



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



2024-4066

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1004 Park Lane,
Apartment A, Middletown, Ohio (Butler County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Re-examination of Bullet Hole
Involves: Christopher Gorak
Activity Date: 01/07/2025
Activity Location: 1004 Park Lane, Apartment A, Middletown Ohio
Authoring Agent: Crime Scene Technician Holly Ryczek #205

Narrative:

On January 7, 2025, regarding the officer-involved critical incident that occurred at the Olde Towne apartments on December 24, 2024, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was notified by the Butler County Prosecutor that he would like the projectile from Ballistic Event (BE) 1.0 (see scene processing report) recovered if possible.

Crime Scene Technician (CST) Ryczek arrived at 1004 Park Lane, Apartment A at approximately 1430 hours. Upon arrival, she met with Special Agent (SA) Steven Seitzman. He advised a warrant had been signed for the apartment.



Image 1. Close-up of BE 1.0

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A suspected bullet hole was located on the north interior wall of the living room to the west of the sliding glass balcony door. The hole was labeled as BE 1.0 for identification purposes. It was oval in shape and dark margins of suspected bullet wipe¹ were observed on the periphery of the hole. A lead-in mark² was observed on the right side of the oval. The bullet that created BE 1.0 penetrated the interior wall and no exit was observed on the opposite side of the wall which was brick.

Before cutting into the wall to search for a potential projectile, a trajectory rod was placed into BE 1.0. CST Ryczek utilized a laser connected to the trajectory rod to visualize the flight path of BE 1.0. In general, this indicated the muzzle was in the general area of the hallway stairwell.

Angular measurements of the trajectory rod were taken on scene, and it was found that the projectile penetrated the wall at a downward angle of three degrees and 59 degrees horizontally (from right to left), relative to the interior wall of the residence.

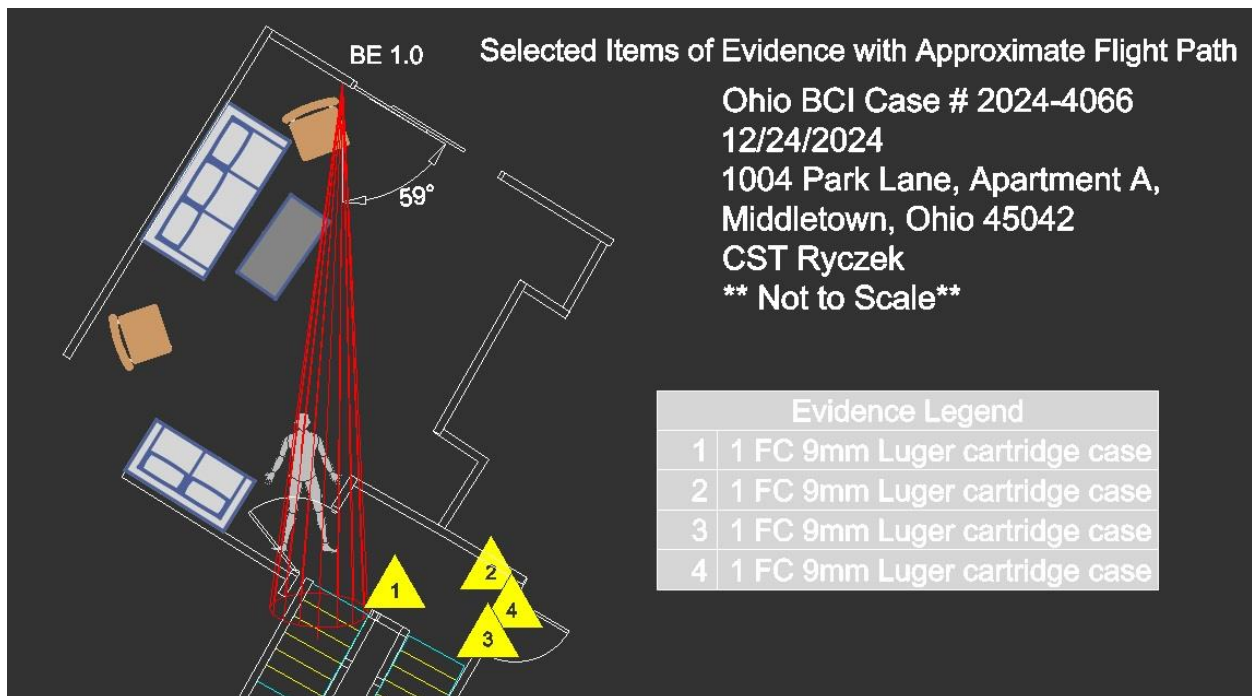


Image 2. Diagram of approximate flight path of BE 1.0

¹ The discolored area on the immediate periphery of a bullet hole, caused by the transference or residues from the bullet's bearing surface.

² A visible, thin, elongated deposition of bullet wipe transferred to a surface as a bullet first makes contact with the surface at a shallow incident angle.

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Once the wall was cut, it was observed that the projectile perforated the drywall (BE 1.0), perforated a stud (BE 1.1 and 1.2) and penetrated a thin piece of wood that was against the interior of the brick wall (BE 1.3). The wall and surrounding area were searched for a projectile; however none was recovered.

No other analysis was performed at this time.

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