



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



2024-3413

Officer Involved Critical Incident - Bernard Park - 1105
Bernard Ave., Findlay, OH 45840

Investigative Activity: Scene Examination of Bernard Park
Involves: Findlay Police Department
Activity Date: 10/28/2024
Activity Location: 1105 Bernard Avenue, Findlay, OH 45840
Authoring Agent: CST Emily Miller

Narrative:

On May 28, 2024, at 1930 hours, Crime Scene Technician Emily Miller was contacted by Special Agent Supervisor Lulla about an Officer Involved Critical Incident in Hancock County, involving Findlay Police Department. Preliminary information provided to CST Miller indicated that Findlay Police responded to the scene on a report that a group of juveniles were drinking in Bernard Park. Officers responded and detained several individuals and had contacted their parents to respond to the scene. One individual, Calvin Darapheth, then ran from the officers when a chase ensued. Mr. Darapheth then apparently fired a handgun back towards the officers and remaining individuals. The individual was taken from the scene for life saving measures. Findlay Police Department requested assistance from the Crime Scene Unit and Special Investigations Unit in processing the scene and handling the investigation. CST Miller and Special Agent Taylor accepted the request in the examination of the scene and collection of potential evidence.

It should be noted that this information was provided to CST Miller as an initial briefing. This information was used as a general overview to assist with the crime scene investigation. Details included in the brief of this report may not reflect information given by involved parties later in the investigation.

At approximately 2100 hours CST Miller arrived at the scene. Special Agent Taylor arrived shortly after. The scene was cordoned off with crime scene tape and officers from Findlay Police department were actively protecting the scene. A crime scene log was being maintained by Findlay Police Department. Weather conditions at the time of arrival were approximately 58 degrees Fahrenheit with a slight wind. Special Agents Emahiser and Burke briefly spoke with CST Miller and stated that personnel from Findlay Police department had located a handgun at the scene, made it safe and then moved it to a police cruiser. The scene was photographed as found.

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Overall view of scene

The scene was measured and documented by S/A Taylor utilizing a BLK360 scanner. A diagram of the scene was completed by CST Miller.

The scene was located in Bernard Park, 1105 Bernard Avenue, Findlay, OH 45840. A playground with play equipment, picnic table, and parking lot was present. A small path led from the parking lot and extended over the train tracks and led to an open grass field with a tree line down the center. Three (3) "Findlay Police" cruisers were present in Bernard Park on the northwest side of the railroad tracks, one cruise on the southeast side. Upon arrival it was requested to retrieve personal keys from cruisers 660 and [REDACTED]. Photographs were taken of the cruisers and the location of where the personal items were found before the keys were given to Findlay Police Department.

One (1) picnic table was present on the sidewalk area adjacent to the playground. Located on the picnic table was one black sweatshirt (size M) with a black hat found folded inside. The sweatshirt and hat were both placed into a paper bag and retained as evidence (**BCI Item #2**). Laying on top of the sweatshirt was a cellphone encased with a gold case (**BCI Item #1**). This item was placed into airplane mode, into a manila envelope, then given to Special Agent Emahiser who plugged it in to charge in his locked vehicle. This item was later retrieved from S/A Emahiser's vehicle, sealed and transported with the additional evidence collected at the scene.

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Located in the woodchip area of the playground, closer to the playground equipment were two (2) red boxing gloves, a blanket, and gray sweatpants (Matix brand: Size L). All items were placed into a brown paper bag and retained as evidence (**BCI Item #3**). Candy wrappers were strewn around this area of the playground.

Located on the path that led to the railroad tracks was a potential ricochet from a fired bullet. Due to the fragmentation of the asphalt, it was unable to be determined if this area was a bullet impact. The area was documented with a scale and photographed.

This path was asphalt then turned into stone as it got closer to the railroad tracks. Investigators located eight (8) **SPEER .45** cartridge casings in the stone located along the railroad tracks. Each casing was collected and placed into separate manila envelopes and retained as evidence (**BCI Items #4-11**).

Two additional cartridge casings were located in the brush next to the stone previously described. One (1) cartridge casing **HORNADY 9mm LUGER** and one (1) cartridge casing **Tulammo 9mm LUGER** were placed into separate manila envelopes and retained as evidence (**BCI Items #12 & 13**).



Location of BCI Items 4-13

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Two (2) additional cartridge casings were found on the southeast side of the railroad tracks. One (1) cartridge casing **HORNADY 9mm LUGER (BCI Item #18)** and one (1) cartridge casing **Tulammo 9mm LUGER (BCI Item #19)** were placed into separate manila envelopes and retained as evidence.



