



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



2022-1527

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5760 US 62, Hillsboro, OH,  
Highland County (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** Richard Jean Poulin (S)  
**Date of Activity:** 07/29/2022  
**Activity Location:** Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation – 1560 SR-56 SW, London,  
OH 43140, Madison County  
**Author:** SA Steven Seitzman

**Narrative:**

On July 17, 2022, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Highland County Sheriff Donald Barrera to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on US 62 near the Hillsboro Church of God (5760 US 62, Hillsboro, Ohio). The OICI entailed Highland County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Sergeant [REDACTED] (Sgt. [REDACTED]) firing a single, fatal shot at Richard Jean Poulin (Poulin) at the end of a vehicle pursuit.

On July 29, 2022, at 1146 hours, BCI Special Agent Steven Seitzman conducted a phone interview with HCSO Detective Sergeant Vincent Antinore (Sgt. Antinore) regarding his involvement in the investigation of the OICI. The phone interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device.

Sgt. Antinore advised SA Seitzman of the following information:

Sheriff Donald Barrera (Sheriff Barrera) contacted Sgt. Antinore in the early morning hours of July 17, 2022. Sgt. Antinore called HCSO Communications on his way to the scene. He learned that Sgt. [REDACTED] attempted a traffic stop, which turned into a vehicle pursuit. At the conclusion of the vehicle pursuit, Sgt. [REDACTED] fired a single gunshot. Poulin was pronounced deceased by either the paramedics or the coroner's office investigator.

Sgt. Antinore responded to the scene and took control of Sgt. [REDACTED]'s firearm, which had been in Deputy Sarah McKenzie's possession. While at the scene, he entered the passenger side of Poulin's truck to retrieve his wallet, which was on the dash in front of the driver's seat. He placed the wallet on the hood of the truck, where it was later collected by BCI agents.

Sgt. Antinore advised he responded to the HCSO to write a search warrant for Poulin's truck. He kept Sgt. [REDACTED]'s firearm in his possession. After he had the search warrant signed, he returned to the scene and relinquished Sgt. [REDACTED]'s firearm to BCI agents.

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Sgt. Antinore sent SA Seitzman photographs that were taken by HCSO Deputy Steven Alexander. He also sent SA Seitzman the tow sheet for Poulin's vehicle, a certified copy of the search warrant return, and a letter authored by Sheriff Barrera indicating HCSO did not have prior contact with Poulin. The photographs were placed on a thumb drive to be added to the permanent case file. The documents are attached below, along with the audio recording of the interview.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-29/ Phone Interview with HCSO Det. Sgt. Vincent Antinore

Attachment # 02: HCSO Vehicle Tow Sheet (Poulin Vehicle)

Attachment # 03: R. Poulin Prior Involvement with HCSO Letter

Attachment # 04: Certified Search Warrant Copy (R. Poulin)

**References:**

USB Thumbdrive

# **Exhibit 1**

**Included as a separate file.**

## **Exhibit 2**

HIGHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
MOTOR VEHICLE INVENTORY REPORT

DATE: 7/17/2022

YEAR: 2003 MAKE: FORD MODEL: F250 COLOR: Green STYLE: Truck

VIN #: 1FTNX21LX3EA87595 LICENSE PLATE NO: FZQ1756 STATE: Ohio

VEHICLE OPERATOR (NAME AND FULL ADDRESS) PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard J. Poulin

REGISTERED OWNER (NAME AND FULL ADDRESS) PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Poulin

TOWING SERVICE: T+G

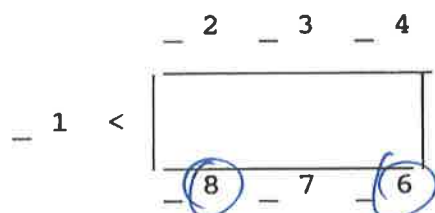
LOCATION TOWED FROM: SR 62 in south bound lane

TIME OF TOW: 6:24 REASON: Evidence

OFFICER'S STATEMENT: THE ABOVE DESCRIBED VEHICLE WAS ORDERED TOWED. I HAVE INDICATED ANY DAMAGE AND LISTED ALL PROPERTY IN THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF TOW.

VEHICLE:  UNLOCKED  LOCKED KEYS AVAILABLE:  YES  NO

NOTE DAMAGED AREAS



- |                                     |   |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9 TOP      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DAMAGE SEVERITY | <input type="checkbox"/> DAMAGE SCALE   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 UNDER   | <input type="checkbox"/> NON-FUNCTIONAL             | <input type="checkbox"/> NONE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11 LOAD    | <input type="checkbox"/> FUNCTIONAL                 | <input type="checkbox"/> LIGHT          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12 TRAILER | <input type="checkbox"/> DISABLING                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOD |
|                                     |   | <input type="checkbox"/> HEAVY          |

PROPERTY IN VEHICLE: Not Inventoried See BCI CASE File

VEHICLE IMPOUNDED:  YES  NO IF YES, STATE REASON: Evidence

WRECKER DRIVER: [Signature] OFFICER: [Signature]

## **Exhibit 3**



# HIGHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF

## Donald E. Barrera

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**EMERGENCY 911**

To: Steven Seitzman, BCI & Special Agent,  
[Steven.Seitzman@OhioAGO.gov](mailto:Steven.Seitzman@OhioAGO.gov)


From: Sheriff Donald E. Barrera

Re: Investigation – Officer Involved Incident; US 62, 7/17/22;  
Richard Gene Poulin; Deceased

Date: July 18, 2022

The Highland County Sheriff's Office has not had any previous encounters with the subject named above, to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

  
Sheriff Donald E. Barrera

## **Exhibit 4**

















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Hillsboro Municipal Court  
Julie Blair



Evidence Receipt for Case #: 2022-1527

Agency: Ohio BCI  
Prepared By:  
Case Date: Jul 17, 2022  
Offense(s): Officer Involved Critical Incident  
Victim(s):  
Witness(es):  
Suspect(s):  
Scene #: 1  
Scene Address: Street in front of 5760 US Route 62, Hillsboro, OH 45133

Evidence #	Item Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
1	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; 9mm WIN cartridge casing	Streets In front of 5760 US Route 62	Kevin Wagner	Jul 17, 2022
3	Envelope containing Cell Phone -- Quantity: 1; Black cell phone with case	From Ford pickup OH license FZQ1756	Kevin Wagner	Jul 17, 2022
4	Envelope containing Baton -- Quantity: 1; Asp Baton from truck bed	From Ford pickup OH license FZQ1756	Kevin Wagner	Jul 17, 2022
5	Envelope containing Wallet -- Quantity: 1; Wallet with ID and cards belonging to Richard Poulin and \$35 cash	From Ford pickup OH license FZQ1756	Kevin Wagner	Jul 17, 2022

Released By	Released To	Date/Time
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