



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



2022-1090
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 8643 Werger Road, Windham
Township, OH

Investigative Activity: Information Provided/Obtained, Evidence Collection
Involves: Cora Baughman (S)
Date of Activity: 05/14/2022
Activity Location: UH Portage Medical Center – Business – 6847 N. Chestnut Street,
Ravenna, OH 44266, Portage County
Author: SA Stacey A. Fifer, #116

On Saturday, May 14, 2022, at approximately 1100 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Portage County Sheriff's Office (PCSO), Captain Eric Dreger, to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident that occurred at the location identified as 8643 Werger Rd., Garrettsville, Portage County, Ohio, 44231.

BCI Special Agents Arvin Clar and Jonathan Lieber responded to assist. BCI Crime Scene Unit Special Agents were requested to process the scene (documenting and collecting pertinent evidence). The shooting incident involved a subject, Cora Baughman (Baughman), and a PCSO deputy. Also, a Garrettsville police officer was on scene during the incident. The incident resulted in the death of Baughman.

BCI Special Agents Stacey Fifer (SA Fifer) and William Conn (SA Conn) responded to University Hospital Portage Medical Center (UHPMC) where Baughman was transported by ambulance. SA Fifer arrived at UHPMC at approximately 1230 hours and was advised by emergency room staff that Baughman sustained multiple gunshots to the torso and limbs. The time of death was called 1034 hours. Baughman was located in emergency room 22D and SA Fifer observed her body to be covered by a white sheet upon arrival. Hospital staff provided SA Fifer a copy of the UHPMC Trauma Flow Sheet documenting Baughman's injuries and actions taken (copy attached).

Hospital staff advised her clothing was cut off and located on the hospital gurney. No surgical interventions were made and family members were advised of Baughman's death. According to hospital staff, approximately 20 family members were present in the family waiting area. UHPMC police officers were present as well as PCSO Deputy Salvatore Minardi (Dep. Minardi) and PCSO Detective Michelle Weber. Dep. Minardi indicated he was not involved in the shooting incident and assisted by providing first aid on scene to Baughman. Dep. Minardi declined to make a statement at the time. According to Dep. Minardi, no officers were injured during the

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incident.

SA Conn arrived at UHPMC and agents awaited the arrival of a representative from the Portage County Coroner's Office. While waiting for the Coroner's Office representative to arrive, SA Fifer and SA Conn interviewed Aaron Baughman, grandson of Cora Baughman. The interview took place in an empty emergency department hospital room while UHPMC police officers stood by in front of room 22D where the decedent was located. The interview is documented in a separate investigative report.

Portage County Coroner Forensic Investigator Bryan Yingling (Inv. Yingling) arrived to the emergency department and made arrangements to transport the body to the Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office for autopsy. In the presence of Inv. Yingling, Baughman's clothing items were placed in brown paper bags by SA Fifer and SA Conn; which included: 1 pair of underwear (removed by Inv. Yingling from the decedent), sweatshirt, and tank top. All of the items were blood soaked and double bagged. Inv. Yingling located a bullet fragment under the body and it was placed in a brown paper bag. A BCI property receipt was completed and a copy left with Inv. Yingling (BCI property receipt attached). SA Conn transported the items of evidence to BCI Richfield and they were stored in temporary evidence.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: UHPMC Trauma Flow Sheet 5-14-22

Attachment # 02: BCI Property Receipt 5-14-22 Coroner Investigator

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Inventory/Receipt Attachment

I received the below listed property from (person/location): Bryan Vingling Portage County Forensic Investigator

Item	Description	Location Found	Found by Whom
1	Underwear	on-body	Vingling
2	Swim shirt	"	"
3	Trunk top	"	"
4	Projectile	underbody on ^{UPPER} MATC L/S	"

Signed W.B. Conroy #951
Inventory Agent

Date 5/14/22

Items	Released By	Received By	Date/Time
1-4	<u>B. Vingling</u>	<u>W.B. Conroy #951</u>	<u>5/14/22 16:22</u>