



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



2024-3996
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 780 Taylor Road, Gahanna,
Ohio 43230 (L)

Investigative Activity: Information Provided/Obtained, Review of Records, Investigative Correspondence, Records Received

Involves: Alex Taylor Russell (S), Matthew Alexander Martinez–Puentes (O), Joshua James Rhoades (O), Emmanuel Eromosele Azugbene, II (O)

Date of Activity: 12/19/2024

Activity Location: Springhill Suites Columbus Airport Gahanna – Business – 665 Taylor Road, Gahanna, OH 43230

Author: SA James H Gore, #168

Narrative:

On December 19, 2024, a male subject, later identified as Alex Taylor Russell (Russell), was mortally wounded during an officer-involved shooting with members of the Gahanna Division of Police. Prior to the shooting, officers attempted to contact the subject at room 112, at the Springhill Suites hotel, 665 Taylor Road. It was alleged that the subject fraudulently booked the room using the stolen credit card information of Michael Chaloux, of Alpharetta, Georgia. Hotel records showed that an additional name of "Matthew Martinez" was on the guest roster.

Guest Detail - Hst 97808 Lst Name CHALOUX First MICHAEL Company NO COMPANY NAME Account Detail Pmt Tp CA Gtd G Adv Dep DB Id TA/whl	Rewarding Welcome - Cnf 80699474 Earns Points SILVER ELITE MBV# [REDACTED] Since 12Jan14 Points Balance: 3694 Nights to Renew SILVER ELITE: 8
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Email/Notes >> F5 Email: MCHALOUX@HOTMAIL.COM Notel: MATTHEW MARTINEZ CHECKING IN	

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Highlighted excerpt from Springhill Suites booking records

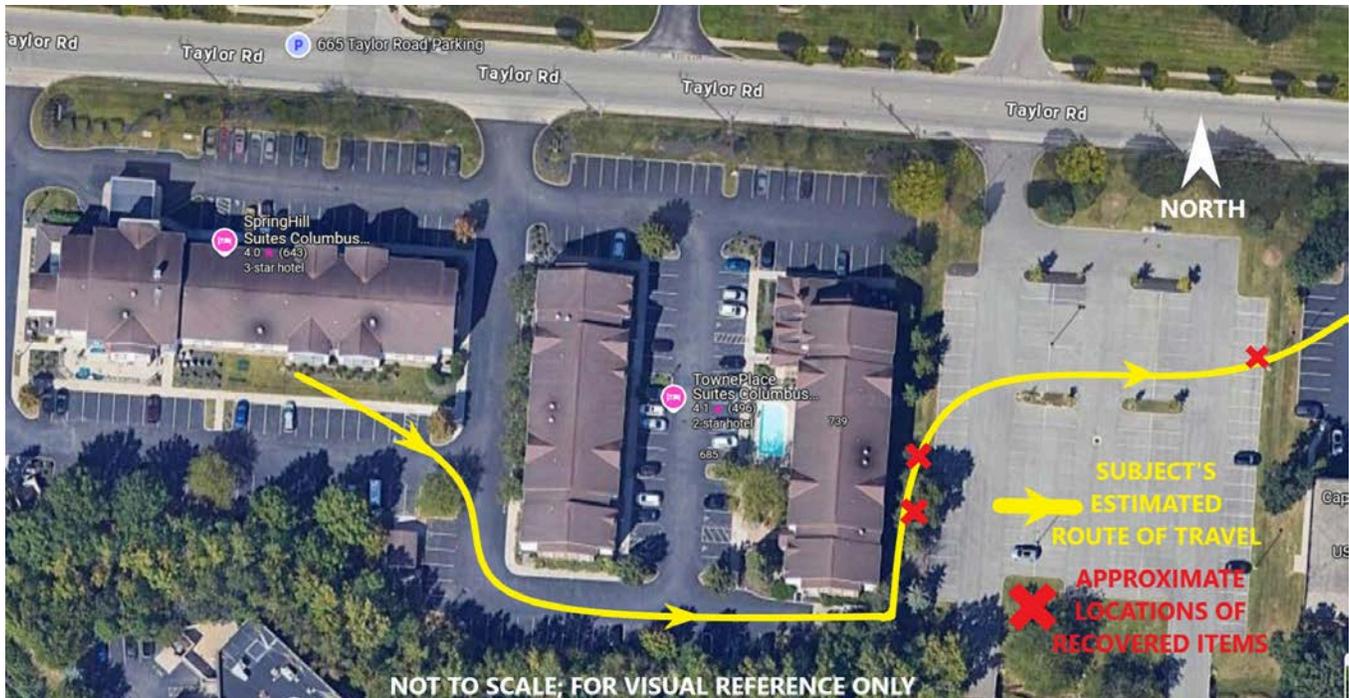
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After officers attempted contact at the door of room 112, the subject reportedly fled out the window of the hotel room. The subject led officers on a walking foot pursuit which ended on the property of 780 Taylor Road. Officers discovered that the subject discarded several bags and garments as he fled on foot.



