

2024-1219 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4632 East Main Street, Whitehall, OH (L)

| Investigative Activity: | Scene Processing | |
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| Activity Date: | April 19, 2024 | |
| Activity Location: | 4632 East Main Street, Whitehall, OH (Scene 1) | |
| | Gold Honda Pilot, OH Temporary tag: P799803 (Scene 3) | |
| Authoring Agent: | Special Agent Aja Chung, #86 | |

On April 19th, 2024, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Crime Scene Unit (CSU) and Special Investigations Unit (SIU) were requested by the Whitehall Police Department (WPD) to assist with an officer involved critical incident. It was reported that WPD units were dispatched to the area of 4632 East Main Street in regard to a Shot Spotter notification. Two WPD officers made contact with two subjects sitting in a gold colored Honda SUV behind the McDonald's Restaurant (4640 E. Main St.). Agents reviewed body worn camera footage and observed the time when officers made contact with both subjects. Orders (in Spanish dialect) were given to the front passenger subject, later identified as Santiago Alfaromunoz (Alfaromunoz), to "manos arriba", which translates to "hands up". Alfaromunoz allegedly turned and reached for something in the rear seat area and at that time WPD and and discharged their weapons striking Alfaromunoz. Alfaromunoz was transported to Mt. Carmel Hospital East (6001 East Broad St., Columbus, OH) where he died from his injuries. BCI CSU Special Agent (S/A) Aja Chung and Crime Scene Technician (CST) Amy Gill were assigned to the investigation. For ease of documentation, there were five (5) different scene locations labeled (Main, WPD, Honda Pilot, Mt. Carmel Hospital, and the Franklin County Coroner's Office).

S/A Chung requested CST Gill to respond to WPD (365 Yearling Rd., Whitehall, OH) to document the two involved WPD officers *(Scene 2)*. See CST Gill's report for further information.

S/A Chung arrived to the main scene at 0350 hours and made contact with WPD Deputy Chief Chad Wilder. There were no updates from what was initially reported and S/A Chung began to document the scene through photography at approximately 0400 hours. There were five WPD cruisers that surrounded the Gold Honda Pilot near a garbage bin structure. An unmarked Jeep was parked near the cruisers that was operated by WPD Deputy Chief Wilder. First responding officers placed small orange cones (replaced by yellow numbered placards) to mark evidentiary items. A medical bag was observed on

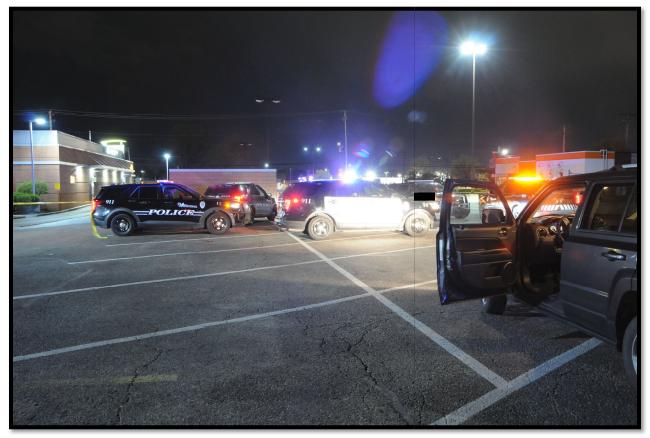
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the ground on the driver's side of the Gold Honda Pilot. The scene was further documented with a 3D scanner.



(Photo of cruisers surrounding the Honda Pilot)

S/A Chung collected the following items from the parking lot:

| ltem # | Description | Location found |
|--------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 9mm WIN casing | Behind WPD cruiser |
| 2 | 9mm WIN casing | Behind WPD cruiser |
| 3 | 9mm WIN casing | Behind WPD cruiser |
| 4 | Two swabs of blood | Passenger side of Honda Pilot |
| 6 | Beer can, contents emptied | Passenger side of Honda Pilot |
| 7 | 9mm WIN casing | Parking lot |





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| | 8 | 9mm WIN casing | WPD cruiser | by light bar on passenger side |

S/A Chung initially marked an interior frame piece in the parking lot as item 5. It was later determined that piece was the front passenger interior A-pillar that broke off from a projectile strike and removed when first aid was rendered to Alfaromunoz. The interior frame piece was not collected.

