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2022-0535

Officer Involved Critical Incident - Interstate 71 North near Mile Marker 123, Lewis Center, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Processing (*Scene #1*)
Activity Date: March 11, 2022
Activity Location: Interstate 71 North near Mile Marker #123, Lewis Center, Ohio
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Chad Holcomb, #61

On March 11, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb, SA Shawn Rowley and Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Joshua Durst were assigned to assist the Columbus Police Department (CPD) with an officer involved critical incident. Agents were informed that a male, Jonathon Myers (Myers), had reportedly fired a gun at vehicles on Interstate 71 North near mile marker 123 (north of Polaris). As CPD officers arrived on scene it was reported that gunfire was exchanged between Myers and officers. Myers was shot but expected to survive. CPD, Ohio Highway Patrol and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office secured the scene and called the BCI Crime Scene Unit and the BCI Special Investigations Unit to handle the investigation.

Agents began processing the scene at 1135 hours. All the northbound lanes had been shut down and crime scene tape had been placed across all the lanes on Interstate 71-north. Multiple CPD cruisers and a Delaware County Sheriff cruiser were parked in the northbound lanes. All CPD and DCSO cruisers were photographed as they were upon arrival. Law enforcement officers had placed orange traffic cones over potential evidence that was sitting in the northbound lanes. A 2014 Ford Fusion (HKR2405) was sitting in the median with extensive front end damage. It was reported that Myers was driving this vehicle.

SA Holcomb observed two .223 rifle cartridges located in the #1 lane (furthest left when driving north bound) near the driver's side of CPD cruiser 7114. The two cartridges were collected as items #1 and #2. Further north, a bullet (item #3) was located in the #1 lane near the passenger side of CPD cruiser 9050. Four casings were collected from the side of the road near the rumble strip of #1 lane, near the CPD prisoner transport vehicle #18. They consisted of a .223 casing that was collected as item #4 and three 9mm casings that were collected as items #5-7. Agents proceeded further north where Myers was reportedly apprehended. Suspected blood and medical intervention items were observed on the side of the road near lane #3. SA Holcomb located a Glock 19, 9mm semi-automatic pistol with serial number BTPX883. The handgun had a malfunction with a cartridge that had a failure to feed. The magazine for the handgun contained four cartridges. The handgun, magazine and five cartridges were all collected as item #8. A DCSO handler used his K9 to perform an article search for additional evidence. Agents also used metal detectors in an attempt to locate additional casings. No additional evidence was found. SA Holcomb used a FARO 3D scanner to collect measurements of the scene and later created a diagram using those measurements.

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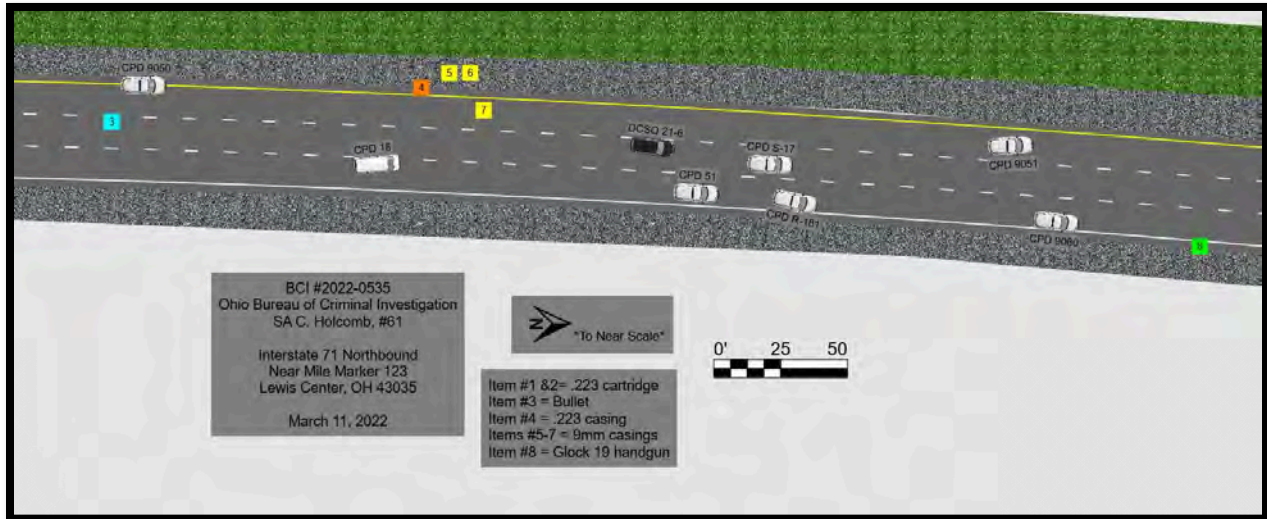


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(Diagram of northern portion of scene)

SA Holcomb observed CPD cruiser R-181 which had extensive damage to the front windshield and the hood of the vehicle. Inside the cruiser, an empty 9mm magazine (item #9) was collected from the front driver side floorboard and a bullet fragment (item #10) was collected from the front driver's seat. A total of 17, 9mm casings were collected from throughout the vehicle as item #11. Multiple bullet holes were observed on the front windshield in front of the driver's seat. On the interior surface of the glass, the margins of the holes were smooth. Beveling was observed around the holes on the exterior side of the glass. This is consistent with the bullets traveling from the interior to the exterior of the glass. A bullet hole was located on the front hood of the vehicle and labeled as ballistic event (BE) 1.0 for documentation purposes. It was located on the front hood above the driver's side headlight and a leading edge was observed on the forward portion of the bullet hole. The projectile perforated the hood and exited into the engine compartment at BE 1.1. The bullet continued traveling rearward and struck plastic molding at the base of the windshield (BE 1.2). A bullet (item #16) was recovered from this location. Characteristics of BE 1.0- BE 1.2 indicated a shot origin from a location forward of the cruiser.

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(BE 1.0 located on the hood of the vehicle)

While on scene, BCI SA Shane Hanshaw provided clothing and personal items he had collected from Grant Hospital. SA Hanshaw stated the clothing belonged to Myers. All personal items were photographed as they were upon arrival. The following was collected:

- Item #12: Red Apple iPhone
- Item #13: Shoes and black jeans with keys attached
- Item #14: White powder in a baggie
- Item #15: \$112 cash from the pockets of the clothing

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No additional items of evidentiary value were located. Agents completed their examination of the scene at 1645 hours.

At 1756 hours, SA Holcomb placed items #1-11 and 13-16 in the BCI temporary evidence locker located in London, Ohio. Item #12 was placed in the BCI temporary Cyber evidence locker.

On March 14, 2022 at 0833 hours, SA Holcomb removed items #3-8, 10, 11 and 16 and submitted those items to the BCI Laboratory for examination at 0849 hours. All remaining evidence will be placed in the BCI major crimes evidence vault.

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