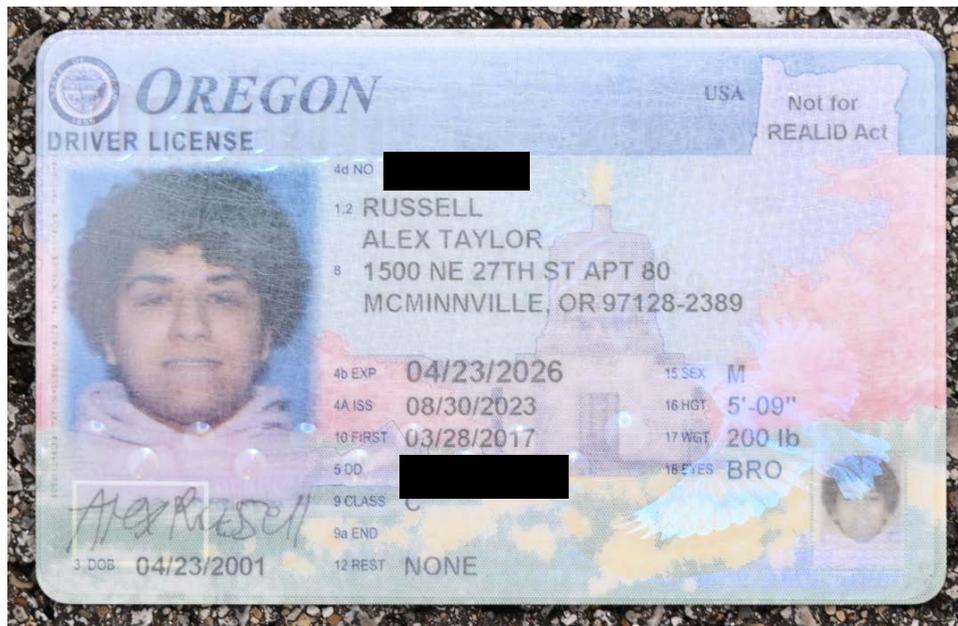
Egress point from Springhill Suites Room 112 window, south side of building

