BLK Alan page dr SE Shooting

On 12/5/23 U212 and myself were in cruiser 33 for our patrol shift. Around 2210 hours U274 called out with a person with a weapon call in the 800 BLK of Alan page dr SE and that he needed more units to assist. While en route to back up U274, he called out shots were fired.

Upon our arrival with multiple other units, U274 was standing in a small grass field on the north side of Alan page in the 800 BLK. There was a white male that was laying on the ground in front of him. Other units and myself began to check for weapons and begin first aid to the male. While checking the male for weapons another unit found what appeared to be a black handgun in one of the subjects pockets.

The male was found to have three gunshot wounds to the chest (both armpits and the center of the chest), another was located on his left leg, and a possible wound to the right arm. I assisted with first aid on the subject. Soon medics arrived and transported the male to the hospital. Once I was done with first aid I helped ensure the scene of the incident was secure and looked for additional evidence. Throughout my time on scene multiple other officers arrived on scene for detectives to supervisors.

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By: PTL JACOB DRYDEN	Badge# 172	Date: 12/05/2023	Time: 23:18:28	No. 004	Page #: 1
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Shooting 12/5/23 800 BLK Alan page Dr SE Assignment: Afternoons ES, Car 33 Officer: Wohlheter 212

On December 5, 2023 while working Afternoons east side in car 33, we did respond to the 800 block of Alan Page Dr SE for a person with a weapon called out by Officer Marino. I did hear Officer Marino state that the suspect ran into the 807 building, as we were enroute Officer Marino called out shots fired.

Upon arrival we located Officer Marino holding cover on a male laying on the ground to the west of the 807 building they were both north of the roadway and south of the parking lot. We approached with other officers to secure the male. I did observe the male laying on his back with his head pointing south and feet pointing northward. The male was not responding so we then approached to secure the male, as we made contact with the male I did observe what appeared as a firearm in the males right sweatshirt pocket and Officer Loparo secured that. Due to the male not being responsive instead of handcuffing him I did begin attempting to provide medical aid. I did use medical shears and cut the males sweatshirt off where we located multiple chest wounds and attempted to place chest seals on the wounds. Once we placed chest seals on the wounds we checked for any more wounds on the torso and Officer Huber began giving chest compressions. I then cut the males right pant leg off passed the shears to Officer Colecchi and began assessing the males right leg for any wounds. Officer Colecchi did locate a wound on his left leg and a tourniquet was applied. Shortly after this medics did arrive on scene and I assisted in loading the male on to the cot so he could be transported for further treatment.

I then began helping finish taping off the area with crime scene tape specifically the southside of the roadway. After I was complete with that I did assist in locating and marking casings found in the parking lot to the west of the 807 building. After this I then held scene security awaiting BCI.

Wohlheter 212

By: PTL SCOTT WOHLHETER	Badge# 212	Date: 12/05/2023	Time: 23:34:44	No. 005	Page #: 1
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12/5/23 800 BLK Alan page dr SE Shooting Coblentz #179

At approximately 2208 hours (12-05-2023) I was at the intersection of 5th St NE and Market Ave N when Officer Morino #274 called out that he was chasing a male in the 800 blk of Alan Page Dr SE. While enroute to assist, Ofc Marino advised Camcom that the male had ran into a building and was also carrying a firearm. Moments later, Ofc Morino advised Shots Fire and dispatch notified a 10-25 to all cars.

On arrival, I observed the male who had sustained a gunshot wound lying on his back and several Officers rendering aid. I then supplied an additional stocked medbag per Ofc Dryden's request. I then assisted additional Officers in establishing a perimeter for the crime scene. Shortly after, Officers on scene began giving CPR to the subject. Subject was then transported via ambulance to Mercy hospital. I then remained on scene to until 0215 hrs (12-6-2023) until BCI completed documentation.

Coblentz #179

By: ZACHARY R COBLENTZ	Badge# 179	Date: 12/05/2023	Time: 23:36:09	No. 006	Page #: 1
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Title / Subject: SHOOTING



Shooting 12/5/23 800 BLK Alan page Dr SE Officer: Colecchi 181 Car 37 CC WS

On December 5th 2023 while working afternoon shift in car 37 east side, I responded to the 800 Blk Alan page Dr SE to assist Officer Marino, who advised he out with a person with a weapon and needed more units. While enroute, Officer Marino he called out shots were fired.. When I arrived on I entered from east side entrance of the 807 building and made my way up the stairs to the second floor. I then exited on west side of t thehe building and lobserved Officer Marino along with several additional officers standing near a male who was laying on he ground.. Officer Dryden, Officer Wohlheter, Det. Huber, and myself began rendering aid to the male. Medics arrived on scene and transported the male to the hospital. I then helped ensure the scene of the incident was secure and looked for additional evidence.

