



Ohio Attorney General's Office
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2022-1734

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 27724 Zuck Road, Howard, Ohio
43028

Investigative Activity: Processing of Scene
Activity Date: August 22, 2022
Activity Location: 27724 Zuck Road, Howard, OH 43028 (*Scene 1*)
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Aja Chung, #86

On Monday, August 22nd, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Crime Scene Unit (CSU) Special Agent (SA) Aja Chung and SA Chad Holcomb were assigned by CSU SA Supervisor Joshua Durst to assist the Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) regarding an officer involved shooting. It was reported that the KCSO responded to a burglary in progress. Upon their arrival, deputies came in contact with a female, identified as Elizabeth Delano (Delano), who fired a gun at them. KCSO returned fire that struck Delano. Medical aid was provided and Delano was transported to the local hospital, however, she succumbed to her injuries.

SA Chung arrived on scene at 2300 hours and was updated by BCI Special Investigation Unit (SIU) SA Eric Lehnhart. At 2318 hours, SA Chung documented Deputy Michael Collins' rifle and cruiser (42-27). The rifle was secured in KCSO cruiser #5 by KCSO Lt. Feeney. The Smith and Wesson M&P 15 rifle had a serial number [REDACTED]. It was equipped with an EOTech red dot sight and EOTech magnifier, a TRL-1 Streamlight attached near the front sight and a front pistol grip. SA Chung removed one cartridge from the chamber and the seated magazine. The magazine contained 27 Hornady cartridges. The rifle, magazine and 28 cartridges were packaged together as item 1.

At 0132 hours on August 23, 2022, agents were advised the search warrant was obtained and SA Chung photographed the scene as it was upon her arrival. There was a vehicle parked in front of the ranch style house. SA Chung observed a shotgun on the ground on the passenger side of the car. The property and residence were unkempt with garbage and other items scattered all throughout. There were three bedrooms; two had juvenile belongings and the other was a master bedroom. Inside the master bedroom was a cabinet that held miscellaneous firearm cartridges and other weapons. The northern most juvenile bedroom had one window with small panes of glass that were missing and the broken glass was on the bed.

SA Chung collected three items of evidentiary value from the house. It was reported Delano discharged the shotgun 5-6 times inside the house. SA Chung observed four discharged shot shells at the doorway threshold of the master bedroom. The yellow Winchester Super X 20 gauge shot shells were collected as item 6. There was an unfired shot shell of the same make and gauge that was collected as item 5. SA Chung observed a large hole in the window on the very west side of the house, opposite of the master bedroom door. It appeared to have been caused by a projectile. Inside the living room, on a gray chair, SA Chung collected a Samsung cell phone (SIM card removed) as item 4.

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(Window shot out on west side of the house)

There was a parked 2006, 4-door gold Cadillac with no license plate, parked in the driveway. The vehicle identification number: 1G6DM57T160107606 returned with no information however there was a temporary registration paperwork from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles found in the glove compartment with Delano's information on it. There were belongings and prescription bottles belonging to Delano also located within the vehicle. It was reported Delano discharged the shotgun when she was standing next to the vehicle. A shot shell (item 3) was located on the ground, near the front of the vehicle and medical supplies. The shotgun on the ground was a Stevens 320, 20 gauge with serial number: 183323K. The shotgun's safety was in the fire position. The slide was rearward with no ammunition in the chamber or magazine tube. The shotgun was packaged as item 2.

SA Chung received Delano's clothing that was collected by SA Holcomb at 0250 hours. SA Chung concluded her processing of the scene at 0300 hours as no other items of evidentiary value were located.

At 1225 hours, SA Chung placed Delano's clothing into the CSU drying cabinet. Items 4 and 5 were secured in the CSU temporary locker at 1237 hours and items 1-3 and 6 were submitted to BCI evidence intake at 1300 hours.

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