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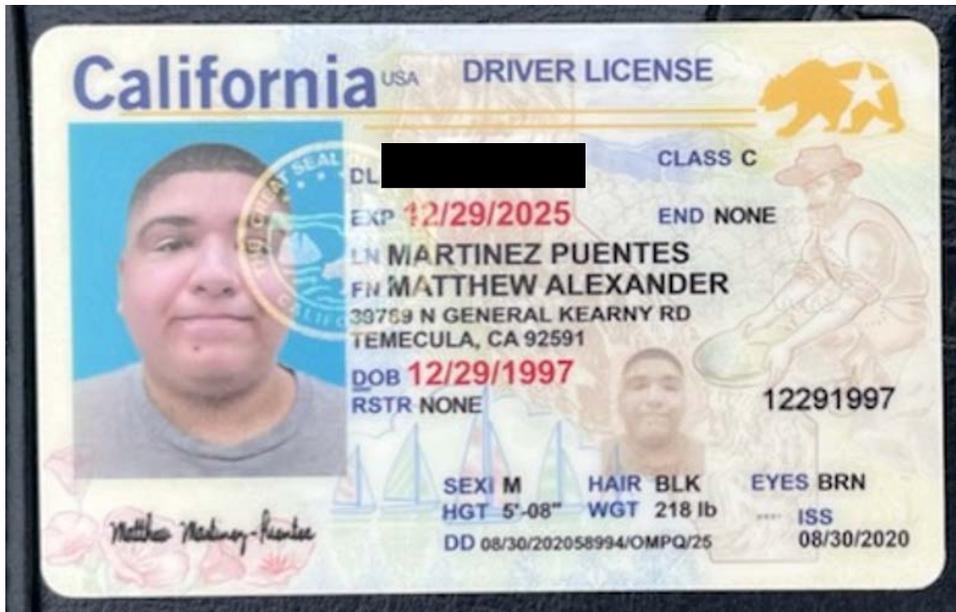
Map depicting estimated route of travel for the male subject

Among the items recovered from the bags and/or garments along the subject's route of travel were driver's licenses and bank cards in different persons' names.



Recovered Oregon driver's license bearing the name of Alex Taylor Russell

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Recovered California driver's license bearing the name of Matthew Martinez-Puentes



Recovered California driver's license bearing the name of Joshua Rhoades

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Recovered Bank of Montreal (BMO) debit card bearing the name of Emmanuel Azubene (Azugbene)

In addition to the above-pictured items, a Cash App debit card and a Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union (RBFCU; located in Texas) debit card in Joshua Rhoades' name were recovered, along with a Social Security card in the name of Matthew Martinez-Puentes.

As investigators were uncertain of the male subject's identity in the immediate aftermath of the incident, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent James Gore (SA Gore) conducted research on the names which appeared on the cards.

For the name on the Oregon driver's license, **Alex Taylor Russell**, the following was determined:

- Per records from the Thomson Reuters™ CLEAR™ and Accurint™ commercial databases, the name and date of birth appearing on the Oregon driver's license were matched to a real person.
- Records indicated that on June 14, 2023, Russell was arrested in Clackamas County, Oregon, and the charges included:
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
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 - [REDACTED]

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• [REDACTED]
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• [REDACTED]

SA Gore requested and received a booking image for Alex Russell from Clackamas County for the June 14, 2023 arrest.

Clackamas County Sheriff

2223 S. Kaen Road Oregon City, OR 97045
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6/14/2023

Booking	[REDACTED]	Incident	2023204064
State ID	[REDACTED]		
Name	RUSSELL, ALEX TAYLOR		
DoB	4/23/2001		
Race	WHITE	Sex	MALE
Height	69	Weight	200
Hair Color	BROWN	Length	
Style			
Eye Color	BROWN	Glasses	
Facial Hair			
Complexion			

Charges

163.575 - ENDANGER WELFARE OF MINOR, 163.415 - SEXUAL ABUSE III, 475.880 - DCS-C

Booking image for Alex Russell, Clackamas County, Oregon 6/14/2023

For **Matthew Martinez-Puentes**, whose name appeared on the Social Security card and one of the California driver's licenses, the following was determined:

- Records from CLEAR™ and Accurint™ indicated that Matthew Martinez-Puentes was a real person in California.
- The address displayed on the recovered driver's license was consistent with that which was listed on the databases.
- No criminal history was noted.

SA Gore requested and received the official driver's license photo for Matthew Martinez-Puentes from the State of California.