Nothing further, Colecchi 181

By: PTL ALLISON RAE COLECCHI Badge# 181 Date: 12/05/2023 Time: 23:47:47 No. 007 Page #: 1

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800 blk Alan Page Dr SE

Car 76

Officer: Zeren 177

On December 5, 2023 I was in car 76 assigned to the north side of the city. I responded to the 800 Blk of Alan Page Dr SE after U274 called out with a person with a weapon in the area. While heading to that location U274 called out that shots had been fired. On arrival there was a male on the ground and other officers were treating his injuries and securing the firearm that the male had. I walked with U274 to a vehicle and he asked me to secure his cruiser. After the cruiser was secured I met up with detectives that were talking with a couple witnesses. One of the witnesses was await interviews with detectives.

Zeren 177

By: PTL RICHARD ZEREN Badge# 177 Date: 12/05/2023 Time: 23:42:32 No. 007 Page #: 1

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On 05DEC2023 I was inside the Sergeant's office at Canton Police Headquarters for 2200 roll call when I heard Ptl. Marino 274 advise that he had one running. I advised SGT. Rasteter 46 and asked if he needed me and that I'd like to back up that Officer. A short time later Ptl. Marino advised that the suspect had a gun, then shots fired and that he needed a supervisor. When I arrived on scene several Officers were beginning medical care on the suspect. I joined in the medical treatment by giving two of my chest seals and by appying a touniquet to the left leg.

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On 12/05/23 at approximately 2210 hrs., I received a phone call from Det. Premier advising me that there had been an officer involved shooting in the 800 blk of Alan Page Dr. Se. I telephoned Lt. Talkington and advised him of the same. I then proceeded to the scene.

Once on scene, I made contact with Officer Laparo, who was keeping the crime scene log. I checked him with him and walked through the scene. I spoke to Det. Szaniszlo, who explained to me that Officer Marino confronted an armed suspect and discharged his service pistol striking the suspect with 4 rounds. At the time we did not know the condition of the suspect. Officer Marino had already been taken away from the scene.

While walking through the scene, I observed a pile of clothing in the yard outside the 721 building. I stood by the east side of the scene and waiting for BCI or a shift supervisor to relieve me. After about an hour, Sgt. Taylor arrived and I responded to HQ to make contact with Lt. Talkington and Capt. Bosley. I relayed to them what I have wrote in this supplement. I have no other facts or details to report.

Nothing Further A.R. Birone #54

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Location- 800 Block Alan Page Dr SE Nature- Officer Involved Shooting

Date- 12/05/23

Sgt. Mike Rastetter #46 (1st Shift Field Supervisor)

On 12/05/23 at approx 2208 hours I heard Pti. Marino come on the radio and state he was chasing a suspect that had a gun. A short time after that he came on the radio and stated shots fired and requested medics. I took off from HQ and went to the scene.

When I arrived on scene there were multiple Officers already out on scene. Some were giving aid to the suspect, others were securing the scene. I spoke with Officer Krug and asked him where Marino was. Krug told me he was in a DB car. I went to check on him and recover his body camera. I then told Officers on scene to make sure the crime scene was taped off and make it big. I was advised that Ptl. Laparo took control of the gun that was laying under the victim for safety because scene was not secure when he arrived. I then called Lt. Pellegrino and he advised me it was ok for me to leave the scene with the DB guys and transport Marino to the Hospital for drug and alcohol screen.

I then took Marino to Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital for his drug and alcohol screening. After he was complete at the Hospital I then transported Marino back to HQ. When out at HQ Lt. Pellegrino and I took inventory of Marino's firearm, mags and rounds. We then took temporary custody of Marino's equipment until BCI showed up and we turned it over to them.

I have no other Info at this time.

Sgt. Mike Rastetter #46

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12/06/2023 Car 22 CC WS 807 Alan Page Dr SE Officer Involved Shooting

While on patrol in car 22 working afternoon shift, I responded to the 807 building on Alan Page Dr SE to assist U274 with an emergency.

He originally called out that he had a person with a weapon in the parking lot that is between building 807 and 901. I ran to my cruiser and began to run code to his location. While driving there, I heard him say that they had both just ran into the 807 building as he was in a foot pursuit chasing him. I was at 11th St SE and Cherry Ave SE when I heard him say shots were fired and that he needed a supervisor. Dispatch called a 10-25 and all available officers responded. I arrived on scene and pulled into the parking lot that he had originally called out in. I looked to my left slightly up the hill and observed him standing with his service weapon pointing at something on the ground. I drove over the curb and pulled up next to him so my lights would show more of the area and so we could have some form of hard cover in case the suspect was still able to engage us.