S/A Chung continued to document the gold colored, 4-door Honda Pilot with Ohio temporary registration tag: P799803 and vehicle identification number (VIN): 2HKYF18703H517346 (search warrant obtained at 0459 hours). The driver side front window was partially rolled down and the driver side rear window was shattered. It should be noted, due to inclement weather, S/A Chung placed red plastic over the driver side windows and removed the plastic at the time of her documenting the vehicle. The vehicle's interior was dirty and filled with clothes, tools, and other miscellaneous items. S/A Chung located multiple items of evidence from the vehicle, and they are listed as follows:

| ltem # | Description | Location found |
|--------|---|---|
| 1 | Cell phone - Apple w/clear protective case | Roof over rear passenger door |
| 2 | Jacketed fragment | Rear passenger door handle |
| 3 | Gun - airsoft, S/N: 2525015120004728, black | Rear floorboard, in a tool bag |
| 4 | Cell phone - Samsung, pink, SIM removed | Front center console |
| 5 | Cell phone - Samsung, black, SIM removed | Front center console |
| 6 | Cell phone - Samsung, black, found powered off | Rear driver side seat |
| 7 | Gun - BB/toy, no brand, wooden | Rear driver side seat |
| 8 | Gun – airsoft/BB, CO cartridge and BBs removed | Rear pocket of front driver seat |
| 9 | Pistol – Taurus, 9x19mm, S/N: ACC691483, no cartridges in chamber, 14 cartridges in seated magazine | Between front passenger seat and center console |
| 10 | Cell phone - Unknown brand with broken screen | Rear passenger floorboard |
| 11 | Cell phone – Virgin, silver flip phone, found powered off | Front center console area |





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S/A Chung located six (6) ballistic events (BE) in the vehicle. For identification purposes they were labeled as BE 1.0 through BE 6.0. Their locations, descriptions and/or unique markings are listed below.

- BE 1.0: was located on the rear side of the front driver seat. Two sweatshirts covered the seatback. A round hole was observed on the hood portion of the outer sweatshirt. A projectile perforated the sweatshirts, creating the round hole and it continued through the seatback. No exit hole observed on the front of the driver's seat. The projectile had a general direction of back to front. No projectile was recovered from the event.
- BE 2.0: was located on the headrest of the front driver's seat. An irregular hole perforated the material at the seam. The projectile had a direction of back to front. No projectile was recovered from the event.
- BE 3.0: was located on the shoulder portion of the front driver's seatback. An irregular hole was observed on the outer sweatshirt that covered the front driver's seat. The projectile appeared to have a general direction of back to front. A projectile perforated both sweatshirt and the seat. No projectile was located from the event.
- BE 4.0: was located on the front passenger headrest. The irregular shaped hole was created when a suspected projectile perforated the left (driver) side of the headrest and exited on the opposite side. The headrest cushion material was protruding from the headrest. The projectile had a general direction of driver side to passenger side. No projectile was located from the event.
- BE 5.0: was located on the interior passenger side of the A-pillar. The irregularly shaped hole was created when a projectile perforated the interior frame and caused the frame to break from its place. The projectile continued on and created a divot on the interior metal frame of the A-pillar. No projectile was recovered from the event.
- BE 6.0: was located on the front passenger door. A projectile struck the interior door seal and its frame. The hole in the door seal was round and appeared to have a general direction of back to front. A round hole was observed on the





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exterior side of the door and caused some of the side mirror plastic to break away. No projectile was recovered.

No other items of evidentiary value were located in the parking lot (scene 1) or in the gold Honda Pilot (scene 3). S/A Chung concluded processing and did the following:

- At 0844 hours, transferred all cell phones (scene 3, items 1, 4-6, 10, 11) collected from the vehicle to WPD Detective Chad Nunemaker.
- At 0846 hours, received two items from CST Gill, specifically two pistols, from WPD and and and and the second s
- At 0910 hours, cleared the scene and drove to BCI Offices in London, Ohio.
- At 1010 hours, submitted the following items to the BCI laboratory:
 - o Scene 1 (main scene/parking lot): items 1,2,3,7,8
 - Scene 2 (involved officers): items 1 and 2
 - Scene 3 (vehicle): items 2 and 9
- At 1015 hours, submitted the following items to the BCI Major Crimes temporary locker:
 - Scene 1 (main scene/parking lot): items 4, 6
 - o Scene 3 (vehicle): items 3,7,8