



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



2024-2620

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4206 Northridge Rd.,  
Alexandria, OH 43001 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Processing of Scene (Scene 1)  
**Activity Date:** 08/30/2024  
**Activity Location:** 4206 Northridge Road, Alexandria, OH 43001  
**Authoring Agent:** Special Agent Mathew Austin

On August 30, 2024, the Licking County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) requested assistance from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) reference an officer involved critical incident. It was reported that a male, later identified as Doug Plott (Plott), had been shot and killed by law enforcement at the above address. Allegedly, Plott had been involved in a domestic incident with his sister, Diane Bell (Bell), who resided at the home. It was reported that law enforcement entered the home after they observed Plott light a fire inside the home and saw smoke. Inside, they shot Plott who was allegedly armed with a knife. Plott was removed from the home by law enforcement due to the active fire and Bell was transported with non-life-threatening injuries. The LCSO advised they were obtaining a search warrant and that firefighters were still on scene. Special Agents (SA) Mathew Austin and SA Brittney VanBibber responded to the residence to assist. Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Joshua Durst responded to the LCSO to process the involved law enforcement.



*Image 1. 4206 Northridge Road (Photo by Investigator Jason Whaley)*

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SA Austin arrived on scene at approximately 1227 hours. Multiple law enforcement and fire personnel were on scene and staged in the property's large yard due to limited parking on Northridge Road. A deputy with the LCSO controlled access to the property at the roadway and maintained a scene log. Fire fighters were still working inside the home and SA Austin was advised that the body of Plott was located in a St. Albans Township ambulance at the rear of the property. SA Austin met with Arson Investigator Jason Whaley (Inv. Whaley) who advised his office was available to coordinate the arson-related portion of the investigation. Inv. Whaley flew a drone to capture overall images of the property and exterior of the home. Prior to the search warrant being obtained, Inv. Whaley advised that firefighters reported a potential flare up situation inside the home. Due to the exigent nature of potential further destruction of evidence, SA Austin and Inv. Whaley entered the home and documented the entryway and living room through photography. The chest in the living room that was of concern was further extinguished and the scene was deemed stable by firefighters.

SA Austin was notified that a search warrant had been signed at approximately 1353 hours and began to document the property through photography. The main driveway extended downhill from the roadway, led behind the home, and wrapped back around to Northridge Road to the north. This secondary driveway was secured with crime scene tape and uniformed personnel. Three personal vehicles were parked near the home: a Buick sedan, a Kia Sorento SUV, and a Kia Soul. Two small outbuildings were located behind the home. The residence was described as a single-story gray home with two entrances at the rear. SA Austin was informed that the body worn camera (BWC) footage showed law enforcement enter the home from the further right of the two rear doors, closest to the Kia Sorento. This door led to a small porch-like room that had a wood door leading inside the home. Law enforcement reportedly forced entry through this wooden door and SA Austin photographed the deadbolt that was found extended.

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*Image 2. Extended deadbolt on wooden door into main residence*

One half of the home consisted of a living room, exercise room, bathroom, and bedroom. The other half of the home, to the left from the main wooden door, consisted of a small dining room, kitchen, and three small adjoining rooms. The furthest left of these rooms was set up as an office and had a name plaque of "Diane Bell" on the door. SA Austin was advised this room was the location of the shooting. SA Austin documented the entire home through photography and released the opposite half of the home over to Inv. Whaley for their fire-related portion of the investigation. A Leica 3D scanner was used to further document this office. The entire residence contained various levels of fire damage and most of the home was littered with what appeared to be secondary damage from firefighting efforts.

The office, referred to as the "back office" on the inventory, had green painted walls. It contained an L-shaped desk, office chair, tv stand, wooden cabinet, and exercise equipment. Multiple items were collected from this back office. A total of three 9mm casings were located and consisted of one "FC" casing (item #1) and two "WIN" casings (items #5 & #8). A white-handled knife that was approximately 13" long and had suspected blood on the blade was located on the floor and collected as item 3. A cellphone in a teal case was nearby (item #2) and a phone in a black case was located on the desk (item #6). Next to this phone (item #6) was a green long multipurpose BIC lighter that was collected as item 4. One additional phone was ultimately collected from the small bedroom located next door to this office (item #7).

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*Images 3 & 4. Knife with suspected blood and long BIC lighted from "rear office"*



*Image 5. Evidence items collected from "rear office"*

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SA Austin located a suspected circular bullet hole, labeled as ballistic event (BE) 1.0, in the mesh fabric seat back of the office chair. BE 2.0 was a suspected bullet hole in the rear wall of the office, opposite from the doorway. It was described as a near-circular hole and the bullet that created BE 2.0 perforated the wall and entered a small bathroom next to the office. An additional suspected BE was observed in the side of the shower; no bullet was able to be recovered.

Suspected bloodstains were observed in the far corner of the rear office near BE 1.0. There was a saturation stain<sup>1</sup> in the carpet and numerous small, suspected spatter stains<sup>2</sup> on the walls and desk nearby. These stains were documented through photography.



*Image 6. Far wall of office with BE 2.0 and suspected bloodstains on wall to the left*

<sup>1</sup> A bloodstain resulting from the accumulation of liquid blood in an absorbent material. From AAFS/ASB Terms and Definitions in Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, 2017

<sup>2</sup> A bloodstain resulting from an airborne blood drop created when external force is applied to a liquid blood.

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While on scene, SA Austin was provided with items 1-2 (law enforcement pistols) that had been collected by SAS Durst. Agents cleared the scene at approximately 1707 hours. At approximately 2020 hours, all items from this case (scenes 1 & 2) were placed into a temporary locker at the Athens BCI Office.

On September 4, 2024, SA Austin submitted all of the casings from the residence (scene 1, items #1, 5, 8) and the law enforcement pistols (scene 2, items #1-2) to evidence receiving in London for laboratory comparison. All remaining items were placed into temporary locker #2.

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