



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



2021-2934

Officer Involved Critical Incident - Mary A. Gross (V)

Investigative Activity: Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI)
Activity Date: Thursday, December 23rd, 2021
Activity Location: 2470 26th Street, SW, Akron, Ohio 44314
Authoring Agent: S/A Ed Staley

SUMMARY:

The Akron Police Department requested crime scene assistance processing the scene of an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) shooting located at 2470 26th Street, SW, Akron, Ohio 44314.

DETAILS:

On Thursday December 23rd, 2021 at approximately 0430 hours S/A Ed Staley received a call from SAS Ed Lulla of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. The call was regarding an agent request for crime scene assistance concerning an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) shooting.

S/A Staley contacted the phone number of 330-617-3356 and spoke to a member of the Akron Police Department. S/A Staley was advised that they were requesting Crime Scene to come and collect evidence from the scene. S/A Staley was made aware that Akron Police would be conducting the investigation and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Investigations Unit (SIU) would not be needed. S/A Staley was further advised that the investigation was being conducted by consent to search authorized by the female victim resident of the house.

On Thursday December 23rd, 2021 S/A Staley responded to the address of 2470 26th Street, SW, Akron, Ohio 44314 at the request of the Akron Police Department.

On scene, S/A Staley was advised by Akron Police that their Crime Scene Personnel were inside the residence photographing and scanning the scene.

Akron Police completed their photographs and scans, S/A Staley entered the residence and photographed the interior as it was found. S/A Staley photographed each room and the condition.

S/A Staley located the scene on the second floor, second door on the left at the top of the steps. S/A Staley noted the door had been forced and the handle and locking mechanism were on the floor inside the room.

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S/A Staley observed a deceased Caucasian male, fully clothed, laying supine on the floor inside the room. S/A Staley noted what appeared to be Taser® wires near the neck area of the decedent. S/A Staley also noted a folding knife under the left leg of the decedent, and a second folding knife on the floor next to the nightstand. S/A Staley photographed the decedent as he was found and the condition of the room as it was found.

Once the Summit County Medical Examiner's Office (SCMEO) arrived on scene, S/A Staley assisted the SCMEO in preparing the body for removal from the scene. SCMEO bagged the hands in preparation for the removal. Upon rolling the decedent over, S/A Staley observed a Taser® device and a cellular phone which were located under the decedent.

S/A Staley photographed the Taser® device as it was found, and again utilizing the appropriate placard #1 for documentation. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the Taser® device as **item #1** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 12/23/2021.

S/A Staley photographed the opened folding knife found on the floor under the decedent's left leg as it was found, and again utilizing the appropriate placard #2 for documentation. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the knife as **item #2** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 12/23/2021.

S/A Staley photographed the second opened folding knife found on the floor next to the nightstand as it was found, and again utilizing the appropriate placard #3 for documentation. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the knife as **item #3** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 12/23/2021.

S/A Staley photographed the LG cellular phone located under the decedent, as it was found, and again utilizing the appropriate placard #4 for documentation. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the cellular phone as **item #4** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 12/23/2021.

S/A Staley photographed a second cellular phone found on the nightstand, as it was found, and again utilizing the appropriate placard #5 for documentation. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the cellular phone as **item #5** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 12/23/2021.

On the floor at the foot of the bed, S/A Staley located a Speer, 9MM cartridge case. S/A Staley photographed the cartridge case as it was found, and again utilizing the appropriate placard #6 for documentation. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the cartridge case as **item #6** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 12/23/2021.

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On the comforter on the bed, S/A Staley located a Speer, 9MM cartridge case. S/A Staley photographed the cartridge case as it was found, and again utilizing the appropriate placard #7 for documentation. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the cartridge case as **item #7** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 12/23/2021.

Upon further inspection of the comforter on the bed, S/A Staley located a hole perforating the comforter. The hole continued through multiple layers of bedding and into the mattress. S/A Staley located a copper jacketed bullet within the mattress. S/A Staley photographed the bullet as it was found and again once it had been removed. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the bullet as **item #8** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 12/23/2021.

All items of evidence were retained by the Akron Police Department to be held as evidence. An Inventory / Receipt Attachment form was filled out and signed by S/A Staley and Detective Sergeant Mike Orrand, a copy of the form was left with Orrand for their records.

The photographs were uploaded into the Matrix record retention database. A DVD copy of the photographs was made and disseminated to the Akron Police Department and to be placed into their respective case file.

A copy of this report should be forwarded to:

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