

Investigative Report

2022-1316

Officer Involved Critical Incident - Ackerman Izak (V)



Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Investigation – Primary Scene

Activity Date: June 21, 2022

Activity Location: 1107 E. Second Street, Lima, Allen County, Ohio

Authoring Agent: Senior Special Agent David M. Hammond

On 06/21/2022 at 0300 hours, S/A Hammond was contacted by SAS Edward Lulla regarding an officer involved critical incident. The Allen County Sheriff's Office contacted BCI after a Deputy attempted to conduct a traffic stop and was involved in a short foot pursuit. An altercation took place between the Deputy and the Subject. A shooting took place. The Allen County Deputy sustained a gun wound to the face. A fired bullet also impacted his bullet proof vest. The subject, Quincy Pritchett, was struck by multiple projectiles and died at the scene. The Deputy was removed from the scene for treatment and later transfer to another hospital in the Columbus area. Mr. Pritchett remained at the scene.

The Allen County Sheriff's Office requested assistance in examining the scene and collecting potential evidence. Special Agent David Hammond from the Crime Scene Unit accepted the request. Special Agents from the Special Investigation Unit assigned to the case, included: SAS Scott Stranahan, S/A Chris Hamberg, S/A T. Volmer, S/A T. Pryce, S/A D. Horn.

The incident took place near the alleyway (east-west) just north of 1107 E. Second Street in Lima, Ohio. The altercation appeared to take place approximately 46-56 feet south of the alley in an abandoned, vacant lot.

S/A Hammond arrived at the scene at approximately 0407 hours. The scene had been secured by multiple officers and cordoned off with crime scene tape. Officers from the Allen County Sheriff's Office and Lima Police Department were actively protecting the scene. Upon arrival, S/A Hammond met with Lt. C. Hile of the Lima Police Department and Lt. B. Ryder of the ACSO. Numerous Officers and Deputies were found in the area.

The crime scene was photographed as it was found. Investigators utilized personal protection equipment during the scene investigation (latex gloves). Weather conditions during the scene ranged from high seventies to the mid to high nineties during the afternoon.

During the scene examination, power pole # 01562DF09, located on the south side of the alley was used as a reference point. Allen County Sheriff's Office Cruiser # 02-227 was parked west bound in the alley. The rear of the cruiser was found approximately 13' west of the power pole. The cruisers emergency lights were on and the front driver's and passenger doors were open.

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Allen County Sheriff's Supervisors advised that the vehicle was equipped with a functional in car camera. They advised that the video would automatically download to the server when the cruiser was returned to the Sheriff's Office.

A burgundy Buick LeSabre was found parked just off the alley way ahead of the ACSO cruiser. The car was parked west bound with the front windows down and the engine running (keys in the ignition). The vehicle's Ohio plate was JNJ8296.

The Buick LeSabre was parked approximately 47' west of the reference power pole. There was approximately 17' of separation between the back of the Buick and the front of the ACSO cruiser.

Quincy Pritchett:

Mr. Pritchett was located approximately 52' west of the reference power pole and approximately 46' 5" south of the south edge of the alleyway. He was lying on his back with his left arm extended out to the side and his right arm lying on his chest. His head was pointed to the south and his feet were pointed to the north. He was clothed in a dark, short sleeve shirt and a gray pair of pants with belt. He wore dark socks and had one sandal style shoe on his right foot.

Mr. Pritchett appeared to be an African-American male in his twenties or thirties. He had a slim build. He had short hair and a goatee/ facial hair.

A cursory examination of Mr. Pritchett's clothing at the scene noted the presence of possible dirt and grass along the front of his pants, at the knee level and above. Mr. Pritchett's blue and white, boxer style underwear also appeared to be pulled out along his right hip area.





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Mr. Pritchett's shirt appeared to be pulled upwards towards his upper left chest. The fabric appeared bunched up beneath a handgun that was laying on his left shoulder area. Apparent blood in this area made the fabric stiff and stuck together. The position of the shirt exposed his left chest/abdomen area. Blades of grass and vegetation were noted on the front of the shirt.

Mr. Pritchett's right hand was visually consistent with a position of holding a weapon. His index finger was extended out with his remaining fingers curled inward as if holding something. Suspected blood was noted along the top of the index finger and wrist area.

S/A Hammond utilized a GSR (gun-shot residue) test kit to collect potential residue. The area of the index finger and portions of the skin on the right hand not covered in blood were stubbed. Both the left and right hands were processed.

While collecting the potential GSR evidence, an injury was noted on Mr. Pritchett's right middle finger. A circular hole that appeared to be visually consistent with a gunshot wound was noted at the middle knuckle. The wound appeared to circular in shape with clean margins and a punched-out appearance. Examination of the inside surface of the finger found an additional linear shaped injury with the presence of lead material (silver colored material, visually consistent with a portion of a fired bullet). S/A Hammond collected the portion of suspected lead because it was loosely connected to the skin and had the potential to be lost in movement and transport from the scene (Inv. # 29).





