



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



2023-2210

Officer- Involved Critical Incident - [REDACTED]
Howland Township, OH 44484, Trumbull County

Investigative Activity: Process Scene of Officer Involved Critical Incident
Activity Date: Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023
Activity Location: 13305 Carnation Avenue NW, Hartville, Ohio 44632
Authoring Agent: S/A Ed Staley

SUMMARY:

The Howland Township Police Department requested crime scene assistance processing the scene of an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) located at [REDACTED] Howland Township, Ohio 44484.

DETAILS:

On Wednesday August 23rd, 2023 at approximately 7:30am S/A Ed Staley received a call from SAS Ed Lulla of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. The call was regarding an agent request for crime scene assistance concerning an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI). On Wednesday August 23rd, 2023 S/A Staley responded to the address of [REDACTED] Howland Township, Ohio 44484 at the request of the Howland Township Police Department.

On scene, S/A Staley met with Law Enforcement members

S/A Staley walked through the scene/residence photographing and documenting the interior/exterior as it was found. S/A Staley photographed each scene/room and the condition.

S/A Staley located copper jacket fragments at the rear of the passenger side of the SWAT vehicle parked in the front yard. S/A Staley photographed and documented those fragments. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved those fragments as **item #1** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

S/A Staley located a fired Hornady 5.56 mm cartridge case and a shotgun wad on the back porch of the residence. S/A Staley photographed and documented both the cartridge case and shotgun wad. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the 5.56 mm cartridge case as **item #2** and the shotgun wad as **item #14** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

S/A Staley located two fired Hornady 5.56 mm cartridge cases and two fired Speer 9 mm cartridge cases on the kitchen floor. S/A Staley photographed and documented those cartridge

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cases. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the two 5.56 mm cartridge cases and the two 9 mm cartridge cases as **item #3** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

S/A Staley located one fired Hornady 5.56 mm cartridge case on the stove in the kitchen. S/A Staley photographed and documented the cartridge case. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the 5.56 mm cartridge case as **item #4** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

S/A Staley located four fired Speer 9 mm cartridge cases on the kitchen floor at the doorway. S/A Staley photographed and documented those cartridge cases. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the four 9 mm cartridge cases as **item #5** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

S/A Staley located another fired Speer 9 mm cartridge case on the kitchen floor at the doorway. S/A Staley photographed and documented the cartridge case. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the single 9 mm cartridge case as **item #6** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

S/A Staley located a single shot shotgun on the dining room floor. S/A Staley photographed and documented the shotgun. S/A Staley opened the shotgun and found it to be empty, S/A Staley photographed the condition of the shotgun. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the shot gun as **item #7** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023. S/A Staley documented the shotgun as follow;

Firearm Data

Make	H&R 12 Gauge	#7
Model	088	
Color	Black and wood	
Serial Number	AY578110	
Condition	Empty	
Owner	Unknown	

S/A Staley located an unfired shot shell on the living room floor. S/A Staley photographed and documented the live shot shell. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the shot shell as **item #8** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

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S/A Staley located a fired shot shell on the living room floor. S/A Staley photographed and documented the fired shot shell. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the shot shell as **item #9** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

S/A Staley located a cellular phone on the living room floor near the sofa. S/A Staley photographed and documented the cellular phone. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the cellular phone as **item #10** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

S/A Staley located a fired Speer 9 mm cartridge case in the wastebasket in the kitchen. S/A Staley photographed and documented the cartridge case. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the single 9 mm cartridge case as **item #11** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

After moving the rear entry door from the kitchen, S/A Staley located three more fired Speer 9 mm cartridge cases on the kitchen floor. S/A Staley photographed and documented those cartridge cases. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the three 9 mm cartridge cases as **item #12** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

S/A Staley located two unfired shot shells on the table in the living room. S/A Staley photographed and documented the shot shells. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the shot shells as **item #13** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

S/A Staley located a defect to the kitchen door as it was sitting on the kitchen floor. The defect was consistent with coming from the dining room area and continuing into the kitchen. The defect was consistent with a shotgun being fired and striking the door. S/A Staley photographed and documented the defect. S/A Staley removed two shotgun shot shell pellets from the defect. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the shot shell pellets as **item #15** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

In the front bedroom of the residence, S/A Staley noted that that door was semi-barricaded from the inside. S/A Staley entered the room and located a shotgun on the bedroom floor. S/A Staley opened the shotgun and found it to be loaded, S/A Staley photographed the condition of the shotgun. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the shot gun as **item #16** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023. S/A Staley documented the shotgun as follow;

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Firearm Data

Make	Midland 12 Gauge #16
Model	Unknown
Color	Black
Serial Number	17MBA01654
Condition	Loaded
Owner	Unknown

S/A Staley located a defect to the doorway frame coming from the dining room area and continuing into the kitchen. The defect was consistent with a shotgun being fired and striking the frame of the doorway. S/A Staley photographed and documented the defect. S/A Staley removed a single shotgun shot shell pellet from the defect. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the shot shell pellet as **item #17** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

S/A Staley received Law Enforcement weapons used during the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI). S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved those weapons as **items #18, #19, #20, and #21** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

Those weapons were documented as follows;

Firearm Data

Make	Sig Sauer #18
Model	P320, 9MM
Color	Black
Serial Number	[REDACTED]
Condition	Loaded
Owner	Officer [REDACTED]

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Firearm Data

Make	Glock	#19
Model	17	
Color	Black	
Serial Number	[REDACTED]	
Condition	Loaded	
Owner	Officer [REDACTED]	

Firearm Data

Make	Glock	#20
Model	19	
Color	Brown	
Serial Number	[REDACTED]	
Condition	Loaded	
Owner	Officer [REDACTED]	

Firearm Data

Make	Colt	#21
Model	AR-15 M16A1	
Color	Black	
Serial Number	[REDACTED]	
Condition	Loaded	
Owner	Officer [REDACTED]	

S/A Staley received a damaged Law Enforcement duty belt and holster from Officer [REDACTED] S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the damaged duty belt and holster as **items #22** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

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S/A Staley received a pair of damaged Law Enforcement uniform pants Officer [REDACTED] S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the damaged uniform pants as **items #23** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

S/A Staley received a brown pair of Wrangler pants with a black belt, two black shirts, a pair of blue Hanes boxer shorts, and a pair of Timberland hiking boots all of which belonged to Randall Fife. S/A Staley collected, secured, and preserved the articles of clothing stated as **items #24, #25, #26, and #27** on the Inventory / Receipt Attachment form dated 08/23/2023.

All items of evidence were retained by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation to be held as evidence. An Inventory / Receipt Attachment form was filled out and signed by S/A Staley and S/A Cory Momchilov, a copy of the form was left with Momchilov for their records.

The photographs were uploaded into the Matrix record retention database. A USB copy of the photographs was made and disseminated to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation to be placed into their respective case file.

A copy of this report should be forwarded to:

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