BCI Item #18



BCI Item #19

Approximately 175 feet from the railroad tracks were additional pieces of evidence. It was told to investigators this was the area Kalvin Darapheth received life saving measures. The following items of evidence were collected and retained as evidence:

Belt (BCI Item #14)

Converse shoe, size 12 - for right foot (BCI Item #15)

Jeans - Hollister brand (BCI Item #16)

Converse shoe, size 12 - for left foot (BCI Item #17)

Cell phone collected from the pocket of jeans (BCI Item #22)

Chapstick, lighter, headphones, \$3, two (2) ZZ R&P 250 REM cartridge casings collected from pocket of jeans (BCI Item #23)

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Examination of Findlay Police Department Vehicles

The exterior of each of the vehicles were examined. Each vehicle was a black and white four-door Ford. "Findlay Police" was written on each side of the vehicle. Mounted on the top of each vehicle were emergency lights. The vehicles were in good condition.

The interior of the vehicles were examined and photographed as found. The vehicles were well kept. Various police equipment was present including a camera mounted to the front windshield.

Cruiser [REDACTED] - Located on the front passenger side floor were five (5) full and two (2) empty 12oz bottles of "Seagrams" alcoholic beverages. Also present were two (2) vapor cartridges. All items were placed into a brown paper bag and retained as evidence (**BCI Item #21**). It was stated to investigators these were the items confiscated by Findlay Police when they arrived on scene.

Cruiser 630 - Located on the floorboard was a Smith & Wesson, M+P 9 Shield Plus handgun, serial number JLF4369, one (1) loose **Tulammo 9mm LUGER** cartridge and a S&W M+P magazine containing five (5) **Tulammo 9mm LUGER** cartridges. The handgun, magazine, and cartridges were placed into a cardboard box and retained as evidence (**BCI Item #20**).



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A secondary search of the scene was requested to be performed by BCI Special Agents. No further items of evidentiary value were located at the scene. All items collected were retained by CST Miller and were transported to the BCI Office located in Bowling Green, Ohio. The items were secured in the evidence/property room. Special Agent Taylor and Crime Scene Technician Miller cleared the scene at approximately 0230 hours on May 29, 2024.

The images at the time of scene examination were uploaded into Matrix and will serve as the master images. The scan data was uploaded to BCI Scanner Files.

Please send a copy of this report to:

BCI Special Agent Tiffany Najmulski

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References: Photographs, Scan

Attachments: Diagram, Evidence Log (x2)

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- 1 - Cell Phone - Picnic Table
- 2 - Sweatshirt & Hat - Picnic Table
- 3 - Miscellaneous Items - Playground
- 4-13 - Fired Cartridge Casing - Railroad Tracks
- 14 - Belt - Wooded Area
- 15 - Shoe - Wooded Area
- 16 - Jeans - Wooded Area
- 17 - Shoe - Wooded Area

- 18 - Fired Cartridge Casing - Grassy Area
- 19 - Fired Cartridge Casing - Grassy Area
- 20 - Firearm - Cruise 630
- 21 - Alcoholic Beverages & Vapes - Cruiser 674
- 22 - Cell Phone - Wooded Area
- 23 - Miscellaneous Items - Wooded Area



BCI Case Number: 2024-3413	Location: 1105 Bernard Ave., Findlay, OH 45840	Date of Occurrence: October 28, 2024	
Offense: Officer Involved Critical Incident	Involved Agency: Findlay Police Department	Lead Investigator: Special Agent Tiffany Najmulski	
Drawn By: Emily Miller, Crime Scene Technician			

Evidence Receipt for Case #: 2024-3413



Agency: Ohio BCI
 Prepared By:
 Case Date: Oct 28, 2024
 Offense(s): Officer Involved Critical Incident
 Victim(s):
 Witness(es):
 Suspect(s):
 Scene #: 1
 Scene Address: Bernard Park: 1105 Bernard Avenue, Findlay, OH 45840

Evidence #	Item Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
1	Envelope containing Cell Phone -- Quantity: 1; Black cell phone collected from the picnic table.	Picnic Table	Emily Miller	Oct 29, 2024
2	Paper Bag containing Sweat Shirt -- Quantity: 1; Black sweatshirt (size M) and black hat	Picnic Table	Emily Miller	Oct 29, 2024
3	Paper Bag containing Miscellaneous items -- 2 boxing gloves, a blanket, and gray sweatpants (Matix brand; Size L) collected from the ground near playground.	Playground	Emily Miller	Oct 29, 2024
4	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Speer .45 cartridge case collected from near the railroad tracks.	Railroad tracks	Emily Miller	Oct 28, 2024
5	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Speer .45 cartridge case collected from near the railroad tracks.	Railroad tracks	Emily Miller	Oct 28, 2024
6	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Speer .45 cartridge case collected from near the railroad tracks.	Railroad tracks	Emily Miller	Oct 28, 2024
7	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Speer .45 cartridge case collected from near the railroad tracks.	Railroad tracks	Emily Miller	Oct 28, 2024
8	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Speer .45 cartridge case collected from near the railroad tracks.	Railroad tracks	Emily Miller	Oct 28, 2024
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10	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Speer .45 cartridge case collected from near the railroad tracks.	Railroad tracks	Emily Miller	Oct 28, 2024
11	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Speer .45 cartridge case collected from near the railroad tracks.	Railroad tracks	Emily Miller	Oct 28, 2024
12	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Hornady 9mm Luger cartridge case	Railroad tracks	Emily Miller	Oct 28, 2024