Quincy Pritchett - Injury to Right Middle Finger - Lead Fragment

Injuries consistent with gunshot wounds were noted on Mr. Pritchett's left side, near the bottom of the rib cage and to his left arm. Mr. Pritchett's arm appeared to have suffered a broken bone in addition to the possible gunshot wounds.



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Further examination of Mr. Pritchett's shirt located a badly damaged portion of lead that appeared to be part of a fired bullet. The lead was flat and loosely adhered to the fabric in the shirt. It appeared the that rough edges of the lead piece were lightly embedded in the fabric with the drying blood also holding it in place. S/A Hammond collected the portion of suspected lead because it was loosely connected to the shirt and had the potential to be lost in movement and transport from the scene (Inv. # 31).



The handgun located on Mr. Pritchett's left shoulder area was then removed and examined. The weapon's information was:

Taurus Hand Gun	Black – Polymer	Model G3	9mm
		Serial # AALO11565	
Safety On (Up	Magazine Present	1 Unfired Cart. In	Fired Bullet – Front of
Position)	Capacity 15	Chamber	Handle – Significant
		12 Unfired Cart. In	Damage to Magazine
		Magazine	
		15+1 = 16 -13 (2 to 3	
		potential shots fired)	

Examination of the weapon found the safety to switch to be in the up (on) position. Significant damage was noted to the front of the grip/handle and magazine of the weapon. It appeared that a bullet impacted the front edge of the handle, causing the jacketing to expand. Portions of lead were present at the front of the handle and there appeared to be bullet penetration into the magazine. A portion of the polymer materials of the handle had been dislodged.

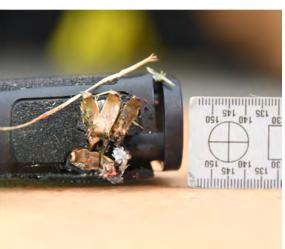


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Taurus G3 Handgun - Photographs



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The weapon's chamber was loaded with an unfired Tul Ammo 9mm cartridge. A check of the magazine found an additional 12 cartridges (4 Hornady, 4 FC and 4 Tul Ammo). They were a blend of hollow point (with red tip plastic) and round nose jacketed bullets.

Damage was also noted the upper, back, right side of the weapon. The damage was the approximate size of a medium caliber bullet. The hole had an irregular squared off shape. Further examination in a laboratory setting will be needed to determine if a bullet passed through the weapon at this location and if this was a continuation of the damage noted to the front of the handle. Suspected blood was noted on the weapons handle and slide. The heaviest concentrations being located on the right side.

Mr. Pritchett was examined further for areas of injury. His shirt was lifted to examine the chest area. Several suspected bullet holes were found in the area of the upper left chest, shoulder and arm pit area. A second portion of possible lead was located on the surface of the skin in close proximity to the arm pit. This portion of lead was deformed and visually consistent with a part of a fired bullet. It appeared to be sticking loosely to the skin. It was collected to prevent it from being lost in transport (Inv. # 30). The area of the skin beneath the portion of lead was uninjured (documented with photography).

A check of Mr. Pritchett's pants pockets located a small folding knife in his back, right pocket (Inv. # 26). Mr. Pritchett's wallet and Ohio ID were located in the back left, pocket (Inv #27).

A search of the area around Mr. Pritchett's location located the following items of evidence. An Apple iPhone was located in close proximity to his out stretched left hand (1-2'). The phone was found slightly north and east of the victim's position. A black baseball style hat (Russel brand) was located beside the iPhone. A short distance further, the second sandal type shoe was located. These items were marked with placards 6-8. They were located approximately (between) 52' and 56' feet south of the alley.

Also located in this area was an Allen County Ohio Sheriffs badge and uniform name tag "Ackerman" (placard 2). A black ink pen was located south and slightly east of Mr. Pritchett's head (placard 10). A handcuff key was located south and east of Mr. Pritchett's head (placard 11).

Investigators searched the area for cartridge casings. Numerous areas of the vacant lot, alley way and surrounding areas were checked. The path between the vehicles and location of Mr. Pritchett were examined in addition to large amounts of the grass adjacent to and beyond the location of the body. Methods for search included the use of flashlights, metal detectors, plastic rakes and finally searching by hand. Areas were checked and rechecked by several agents and assisting members of the Allen County Detective Bureau (Det. Feldner, Det. Hunlock).