I got out of my cruiser and drew my service weapon asking if U274 was okay and then asked if he had me covered. I observed the bottom side of a handgun sticking out of the pocket of the suspect who was on the ground and bleeding. I removed it from his pocked and rendered it safe as other officers were arriving now and rendering aid to the suspect. While rendering the firearm safe and placing it in the back of my cruiser, I observed that it was not a real firearm and was a pellet gun of some sort. I placed it in the trunk of my cruiser and then grabbed crime scene tape. I began to tape off the area as directed by other officers on the scene and then began a crime scene log. All personnel who were entering and exiting the scene were documented and BCI did respond to take over the investigation. All was logged on the crime scene sheet and then it was tagged into evidence. The scene was cleared and there is nothing further at this time.

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On listed date I was working in the Detective Bureau when I heard officer Marino call out with a foot pursuit of a man with a gun. Other detectives and I left the DB and headed towards the scene at Skyline Terrace Apartments. While en route we did hear there were shots fired and officer Marino said to send the medics. We arrived on scene and I observed several officers around the suspect's body. CPR was then initiated for life saving measures. Officer Marino was taken into one of the Detective Bureau cars and checked on and he sustained no injuries. The suspect was taken by ambulance to the hospital where he later expired. Officers secured the scene and located several shell casings. I left to go to headquarters while the shift officers maintained and secure the scene until BCI could arrive.

Once I arrived at headquarters I stayed inside the DB until BCI arrived to speak with the witnesses who were inside the holding cells. I then cleared headquarters and completed my shift

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On 12/5/23 Officer Abel and I were at the Stark County Jail booking a suspect when we heard shots fired over the radio on Alan Page Dr SE. Once our prisoner was booked we started to head that way but saw that the suspect was being transported to Aultman by medics so we diverted to Aultman. Once at Aultman we waited medics until they arrived and they placed the male Zachary Fornash in a trauma room. I was then notified that Doctor Serri just called the time of death on Zachary at 2229 hours on 12/5/23.

We waited with the body until Officer Weller and Harry with the Stark County Coroner's Office arrived. Officer Weller and Harry took photos and we then waited to see if any agents with BCI would want to see the body before it was transported. We waited until we heard from Sgt Taylor that BCI would not be responding. We then seized a pair of croc shoes that arrived with Zachary, took them back to headquarters, and tagged them as evidence. The body was going to be stored at Aultman until it could be picked up for transport to Cleveland.

Evidence tagged.

Nothing further at this time.

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On 12/05/2023 at approximately 2208 hours, I heard Ptl. Marino call out on the radio that he was chasing a person with a gun in the Highland Park housing complex in the southeast end of Canton. I began to respond there to assist. I then heard Ptl. Marino advise shots fired. I arrived with multiple other units to a chaotic scene. I escorted Ptl. Marino to my vehicle and ensured he was not injured. He indicated there were two people who flagged him down and were the original complainants related to the issue. I observed a male and female walking nearby who appeared to be in distress. Ptl. Marino identified them as the subjects who flagged him down. They were identified as a subsequently engaged by Ptl. Marino. Mrs. was highly emotional and I did not interview her. Mr. was subsequently engaged by Ptl. Marino. Mrs. captured on Ptl. Zeren's body camera. The following is a summary of his narrative. He and his wife were experiencing marital challenges and were presently separated. Mrs. was apparently staying at and dating Mr. Fornash. Mrs. s and Mr. Fornash's relationship was apparently also strained. Mrs. contacted Mr. to assist her with ending her relationship with Mr. Fornash because he was threatening her over text message. At some point Mrs. because Mr. Fornash arrived to her location in person. Mr. explained he sped to get there because he and Mr. Fornash were "battling it out" for over a year and was apparently concerned from Mrs. . When Mr. arrived to their location near 921 Alan Page Dr. SE, he observed Mr. Fornash at Mrs. see 's vehicle driver's window. Mr. explained that when he calmly exited his vehicle, he heard Mr. Fornash cock a firearm. Mr. I imitated Mr. Fornash with his hands as though he was racking the slide then challenged Mr. Fornash and told him they weren't going to do that. Mr. Fornash then on a semi-automatic firearm. Mr. stated he wanted to get his clothing. The incident continued when Mrs. and Mr. Fornash continued to argue. Mr. Fornash stated they then observed a police officer and advised him that Mr. Fornash had a firearm. I than requested Mr. and Mrs. They be secured in cruisers and be transported to headquarters. They agreed. They were turned over to patrol. I conferred with Det. Szaniszlo and conducted a cursory assessment of the scene before returning to HQ. Nothing further at this time. Det. V. Romanin 209

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By: PTL VINCENT V ROMANIN

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On 12/05/2023 I responded from the Detective Bureau with Det. Szaniszlo and Det. Diels after hearing Ptl. Marino's radio traffic advising officer needing assistance. Ptl. Marino advised over the radio that shots were fired.