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	collected from near the railroad tracks.			
13	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Tulammo 9mm Luger cartridge case collected from near the railroad tracks.	Railroad tracks	Emily Miller	Oct 28, 2024
14	Paper Bag containing Belt -- Dark belt collected from the ground.	Wooded Area	Emily Miller	Oct 29, 2024
15	Paper Bag containing Shoe -- 1 Converse right shoe (Size 12) collected from the ground.	Wooded Area	Emily Miller	Oct 29, 2024
16	Paper Bag containing Jeans -- Quantity: 1; Hollister blue jeans collected from the ground.	Wooded Area	Emily Miller	Oct 29, 2024
17	Paper Bag containing Shoe -- 1 Converse left shoe (Size 12) collected from the ground.	Wooded Area	Emily Miller	Oct 29, 2024
18	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Hornady 9mm Luger cartridge case collected from ground near wooded area.	Grassy Area	Emily Miller	Oct 29, 2024
19	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Tulammo 9mm Luger cartridge case collected from ground near wooded area.	Grassy Area	Emily Miller	Oct 29, 2024
20	Gun/Firearm Cardboard Box containing Handgun (Pistol or Revolver) -- Quantity: 1; Serial Number: JLF4369; Smith & Wesson, M+P 9 Shield Plus semi-automatic handgun with 1 loose Tulammo 9mm cartridge and a S&W M+P magazine with 5 Tulammo 9mm cartridges collected from Cruiser 630.	Cruiser 630	Emily Miller	Oct 29, 2024
21	Paper Bag containing Alcoholic Drink -- Quantity: 1; Seagrams alcoholic beverages (5 full and 2 empty 12 oz bottles) collected from the front passenger side floor.	Cruiser [REDACTED]	Emily Miller	Oct 29, 2024
22	Envelope containing Cell Phone -- iPhone collected from pocket of blue jeans (Item 16).	Wooded Area	Emily Miller	Oct 29, 2024
23	Envelope containing Miscellaneous items -- Chapstick, lighter, headphones, \$3, 2 ZZ R+P 250 REM cartridge cases collected from pocket of blue jeans (Item 16).	Wooded Area	Emily Miller	Oct 29, 2024

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Agency: Ohio BCI
 Prepared By: Special Agent Taylor
 Case Date: Oct 28, 2024
 Offense(s): Officer Involved Critical Incident
 Victim(s):
 Witness(es):
 Suspect(s):
 Scene #: 2
 Scene Address: Findlay PD: 318 Dorney Plaza Drawing Classroom, Findlay, OH

Evidence #	Item Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
1	Envelope containing Swab of Suspected Blood -- Swab of suspected blood collected from [REDACTED] right hand.	[REDACTED]	Sarah Taylor	Oct 28, 2024
2	Envelope containing Swab of Suspected Blood -- Swab of suspected blood collected from [REDACTED] left uniform pant leg	[REDACTED]	Sarah Taylor	Oct 28, 2024
3	Envelope containing Gloves -- Quantity: 1; Black tactical gloves with suspected blood.	[REDACTED]	Sarah Taylor	Oct 28, 2024
4	Paper Bag containing Flashlight -- Black Flashlight with suspected blood collected from [REDACTED] vest.	[REDACTED]	Sarah Taylor	Oct 28, 2024
5	Paper Bag containing Flashlight -- Quantity: 1; Black Flashlight collected and reported to have belonged to Officer Burkholder.	Officer Noah Burkholder #274	Sarah Taylor	Oct 28, 2024
6	Gun/Firearm Cardboard Box containing Handgun (Pistol or Revolver) -- Quantity: 1; Glock 21, Gen 4, .45 semi-automatic handgun (SN [REDACTED]) and a TLR-1 Stream light attached with a magazine and 6 loose cartridges. Unloaded and photographed by Officer Ian Edinger #530.	[REDACTED]	Sarah Taylor	Oct 28, 2024

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Special Agent Taylor <i>SA Sarah Taylor</i>	CST Miller <i>[Signature]</i>	Oct 29, 2024 2:09