



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



2024-1474

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 16100 Van Aken Blvd.,
Shaker Heights, OH

Investigative Activity: Evidence Collected and Transported to BCI
Involves: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office (O)
Activity Date: 05/14/2024
Activity Location: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office, 1101 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Nicholas Valente #139

Narrative:

On May 14, 2024, at approximately 1413 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente responded to the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office (CCMEO) and met with Evidence Technician Megan Gates (Technician Gates). Technician Gates turned over to SA Valente fourteen (14) items collected by CCMEO during the autopsy of Deshawn Vaughn (Vaughn). These items consisted of a gunshot residue examination adhesive stub, various DNA swabs, scalp hair, clothing, a projectile fragment recovered from Vaughn's left thigh, and bullet fragments recovered from Vaughn's left thigh / knee. SA Valente signed a CCMEO receipt noting his reception of these items.

SA Valente transported these items directly to the BCI Richfield office where they were placed in temporary evidence locker #30 at 1700 hours. SA Valente completed a BCI evidence receipt noting the collection and transfer of these items to the temporary evidence locker. Both evidence receipts were attached to this report.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. 2024-05-14 BCI Evidence Receipt - For Property Collected From Medical Examiner's Office
2. 2024-05-14 Evidence Receipt From Medical Examiner's Office

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Inventory/Receipt Attachment

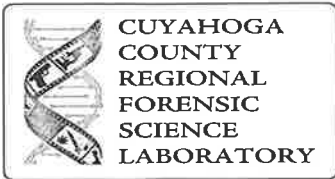
I received the below listed property from (person/location): EVID. TECH. MEGAN GATES, CUYAHOGA COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE, 1101 CEDAR AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Item	Description	Location Found	Found by Whom
1	ENVELOPE CONTAINING GSR. STUB	CCMED EVID. RECEIVING	S/A VALENTE
2	ENVELOPE CONTAINING DNA SWABS FROM RIGHT HAND	CCMED EVID. RECEIVING	S/A VALENTE
3	ENVELOPE CONTAINING DNA SWABS FROM LEFT HAND	CCMED EVID. RECEIVING	S/A VALENTE
4	ENVELOPE CONTAINING SWAB FROM RIGHT HAND	CCMED EVID. RECEIVING	S/A VALENTE
5	ENVELOPE CONTAINING SWABS FROM LEFT HAND	CCMED EVID. RECEIVING	S/A VALENTE
6	ENVELOPE CONTAINING HANDCUFFS	CCMED EVID. RECEIVING	S/A VALENTE
7	ENVELOPE ^(BAG) CONTAINING TANK TOP	CCMED EVID. RECEIVING	S/A VALENTE
8	ENVELOPE ^(BAG) CONTAINING SWEATPRINTS	CCMED EVID. RECEIVING	S/A VALENTE
9	PAPER BAG CONTAINING SOCK #1	CCMED EVID. RECEIVING	S/A VALENTE
10	PAPER BAG CONTAINING SOCK #2	CCMED EVID. RECEIVING	S/A VALENTE
11	ENVELOPE CONTAINING BUCCAL SWABS	CCMED EVID. RECEIVING	S/A VALENTE
12	ENVELOPE CONTAINING SCALP HAIR	CCMED EVID. RECEIVING	S/A VALENTE
13	ENVELOPE CONTAINING PROJECTILE FRAGMENT	CCMED EVID. RECEIVING	S/A VALENTE
14	ENVELOPE CONTAINING BULLET FRAGMENT	CCMED EVID. RECEIVING	S/A VALENTE

Signed A.A. VALENTE
Inventory Agent

Date 5-14-2024 @ 1413

Items	Released By	Received By	Date/Time
1-14	S/A VALENTE	TEMP. LOCKER #30	5-14-24 @ 1700



Cuyahoga County Regional Forensic Science Laboratory
11001 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106
Phone: (216) 721 5610 Fax: (216) 707 3123

Outbound Evidence Receipt

EVIDENCE TRANSFER TRANSACTION

Receipt ID: **161030**

Evidence Relinquished By: Gates, Megan	Agency: CCRFSL PIN Entered [X]
Evidence Received By: Valente, Nick	Agency: BCI PIN Entered []
VIA: Note:	
Date & Time: 5/14/2024 2:10:41PM Operator: Gates, Megan	

LABORATORY CASE INFORMATION

Total Number of Parent Items: **14**

<u>Lab Case #</u>	<u>Lab Evid #</u>	<u>Agency Case #</u>	<u>Agency Evid #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2024-003416	001	IN2024-00707		One adhesive stub for gunshot primer residue examination from the hands of the decedent
2024-003416	002	IN2024-00707		One swab from under the fingernails of the right hand of the decedent
2024-003416	003	IN2024-00707		One swab from under the fingernails of the left hand of the decedent
2024-003416	004	IN2024-00707		Two swabs from the knuckles and palm of the right hand of the decedent
2024-003416	005	IN2024-00707		Two swabs from the knuckles and palm of the left hand of the decedent
2024-003416	006	IN2024-00707		One pair of black handcuffs
2024-003416	007	IN2024-00707		One white tank top
2024-003416	008	IN2024-00707		One pair of red sweatpants
2024-003416	009	IN2024-00707		One gray calf-length sock
2024-003416	010	IN2024-00707		One gray calf-length sock
2024-003416	023	IN2024-00707		Buccal swab for release
2024-003416	024	IN2024-00707		Scalp hair
2024-003416	025	IN2024-00707		Projectile fragment from L thigh skin
2024-003416	026	IN2024-00707		Bullet fragments from L thigh/knee

SIGNATURES

Evidence Relinquished By: Gates, Megan <hr/> Signature	Evidence Received By: Valente, Nick <hr/> Signature
Date: 05/14/2024	Date: 05/14/2024