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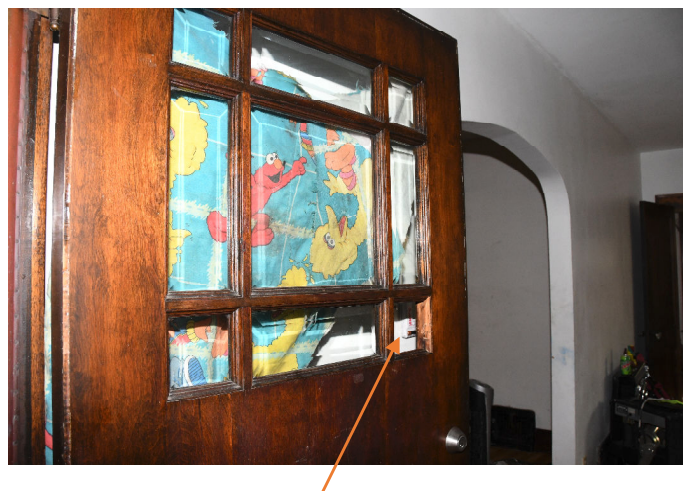
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4312 Helena Avenue,
Youngstown, OH 44512, Mahoning County

Investigative Activity: Officer Involved Critical Incident Scene Processing
Activity Date: September 12, 2023
Activity Location: 4312 Helena Ave. Youngstown, OH. 44512
Authoring Agent: S/A Larry Hootman

S/A Larry Hootman received a call from S/A/S Ed Lulla with an agent request from the Youngstown Police Department. S/A/S Lulla stated a subject was shot and killed by Youngstown Police Department and they are requesting assistance from crime scene and special investigation agents.

S/A Hootman responded to 4312 Helena Ave. Youngstown, OH., upon arrival several special investigation agents were already on scene. The residence was a two-story brick home with green dormers. The home had several vehicles in the back yard and driveway. The front porch had several items on it including furniture and miscellaneous items.

S/A Hootman entered the residence through the unlocked front door, one window was broke and the deadbolt was out, the door frame did not appear to be broken. S/A Hootman entered and was followed by a Youngstown detective who stated the deceased was upstairs in the hallway. S/A Hootman was told that the deceased answered the front door when officers arrived on scene, they discovered he was being dishonest about who he was and where he lived, they allegedly ordered him out and he shut the door and retreated upstairs.



(Broken Window Front Door)

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S/A Hootman continued to the upstairs and noted a tool later identified as a buffing wheel cleaner at the top of the steps and three cartridge casings in the empty bedroom at the top of the stairs. S/A Hootman was told the item at the top of the steps is what the subject allegedly had in his hand when he confronted the officers and the officer shot three times and these were his cartridge casings.



(tool believed to be in deceased hand) (two of three cartridge casings)

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S/A Hootman located the deceased male lying supine in the hallway between 2 bedrooms and the bathroom entrance. The deceased was dressed in black sweatpants with three orange stripes, gray tennis shoes and black socks. The deceased had a black shirt under him that appeared cut off. The deceased had several items on and around him from medical intervention, large volume staining under and around him and a large bloodstain on the woodwork leading into the bathroom.

S/A Hootman located a 9mm Blazer cartridge on the window sill in the southeast bedroom and two 9mm Blazer cartridges on the mattress lying on the floor in the same bedroom.

S/A Hootman searched the remaining areas of the home and located another 9mm cartridge on the floor in the attic. This cartridge headstamp indicated it was a Republic cartridge. There was a .22 Super X cartridge found on the steps between the first floor and basement landing and a Winchester 9mm cartridge found on the landing of the basement stairs.

S/A Hootman placed placards next to each item of evidence and photographic documentation was again taken with placards in place before collecting and securing each item as possible evidence.

CST Michael Rostocil deployed the Leica BLK360 to document the scene including the first and second floor.

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S/A Hootman marked two ballistic impacts in the door frame between the two bedrooms. These were photographed with scales and labeled BI #1 and BI #2 with no reference to sequencing of shots fired.



(B.I. #1)



(B.I. #2)

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S/A Hootman was given the officers weapon by S/A Charles Moran. The weapon had already been inventoried by S/A Moran. The weapon was a Sig Sauer 9mm P320 Serial# [REDACTED] there were 14 cartridges in the magazine that was removed from the weapon and 1 cartridge in the chamber that was also removed by S/A Moran. S/A Hootman documented this on the crime-pad evidence inventory sheet and signed the evidence inventory receipt prepared by S/A Moran.

After documentation and collection of all items of evidence the Mahoning County Coroner's investigators entered to remove the deceased. S/A Hootman was told the body would be taken to Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy.

The crime-pad was completed listing all items collected from the scene, the evidence inventory sheet was signed by CST Rostocil to be transported to Richfield BCI temporary evidence.

S/A Hootman was notified by Mahoning County Coroner Investigator that the shirt the deceased was wearing was left behind. They advised if it was cut off the subject Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner would not accept it. S/A Hootman and CST Rostocil entered and recovered the items left behind and they were hand written on the completed evidence inventory sheet as items #11 and #12.

S/A Hootman uploaded all documents into Matrix including the crime scene photographs, the clothing was placed in the drying room at Richfield BCI and the remaining items listed were entered into temporary evidence by CST Rostocil. Agents were secured from the scene at approximately 1445 hrs. this date.

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