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Image of the real Matthew
Martinez-Puentes

For **Joshua James Rhodes**, whose name was on the other California driver's license, Cash App card and RBFCU debit card, the following was determined:

- Records from CLEAR™ and Accurint™ indicated that Joshua Rhoades was a real person in California.
- The address displayed on the recovered driver's license was consistent with that which was listed on the databases.
- No criminal history was noted.

An official driver's license photo for Joshua Rhoades was received from California.

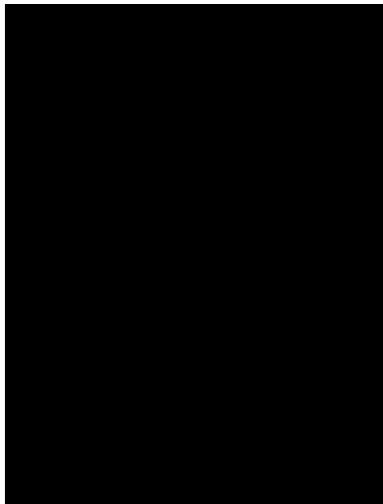
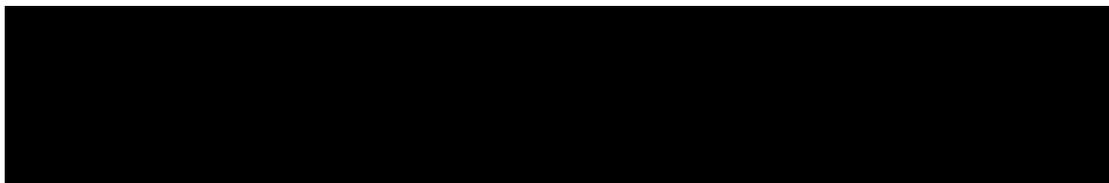


Image of the real Joshua Rhodes

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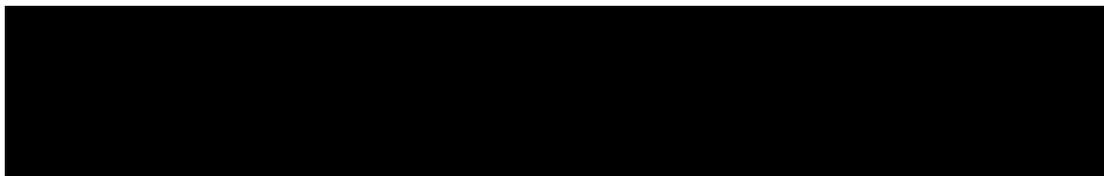
For Emmanuel Azubene, whose name appeared on the Bank of Montreal (BMO) debit card, the following was determined:

- Records from CLEAR™ and Accurint™ indicated that Emmanuel Azubene was a real person in California, who alternately spelled his last name, "Azugbene." Mr. Azugbene's date of birth was listed as 4/20/1980.
- An anomaly in addresses was found on CLEAR™, showing an Oregon address for Mr. Azugbene in June 2024, linked to a bank account record:



Oregon address for Emmanuel Azugbene from CLEAR™

- The address was substantially similar to one that appeared on Alex Russell's records from CLEAR™ and Accurint™:



Address entry for Alex Russell from CLEAR™

An official driver's license photo for Mr. Azugbene was received from California.

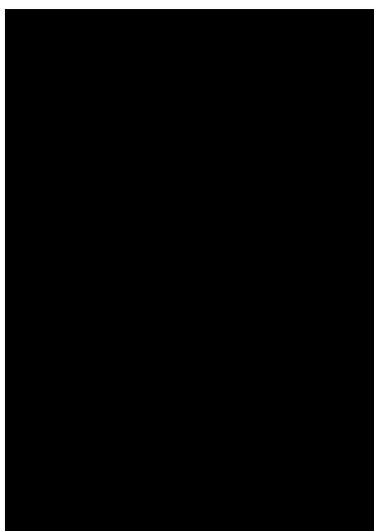


Image of Emmanuel Azugbene

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The information yielded from the research suggested that Alex Russell was engaged in a widespread pattern of identity theft and fraud. Any follow-up investigative activity regarding the identified parties (*suspected fraud victims: Michael Chaloux, Matthew Martinez, Joshua Rhoades, Emmanuel Azugbene*) should be referred to the Gahanna Division of Police or to law enforcement agencies in the victims' respective locales.

