



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



2021-0957

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 3171 Legion Lane, Columbus, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Processing (*Scene #1*)
Activity Date: April 20, 2021
Activity Location: 3171 Legion Lane, Columbus, Ohio 43232
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Chad Holcomb, #61

On April 20, 2021, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb, SA Mathew Austin and Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Joshua Durst were assigned to assist the Columbus Police Department (CPD) on the scene of an officer involved critical incident. Agents were informed that CPD officers were dispatched to 3171 Legion Lane, Columbus, OH for a disturbance call involving a female with a knife. Upon arrival, a CPD Officer identified as (Ofc.) Nicholas Reardon, discharged his firearm, injuring Bryant. Bryant was transported to a local hospital where she was later pronounced deceased. It was determined that the BCI Crime Scene Unit and the BCI Special Investigations Unit would handle the investigation.

SA Holcomb arrived on scene and began the investigation at 1822 hours. The scene was photographed as it was upon arrival. Crime scene tape had been placed around multiple perimeters of the scene by CPD. The southernmost perimeter was at the intersection of Legion Lane and Templar Street where a crowd of protesters had gathered. The shooting scene was primarily contained to the driveway and sidewalk in front of 3171 Legion Lane. SAS Durst obtained written consent to search from the homeowner, Angela Moore. Three vehicles were parked near the residence. A four-door, black Volkswagen vehicle was backed into the driveway. A 2001, gray, four-door Chevrolet Malibu was still running and parked half in the street and half in the driveway. CPD police cruiser R-130 was facing southbound in front of 3165 Legion Lane. CPD officers had placed five yellow evidence placards on the sidewalk and grass marking potential evidence. SA Holcomb continued to use the evidence placards that were in place. Multiple security cameras were observed at 3171 Legion Lane and surrounding houses. Agents used a Sokkia Total Station to collect measurements of the scene. SA Austin later created a diagram using the measurements collected. SA Holcomb used a sUAV (drone) to further document the scene.

Multiple items of evidence were collected from the front yard. Three casings with headstamp 'SPEER 9mm' were collected as Items #1-3. One casing with headstamp 'SPEER 9mm' was collected from the grass next to the sidewalk as Item #4. A serrated silver and black, "Tools of the Trade," kitchen knife (Item #5) was collected from the grass. SA Holcomb collected rainbow crocks and black Nike sandals (Item #9) from the grass. A Hyde vape pen was collected from the sidewalk as Item #10. Three cell phones were collected from the scene; an iPhone in a blue Jordan case (Item #6,), an iPhone in a silver case (Item #7) and an iPhone in a case (Item #8) that was covered in vomit. Agents also collected a red iPhone in a clear case from the hood of cruiser 9141 as Item #12. Agents used a metal detector; however, no additional evidence was located in the front yard.

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(Diagram of the scene)

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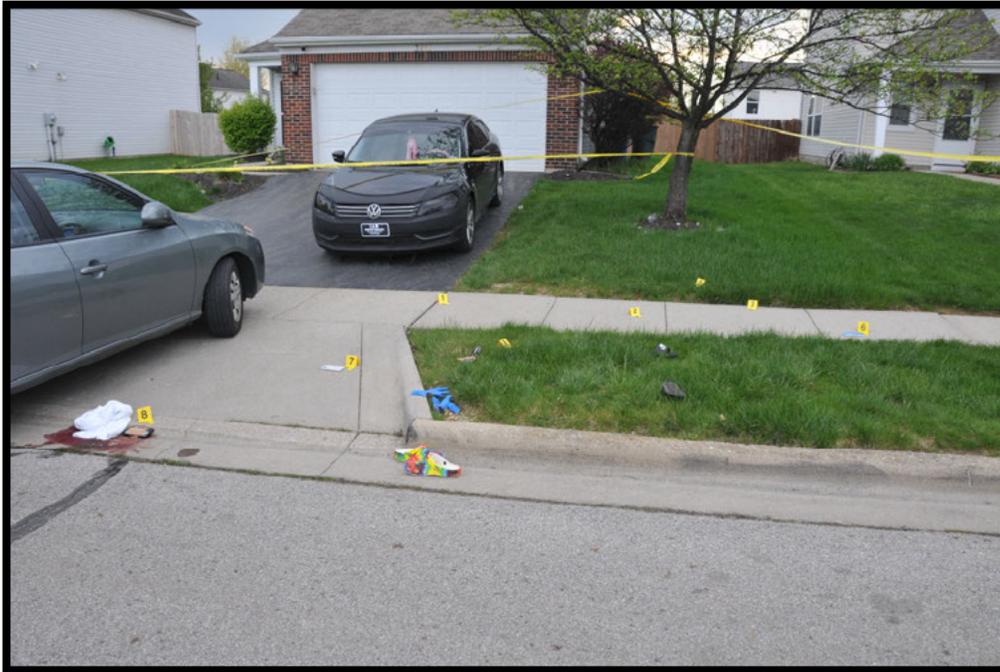


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(Evidence located in the front yard)



(Knife [Item #5] located in the grass)

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SAS Durst met with Ofc. Reardon and collected his firearm that was discharged during the incident. The firearm, a Smith and Wesson, M&P 2.0, 9mm, semi-automatic handgun had a serial number of [REDACTED] and a tactical light attached. The firearm contained a magazine with 13 cartridges (17 cartridge capacity) and one cartridge in the chamber. The firearm, cartridges and magazine were all collected as Item #11. Both of Ofc. Reardon's spare magazines were fully loaded. SAS Durst also provided photographs he had taken of the involved officers and the serial numbers of their firearms.

After all evidence had been collected, agents moved the running Chevrolet Malibu from the driveway. After moving the vehicle, a suspected bullet strike was observed on the pavement under where the vehicle had been parked. The suspected bullet strike was documented through photography.

No additional evidence was located. Agents completed their examination at 2200 hours.

At 2215 hours, SA Holcomb released Item #6 (cell phone) to SAS Justin Root of the BCI Cyber Crime Unit.

At 2257 hours, SA Holcomb released Item #7 (cell phone) to SAS Root.

At 0003 hours on April 21, 2021, SA Holcomb placed all remaining evidence (Items #1-5 and 8-12) in the BCI temporary evidence locker located in London, Ohio.

At 0939 hours, SA Holcomb removed Items #1-4 and #11 from temporary evidence and submitted them to the BCI Laboratory. All remaining evidence was placed in the BCI evidence vault.