Several fired cartridge casings were located in the immediate area, south of Mr. Pritchett's head. The casings were located within the area 52'-56' south of the alley way in the immediate area of Mr. Pritchett's location. They included:



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Inv#	Item	Collected By	Retention
1	Win 9mm Fired Cart. Casing	Hammond	Ohio BCI
3	Hornady 9mm Cart. Casing	Hammond	Ohio BCI
4	Win 9mm Fired Cart. Casing	Hammond	Ohio BCI
5	Win 9mm Fired Cart. Casing	Hammond	Ohio BCI
5.1	Win 9mm Fired Cart. Casing	Hammond	Ohio BCI
9	FC 9mm Fired Cart. Casing	Hammond	Ohio BCI
16	Win 9mm Fired Cart. Casing	Hammond	Ohio BCI
16.1	Win 9mm Fired Cart. Casing	Hammond	Ohio BCI
17	Win 9mm Fired Cart. Casing	Hammond	Ohio BCI
18	Win 9mm Fired Cart. Casing	Hammond	Ohio BCI
19	Win 9mm Fired Cart. Casing	Hammond	Ohio BCI

A total of 9 Win 9mm cartridge casings were collected by Investigators at the primary scene during the scene search. 2 additional fired cartridge casings (FC & Hornady) consistent with those brands found in the Taurus magazine were also recovered.

One fired bullet was located in the area of the grass, in close proximity to Mr. Pritchett's left side. The fired bullet was located approximately 49' south of the alley. It was identified with placard 20 in photographs.

Examination of the area around the Allen County Sheriff's cruiser located additional items of potential evidence. It appeared that the Deputy may have gone back to the cruiser to receive medical treatment. First aid related materials were found near the driver's door along with a uniform gun belt, blood covered flashlight (Inv. #13), uniform shirt (Inv. #14) and bullet proof vest (Inv. 12).

Examination of the bullet proof vest located an area of damaged fabric in the upper left-hand corner of the front panel of the vest. This vest appeared to be an outside carry vest that is worn on top of the shirt. No badge or name tag were attached. Suspected blood was visible in the area of the neck, flowing down the front of the vest. A patch (For God and Country Flag) in this area had been damaged. The damage was visually consistent with a bullet hole in fabric.

The ballistic panel beneath the fabric was examined, locating a lump in the woven materials. A sterile scalpel was used to cut away the material, locating a fired bullet (Inv. 12.1).



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Bullet Proof Vest 12 & Fired Bullet 12.1

Areas of suspected passive blood droplets were located on the ground at the front of the ACSO cruiser and extended back to the area of the open passenger door. A sample of the suspected blood was collected onto a sterile swab that was moistened with sterile water (Inv. 32).

The Deputy's weapon had been placed into the rear cargo area of the ACSO Cruiser 02-0227 to be collected by Investigators. The weapon information was:

Glock Handgun	Model 17	9mm	Serial #
Functional Flashlight	Magazine Present (17	Chamber Loaded	Possible Fired Rounds:
Attachment	Capacity)	1 Win Cartridge Unfired	14
	Loaded with 3 Win.		(17+1=18-4=14)
	Cartridges		



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Areas of suspected blood were located on the side of the flashlight attachment and the back of the handle. The spare magazine pouches of the uniform gun belt were examined. Both magazines indicated that the capacity was 17. One of the magazines was overloaded with 18 rounds of Win 9mm hollow point. The second magazine was loaded with 17 rounds of Win 9mm hollow point. Both magazines and the loaded ammunition were retained as evidence (Inv. 15).

During the scene examination, clothing worn by the Deputy at the time of the incident was brought to the scene by members of the Allen County Detective Bureau. The items (socks, boots and pants) were placed into brown paper bags and secured in the BCI crime scene truck. These items were retained by S/A Hammond for further examination at a later time.

S/A Hammond met with Allen County Coroner Meyer and his Investigator at the scene. The investigation details known at the time were discussed along with evidence that had been collected. Dr. Meyer ordered that the body be transported from the scene and taken to the Lucas County Coroner's Office for further examination. Dr. Meyer coordinated the removal and transport of Mr. Pritchett. The autopsy would take place on 06/22/2022.

Trooper Jeremiah J. Smith, Trooper Eiden of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and other members of the crash reconstruction team assisted by mapping and scanning the scene and early evidence that had marked. Please refer to additional diagrams created by Trooper Smith and Trooper Eiden.

S/A Hammond also met with Chief A. Cortes of the Lima Police Department. He requested to be briefed on the scene and expressed concerns over the time it had taken to recover the deceased. S/A Hammond walked Chief Cortes through the scene and provided information to him about the investigation.

During the scene examination, Allen County Deputies noted a vehicle parked at the end of the alley that appeared to have a broken window. They felt that a bullet may have impacted the front passenger side window. The vehicle was parked north bound on the west side of the Taft Ave. The Ford Truck (burgundy, Ohio plate GWQ1771) appeared to have been abandoned some time ago. The glass at the bottom of the passenger door appeared to be newly broken. A cursory examination of the abandoned car did not locate a corresponding point of impact. A significant portion of the passenger window glass was missing making it difficult to know the size and shape of the projectile that may have broken it. The projectile may have continued through the open driver's window and was not found.

At the conclusion of the scene examination, S/A Hammond retained all items of evidence collected at the scene. Evidence was transported to the Bowling Green Office of BCI and secured in temporary locker



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#2 at 1740 hours. Digital images from the scene were provided to SAS S. Stranahan and uploaded to the Matrix System.

S/A Hammond cleared from the scene at approximately 1318 hours. Investigation to continue.

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