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2023-2059

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 205 US 250, Polk, Ohio 44866

Investigative Activity: Officer Involved Critical Incident Crime Scene Processing
Activity Date: August 5, 2023
Activity Location: 205 US 250, Polk, Ohio 44866
Authoring Agent: S/A Larry Hootman

On Saturday August 5th, 2023 at approximately 2053hrs. S/A Hootman received a call from S/A/S Ed Lulla with a crime scene request from Ashland County Sheriff's Office. S/A/S/ Lulla stated Ashland County Sheriff's Office was just involved in an officer involved shooting at the above location. S/A Hootman was told no deputies were injured but the subject was shot and killed. S/A/S Lulla further stated special investigations supervisor Jonathan Lieber was notified and he is contacting agents to respond also.

S/A Hootman arrived on scene at approximately 2218hrs. and located several deputies and Chief Deputy on scene. The residence was a gray two-story farm style home located on the north side of S.R. 250, the home had a gravel drive on the west side of the property leading to the rear. The home had crime scene tape surrounding it and all personnel was standing along the roadway. S/A Hootman spoke to the Chief Deputy and was told the three deputies involved were at the Ashland County Sheriff's Office awaiting personnel from Ohio BCI. He advised two deputies engaged the subject with their firearm and one deputy only deployed a taser. He also advised he had no idea how many shots were fired.

S/A Hootman spoke to S/A George "Ed" Staley on the phone and he advised he was at Ashland County Sheriff's Office taking photos of the officers, securing their weapons and doing a round count at this time. S/A Hootman walked through the scene and noted on the gravel driveway there were at least two cartridge casings. There was an adult male lying spine in the grass some 30 feet east of the drive, he was covered in a white sheet, he was positioned from north to south. There was a visible taser probe located in his left shoe. The subject was left in this position with the sheet covering him until the coroner arrived.

S/A Hootman located 12 fired cartridge casings, 7 of the cartridge casings were located near the driveway and to the south of the cement walk way that led to the back door. The other 5 cartridge casings were found north of the sidewalk near the end of a sidewalk that ran north and south and close to the rear of the residence. There were three taser cartridges found near the rear of the home in close proximity to the 5 cartridge casings described above.

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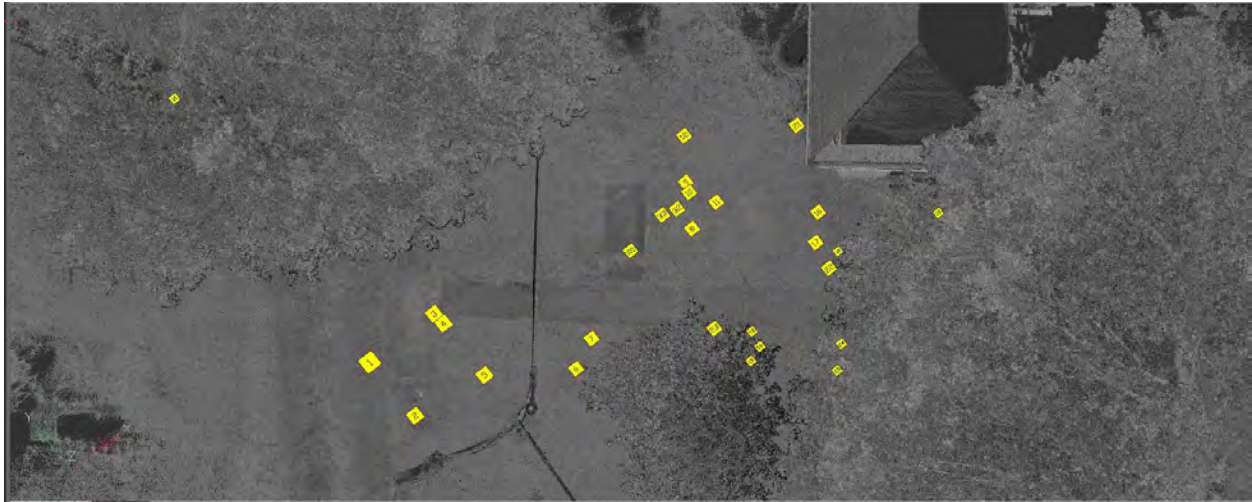
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Near the subject in the grass S/A Hootman located 3 handguns that appeared to have been placed there. These weapons west of the deceased subject lined up from north to south.



S/A Hootman placed disposable placards on each piece of evidence that was located, the scene was photographed by S/A Staley upon his arrival. S/A Hootman deployed the Leica BLK360 laser scanner to document the scene as it was found. The Ashland County Corner investigator removed the sheet of the deceased prior to scanning.

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After the scene was scanned the cartridge casings were collected and marked appropriately in separate envelopes. The weapons were collected, made safe and placed in separate boxes with the magazines and round counts for each, this information was written on the outside of each box. The weapons included #13 PW Arms 9x18 black semi-automatic pistol, serial number: BA22 1587. This weapon had 1 cartridge in the chamber a magazine loaded with 2 cartridges. Item #14 was an IJ Target revolver, serial number: N44842. This weapon was loaded with 8 .22 caliber Remington cartridges. The weapon also had stains consistent with blood on the right side. Item #15 was a Sturm Ruger .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol, serial number: 96749, this weapon was loaded with five .22 caliber cartridges in the magazine.



(Item #13)

(Item #14)

(Item #15)

The taser cartridges that were still in the subject were traced back to each taser cartridge by S/A Hootman. It was determined that each taser cartridge deployed had at least one probe still lodged in the deceased, these were placed in the body bag with the deceased and not removed.

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S/A Hootman was with the coroner when the deceased was examined, there were several items found on the deceased and these included a cell phone that was seized, a magazine 9x18 with four cartridges that was seized and several keys that was taken by the coroner investigator. The deceased was removed at the coroner's request, S/A Hootman was told the subject would be taken to Lucas County Medical Examiner for an autopsy.

S/A Hootman, S/A Staley and S/A Nick Valente from special investigations searched the area again. S/A Valente requested that taser components found should be collected separate and listed as individual items. There were approximately 6 taser components located and marked using a placard, photographed and then packaged.

All items found at this time were documented using crime pad, each item is listed with a number and where it was located on an evidence inventory sheet. These items were released to S/A Nick Valente along with a copy of the crime scene photographs. S/A Hootman was secured from the scene at approximately 0220hrs. August 6, 2023.

S/A Staley returned to the scene August 6, 2023 after learning from body cam video that the subject had fired two shots at deputies before being shot. S/A Staley recovered two more cartridge casings near the area of where the five had previously been found and two projectiles, one from the neighboring property and one from a tree on the west side of the drive behind the area the cartridge casing 1-7 were previously found. S/A Staley has provided a supplemental report which is hereto attached.