



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



2025-1227
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4411 Montgomery Road,
Norwood, Ohio (Hamilton County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Information Provided/Obtained
Involves: Akeem A. Holtz (S), Karita Thomas (W)
Date of Activity: 04/16/2025
Activity Location: University of Cincinnati Hospital – 3188 Bellevue Avenue,
Cincinnati, OH 45219
Author: SA Lauren Frazier, #129

Narrative:

On April 16, 2025, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Norwood Police Department (Hamilton County), to assist with investigating an in-custody death that occurred, involving Akeem Holtz (Holtz).

On April 16, 2025 at approximately 1320 hours, Ohio BCI Special Agent Lauren Frazier arrived at the University of Cincinnati Hospital (UC Hospital), located at 3188 Bellevue Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. SA Frazier had been advised that Holtz was transported to UC Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. Additionally, a female girlfriend, Kartia Thomas, was also transported to UC Hospital and was accompanied by Norwood Police Officer Robert Town.

The purpose of this response, was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by any witnesses that were now located at the hospital and to obtain information from medical personnel that treated the subject or witnesses. Information obtained, showed that Holtz was transported and admitted to UC Hospital by Norwood EMS at approximately 1151 hours. Holtz was then pronounced deceased by Dr. Jean Summers at 1219 hours.

Upon arrival at UC Hospital, SA Frazier first made contact with Norwood Police Department [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was standing outside of Room G733, labeled the "Viewing" room. [REDACTED] advised that he was maintaining custody of Akeem's body until released to the coroner's office.

SA Frazier met with UC Hospital Social Workers Jodi McDonald and Janae Gordon. They advised that the decedent was identified as Akeem Holtz aka Akeem Muhammad and that he was originally from Atlanta, GA. Their records showed that he was living out of his van and had two dogs. SA Frazier observed McDonald take inventory of Holtz's belongings and was advised that all belongings would be transported with the body and secured by the coroner's

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office. At approximately 1330 hours, SA Frazier took six (6) photographs of Holtz in the viewing room (see attachments #01-06).

McDonald secured the body and belongings, before UC Hospital staff transported Holtz to the morgue, at the request of the Hamilton County Coroner's Office. At approximately 1445 hours, SA Frazier spoke to Hamilton County Coroner's Investigator John Hatfield. He advised that Holtz has a history of drug abuse, [REDACTED]. Coroner Investigator Hatfield advised that Holtz's autopsy is scheduled for April 17, 2025 at 0830 hours.

Social Worker McDonald attempted to make death notification to Holtz's next of kin. Several attempts to family members were made, to include Tim Holtz (possible father), Victoria Holtz (former spouse), and Shirley Davy (possible mother). McDonald was unable to reach any of the family members at this time.

Karita Thomas was being treated in exam room D40. She was evaluated by psychiatric services and cleared. At approximately 1540 hours, Social Workers McDonald and Gordon made notification to Thomas, that Holtz was deceased. SA Frazier interviewed Thomas shortly after, which is documented in a separate report. Norwood Police Officer Levo brought Thomas her cell phone, which was recovered on scene, and it was released directly to her at approximately 1725 hours.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

- Attachment # 01: G733 Viewing Room
- Attachment # 02: Overall of Deceased
- Attachment # 03: Social Worker Info
- Attachment # 04: Social Worker Taking Inventory
- Attachment # 05: Holtz Face Photo 1
- Attachment # 06: Holtz Face Photo 2

Exhibit 1

A Pod & B Pod
RU
CT Scan & X-Ray
Discharge / C Pod
Emergency Lobby

C Medical Center Main Lvl
Elevators 1, 2, 3, & 4

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VIEWING

Exhibit 2

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Exhibit 3

UW Health

University of Cincinnati
Medical Center

UW Health

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SOCIAL SERVICES

SOCIAL WORKER- MSW



SILVER Active Shooter / Active Violence with Weapon

CODE **WHITE** Controlled Access

CODE **PINK** Medical Emergency—Pediatric (WCH)

M - Make Connection
P - Positive Intent
A - Anticipate
C - Communicate
T - Thank you

SOCIAL WORK

Exhibit 4



Exhibit 5



Exhibit 6

