



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



2023-0557

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 2900 Towne Boulevard, Middletown,
OH 45044 (L)

Investigative Activity: Documentation of Involved Officers (*Scene #2*)
Activity Date: February 25, 2023
Activity Location: Middletown Police Department: 1 Donham Plaza, Middletown, Ohio 45042
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Sarah Taylor #136

On February 23, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Sarah Taylor was assigned to assist the Middletown Police Department (MPD) with an officer involved critical incident. It was reported that MPD officers pulled over a vehicle and discovered that the passenger, Victor Lykins, had warrants for his arrest. A struggle over a firearm occurred and MPD Officer John Hilgendorf (Hilgendorf) discharged his firearm, striking Lykins. Lykins was pronounced deceased on scene.

SA Taylor responded to MPD headquarters to document the involved officers at 2056 hours. SA Taylor was informed that Officer Austin Renner (Renner) did not discharge his firearm during the incident. Ofc. Renner was photographed as he was upon SA Taylor's arrival. Ofc. Renner's firearm was documented through photography and a cartridge count was performed. His firearm and two additional magazines were fully loaded. SA Taylor photographed bloodstains on Ofc. Renner's left arm. Two swabs were used to collect a sample of this blood (item 3).

SA Taylor met with MPD Officer Hilgendorf who reportedly discharged his firearm. Ofc. Hilgendorf was photographed as he was upon arrival. He had markings on his uniform which identified him as a police officer. SA Taylor photographed his firearm and additional magazines. The two additional magazines carried by Ofc. Hilgendorf were fully loaded and returned to the agency. SA Taylor collected a Glock 45, 9mm semi-automatic handgun (Serial Number: [REDACTED] containing one cartridge in the chamber and 15 cartridges in the magazine (capacity of 17) from Ofc. Hilgendorf as item 1. Ofc. Hilgendorf had bloodstains on his left uniform pant leg. Two swabs were used to collect a sample of this blood (item 2).

No additional items of evidentiary value were collected from the officers. Documentation of the two involved officers was completed at 2118 hours.

On February 25, 2023 at 2158 hours, SA Taylor released all items to SA Chad Holcomb. SA Holcomb placed items 1-3 into a BCI temporary evidence locker located in London, Ohio at 2306 hours.

On February 27, 2023, SA Holcomb removed items 1-3 from the BCI temporary evidence locker and submitted item 1 to the BCI Laboratory for examination at 1024 hours. SA Holcomb placed items 2 and 3 into BCI Temporary Evidence Locker 1 at 1033 hours to be submitted to the BCI major crimes evidence vault.

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