



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



2023-2639

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 7498 Van Ness Avenue,
Hubbard, Ohio 44425, Trumbull County

Investigative Activity: Non-Evidentiary Items from Hospital
Involves: Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office (O), BCI (O)
Activity Date: 10/5/2023
Activity Location: BCI – 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, Ohio 44286
Authoring Agent: SA Charles Moran #67

Narrative:

On October 5, 2023, at 1318 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chuck Moran (Moran) spoke with Assistant Prosecutor Chris Becker (Becker) from the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office by phone. SA Moran informed Assistant Prosecutor Becker about the items that were collected from the hospital that were non-evidentiary and were saturated with blood, bodily fluids, and feces. SA Moran told Assistant Prosecutor Becker that the items were still not dry 36 hours after the incident.

SA Moran informed Assistant Prosecutor Becker that an autopsy was performed on the male subject on October 4, 2023, and only one gunshot wound was located in the upper body and it was a "through-and-through" wound.

SA Moran asked Assistant Prosecutor Becker for permission to discard any non-evidentiary items because they would soak through any available packaging and could possibly affect other evidence items. The non-evidentiary items were:

- Jeans worn by the subject at the time of the incident. The jeans were cut off the subject after the incident. The jeans were saturated with blood and feces. There was no ballistic impact/hole on the jeans and they did not have any evidentiary value.
- Hospital bed sheets and pads. These items were saturated with blood and other bodily fluids. They were not present at the incident scene and had no evidentiary value.
- Medical item wrapped and an ambu bag. These items were covered with blood and other bodily fluids. They were not present at the incident scene and had no evidentiary value.

The possible evidentiary item was:

- Shirt worn by the subject at the time of the incident. It was saturated with blood.

Assistant Prosecutor Becker asked SA Moran to keep the shirt and check it for any potential ballistic impact/hole. He also asked SA Moran to take a photograph of the non-evidentiary items. Assistant Prosecutor Becker verbally authorized SA Moran to discard the non-evidentiary items.

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SA Moran took a photograph of the non-evidentiary items and then discarded the items. The photograph was uploaded to Evidence.com. It was later downloaded, placed in Matrix, and attached to this report. The shirt was kept as evidence and will be examined and photographed on a later date.

On October 6, 2023, SA Moran emailed Assistant Prosecutor Becker the same information that was discussed by phone on October 5, 2023.

On October 10, 2023, Assistant Prosecutor Becker responded to the email and confirmed that the non-evidentiary items could be discarded and to keep the shirt as evidence. A copy of the email was attached to this report.

Attachments:

1. Email - Authorization for Items Discarded - TCPO - 2023-10-10
2. Photo - Non-Evidentiary Items from Hospital - IMG_0017

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Charles Moran

From: Chris Becker <psbecker@co.trumbull.oh.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 11:02 AM
To: Charles Moran
Subject: RE: BCI Case No. 2023-2639 - OIS

Yes, The shirt appears to be the only relevant piece of clothing. Thanks Chuck

From: Charles Moran [mailto:Charles.Moran@OhioAGO.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 2:48 PM
To: Chris Becker <psbecker@co.trumbull.oh.us>
Subject: BCI Case No. 2023-2639 - OIS

Asst. Prosecutor Becker,

I wanted to follow-up by email about our phone call yesterday about the officer-involved shooting that occurred in Hubbard on Tuesday, 10/3/23. The BCI Case No. is 2023-2639.

We spoke yesterday about the items we collected from the hospital where the male subject received medical treatment, but ultimately died. The items consisted of:

- Black shirt
- Jeans
- Hospital bed sheets
- Medical items and wrappers

They were all soaked with a large amount of blood and some of the items had feces on them. The items were still not dry about 24-36 hours after the incident.

The autopsy of the male subject confirmed that he was shot once in the upper body and the wound was a “through-and-through.”

I wanted to double-check by email that we were allowed to discard the jeans (saturated with blood and feces, no evidentiary value), and the bed sheets and medical items from the hospital (saturated with blood and bodily fluids, no evidentiary value). I did take a photograph of these items for the case file.

I located a black shirt that might have the bullet hole in it and kept that to dry out. Once it is dry we will examine it and photograph it.

Just wanted to verify this with you. Thank you again.



Charles Moran

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