

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:	Autopsy Review
Involves:	Christopher Gorak (S)
Date of Activity:	12/26/2024
Activity Location:	Butler County Morgue – 1910 Fairgrove Avenue, Hamilton, OH 45011
Author:	SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On Thursday, December 26, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Steven Seitzman attended the post-mortem examination of Christopher Gorak. The examination took place at the Butler County Morgue, located at 1910 Fairgrove Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio. The examination was conducted by forensic pathologist Gary Lee Utz, M.D., at approximately 0630 hours.

The following preliminary observations were made during the course of the autopsy:

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SA Seitzman requested to receive a full copy of the autopsy and toxicology reports once available.

After the autopsy, the following items of evidence were collected by SA Seitzman:

- Projectile (recovered from Gorak's left leg by Butler County Coroner's Office staff prior to the autopsy); coroner's office number 24-1077-3; coroner's office internal bullet number M-289.
- Body bag seal; coroner's office number 24-1077-4
- Left hand bag; coroner's office number 24-1077-5
- Right hand bag; coroner's office number 24-1077-6
- Clippings and scrapings; coroner's office number 24-1077-7

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- Clippings and scrapings; coroner's office number 24-1077-8
- Plucked pubic hair; coroner's office number 24-1077-9
- Oral swabs; coroner's office number 24-1077-10
- Right hand swabs; coroner's office number 24-1077-11
- Left hand swabs; coroner's office number 24-1077-12
- Bloodstain card; coroner's office number 24-1077-20
- Projectile (recovered from Gorak's back during the autopsy); coroner's office number 24-1077-22; coroner's office internal bullet number M-290
- Projectile (recovered from Gorak's skull during the autopsy); coroner's office number 24-1077-23; coroner's office internal bullet number M-291.

The aforementioned evidence was secured in a locked area and was later collected by BCI Crime Scene Unit technician Holly Ryczek on Friday, December 27, 2024, at approximately 0935 hours.

The Butler County Coroner's Office chain of custody and the BCI Transfer of Evidence form are attached below.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

- Attachment # 01: Autopsy Evidence Receipt
- Attachment # 02: Autopsy Transfer of Property Receipt
- Attachment # 03: Evidence Receipt for Scene 3 Butler County Coroner's Office

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Exhibit 1

Ohio BCI



Transfer of Property/Evidence

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Exhibit 2

Ohio BCI Transfer of Property/Evidence



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Collection, Preservation of Evidence BD 9.6 (A.3) Exhibit 3

Evidence Receipt for Case #: 2024-4066

Agency: Ohio BCI Prepared By: Case Date: Dec 24, 2024 Officer Involved Critical Incident Offense(s): Victim(s): Witness(es): Suspect(s): Scene #: 3



1910 Fairgrove Avenue, Hamilton, OH 45011 Scene Address:

Evidence #	Item Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
1	Envelope containing Fired Projectile Quantity: 1; 1 projectile recovered from Christopher Gorak during autopsy	Christopher Gorak	Steven Seitzman	Dec 26, 2024
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3	Envelope containing Fired Projectile Quantity: 1; 1 projectile recovered from Christopher Gorak during autopsy	Christopher Gorak	Steven Seitzman	Dec 26, 2024
4	Paper Bag containing Biological Items Biological items recovered from Christopher Gorak during autopsy	Christopher Gorak	Steven Seitzman	Dec 26, 2024

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