The Springhill Suites room registration data, Alex Russell's Clackamas County booking information, and a news article regarding Alex Russell's 2023 Clackamas County arrest are available for further review as attachments to this report.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Springhill Suites Receipts – re. Michael Chaloux, Matthew Martinez

Attachment # 02: Alex_Russell_CCSO

Attachment # 03: CCSO arrests man on prostitution and narcotics charges in Wilsonville _
News _ wilsonvillespokesman.com

Guest Detail - Hst 97808
Lst Name CHALOUX
First MICHAEL
Company NO COMPANY NAME
= Account Detail
Pmt Tp CA
Gtd G Adv Dep
DB Id TA/Whl

Rewarding Welcome - Cnf 80699474
Earns Points
SILVER ELITE
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Points Balance: 3694
Nights to Renew SILVER ELITE: 8

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First MICHAEL
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Account Detail
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Michael Chaloux	Room: 112			
273 Canton St	Room Type: DDST			
Alpharetta GA 30009	Number of Guests: 2			
No Company Name	Rate: \$151.00	Clerk: KJW		
Arrive: 19Dec24	Time: 01:40AM	Depart: 19Dec24	Time: 10:50AM	Folio Number: 97887

DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	CREDITS
		BALANCE:	0.00

Marriott Bonvoy Account # XXXX [REDACTED] Your Marriott Bonvoy points/miles earned on your eligible earnings will be credited to your account. Check your Marriott Bonvoy account statement or your online statement for updated activity.

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Guest Detail - C/O 97887
Lst Name CHALOUX
First MICHAEL
Company NO COMPANY NAME
Account Detail
Pmt Tp AXXXXXXXXXXXXX/ [REDACTED]
Gtd G Adv Dep
DB Id TA/Whl 68350204

Rewarding Welcome - Cnf 84971458
Earns Points
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DoB	4/23/2001		
Race	WHITE	Sex	MALE
Height	69	Weight	200
Hair Color	BROWN	Length	
Style			
Eye Color	BROWN	Glasses	
Facial Hair			
Complexion			

Charges

163.575 - ENDANGER WELFARE OF MINOR, 163.415 - SEXUAL ABUSE III, 475.880 - DCS-C

https://www.wilsonvillespokesman.com/news/ccso-arrests-man-on-prostitution-and-narcotics-charges-in-wilsonville/article_1bcbc340-0c78-11ee-ba14-c33c93f7d358.html

FEATURED

CCSO arrests man on prostitution and narcotics charges in Wilsonville

Victim in Washington County probe IDs address used in search warrant

Kaelyn Cassidy

Jun 16, 2023



I-5 southbound is now reopened after being closed in the morning on Thursday, Aug. 22 due to a major crash.



Clackamas County Sheriff's Office personnel, including a SWAT team, executed a search warrant for charges related to narcotics and compelling prostitution at 8620 Southwest Ash Meadows Road, where Jory Trail Apartments is located, on Wednesday, June 14.

Three individuals — 22-year-old Alex Taylor Russell, 24-year-old Aspen Caleb Peralta and an unidentified minor — were taken into custody, CCSO spokesperson Brian McCall said.

The minor is believed to have been visiting at the time of the search, and is likely not connected to the case, McCall said. They were interviewed by law enforcement and released into the custody of a parent.



Russell is being charged with three felonies — delivery of cocaine to a minor, sexual abuse in the second degree and promoting prostitution — as well as the misdemeanor charges of commercial sexual solicitation and two counts of endangering the welfare of a minor.

The Clackamas County District Attorney has dropped the charges against Peralta, McCall said.

Law enforcement obtained the search warrant after a victim in a Washington County investigation identified the address, McCall said.