Upon arriving on scene I located the suspect, Zachary Fornash, laying in the grass near the parking lot of 807 Alan Page Dr. I observed patrol officers starting to render medical aid to Fornash and decided to assist them. I observed that officers had placed multiple chest seal on Fornash already and I made the decision to begin chest compressions. While do so I was able to located multiple gunshot wounds to Fornash's chest and abdomen area as well as his right arm and left leg. It appeared to me that the bullet strike to the arm passed through the arm and entered Fornash's upper abdomen area near his arm pit. This was the only wound I was able to observe where blood was exiting. All other wounds had minimal bleeding. I continued the chest compressions until CFD medics arrived on scene and took over.

At that time I assisted Det. Szaniszlo and patrols officers locking down the scene and placing crime scene tape up. I walked the area around the crime scene with Det .Szaniszlo and were able to locate four shell casing in the parking lot area. Those casing were eventually tagged with markers so that they would not inadvertency be disturbed. A cell phone was located on the north side of the 807 building and staged two patrol officers to stand by with the phone. Once the scene was secured I stood by and waited for BCI to arrive on scene.

Once BCI arrived! briefed them about the findings and were evidence had been located. I then stood by and held security until BCI was compete with their scene investigation. Nothing further at this time.

 By: PTL ROBERT HUBER
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On 2/5/23 Det Szaniszlo, Huber and I responded from the Detective Bureau when officers heard Ptl. Marino requesting assistance. Upon arrival at the scene (700 block of Alan Page SE) I did observe Zachary Fornash lying in the grass area on the West side of the 721 building. Other patrolman were rendering first aid and doing chest compressions. Officers then began to secure the area and tape off the scene. The remainder of the time I was there I assisted in keeping the scene secure. I departed the scene at approximately 2320 hrs.

By: PTL MARK DIELS Badge# 218 Date: 12/07/2023 Time: 17:48:57 No. 018 Page #: 1

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I responded to the scene as Ptl Garrett Marino's Union representation as Vice President of the Canton Police Patrolman's Association. I followed Sgt Rastetter and Ptl Marino Unit 274 to Cleveland Clinic Mercy for the post Critical Incident protocol and remained on scene until complete. I then followed them to Canton Police Headquarters and remained with Ptl Garrett Marino U274 until complete.

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By: DET GARY PREMIER Badge# 258 Date: 12/07/2023 Time: 21:10:02 No. 019 Page #: 1

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On 12/5/23 I heard officer Marino 274 call out with a person running who had a gun. Det. Huber and I quickly got into my assigned detective vehicle and responded to back the officer up. While going in route I heard officer Marino stated shots fired and to respond a supervisor and the medics.

Upon my arrival multiple other units were arriving and they began to render aid. We secured the scene and held all located evidence in place with officers guarding until BCI was notified and arrived for the investigation.

While we were on scene the suspects family arrived from a building across the street. I spoke to his wife briefly she knew of the incident. She asked what hospital he was taken too, I walked away and attempted to get clearance to give her that information, she heard another units radio traffic and left for the hospital with her brother Mat LNU.

Sgt. Rastetter was the only supervisor working he asked me to maintain control until BCI arrived. I spoke to the BCI supervisor, he asked what all resources were needed, I advised him a crime scene unit and a special investigative unit.

Sgt. Taylor arrived and a short time later BCI arrived. Officers held the scene while BCI investigated. Upon completion of the investigation, I drove officer Marinos Marked unit to the parking deck.

By: PTL DANIEL SZANISZLO Badge# 195 Date: 12/08/2023 Time: 10:24:58 No. 020 Page #: 1

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On 12/6/23 I was working voluntary overtime when myself and Ptl. France were tasked by Lt. Pellegrino to take coffee and donuts to 800 block of Alan Page Drive for the officers working overtime reference the death investigation. We dropped the food off with Sgt. Taylor and left the point of call immediately afterward.

Nothing further to report at this time.

Ptl. Ratliff #291

By: PTL CODEY ALEXANDER RATLIFF Badge# 291 Date: 12/08/2023 Time: 22:51:57 No. 021 Page #: 1

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On 12/05/2023 shortly after 2200 I did respond to the 800 blk. of Allan Page Dr. SE ref. an officer involved shooting. I initially assisted in scence security. I was then called to Aultman Hospital to take photos of the deceased. I then was called to Police HQ to take photos of the Officer involed. I then returned to the scene to assist with security.					

By: PTL JEFFREY WELLER

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