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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 5050 Eastpointe Drive,
Medina, Ohio 44256, Medina County

Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Processing
Involves: Ohio State Highway Patrol
Activity Date: 11/11/2024
Activity Location: 505 Eastpointe Drive, Medina, OH 44256 (Arby's)
Authoring Agent: Crime Scene Technician Michael Rostocil #204

SUMMARY:

On Monday, November 11, 2024, BCI Special Agents Laurna McClintock & Dan Boerner and BCI Crime Scene Technician Michael Rostocil assisted the Medina County Sheriff's Office & Ohio State Highway Patrol with the processing of an outdoor crime scene located at 5050 Eastpointe Drive, Medina, OH 44256 (Arby's) regarding an officer-involved critical incident. The scene was photographed as it was found, and evidence was collected. The scene was further documented using a Leica RTC360 3D scanner.

Narrative:

On Monday, November 11, 2024, at approximately 2140 hours, CST Rostocil was contacted by Special Agent Supervisor Ed Lulla and was requested to assist the Medina County Sheriff's Office & Ohio State Highway Patrol with the processing of an outdoor crime scene located at 5081 Eastpointe Drive, Medina, OH 44256 (Arby's) regarding an officer-involved critical incident. CST Rostocil arrived on scene at approximately 2240 hours, met with Detective Sergeant Larry Covey from the Medina County Sheriff's Office and Sergeant/Investigator Joseph Costarella from the Ohio State Highway Patrol and learned the following: an Amber Alert was issued for 7-year-old Oaklyn Alexander who had been taken by her father, Charles Alexander, from Jefferson County, OH. The alert indicated Charles Alexander was driving a stolen U-Haul truck and officers in Medina County had located it and engaged in a pursuit of the truck. The truck came to rest in the parking lot of the crime scene location (Arby's) where the subject could be seen inside the cab of the truck with his daughter and a pistol. Det. Sgt. Covey indicated potentially 2 shots were fired by the subject out the window. The Ohio Highway Patrol SRT had set up a sniper position on the Interstate-71 South exit ramp (Exit 218 for Route 18) adjacent to the Arby's parking lot where OSHP [REDACTED] had taken a shot at the subject striking him in the head.

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The location of the crime scene was in the parking lot of 5081 Eastpointe Drive (Arby's) and on the Interstate-71 South exit ramp (Exit 218 for Route 18) which was East of the parking lot (Figure #1). Several police vehicles were located on the shoulder of the off-ramp facing towards the Arby's parking lot. On the roof of a black Dodge SUV (OH LIC # [REDACTED]) was a rifle setup on a bipod, a fired cartridge case, and additional ammunition. A U-Haul truck (AZ LIC #AL74169) was located in the Southeastern section of the parking lot of the Arby's near the dumpster facing East. Subject Charles Alexander was located in the driver seat with a suspected gunshot wound to the head. The driver door window and the rear cab window were both shattered. The front driver side tire was missing, and the rim was damaged. Suspected blood and biological material were observed throughout the cab of the truck and outside on the ground around the truck. A pistol, fired cartridge case, and cell phone were observed on the driver floorboard of the truck. A rifle and suitcase were located in the cargo area of the truck. CST Rostocil photographed the I-71 off ramp location and SA McClintock photographed the Arby's parking lot location (Figures #2-9).

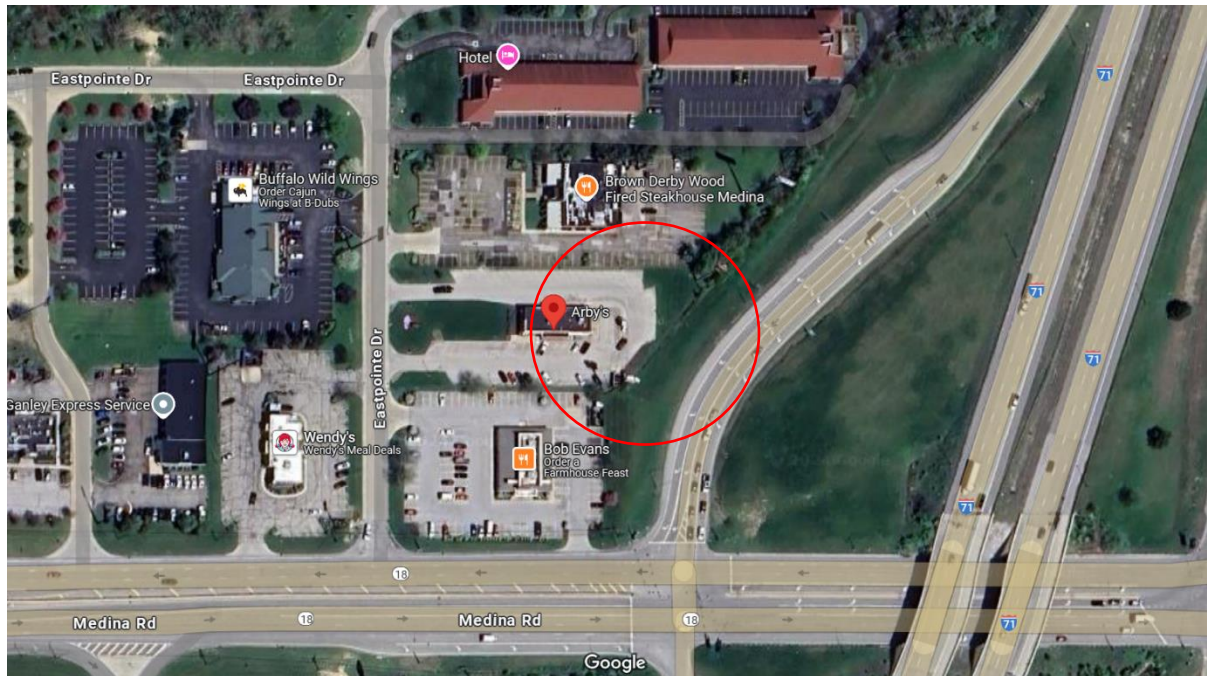


Figure #1 - Overall scene location

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Figure #2 - Overall photo from I-71 exit ramp (looking West)

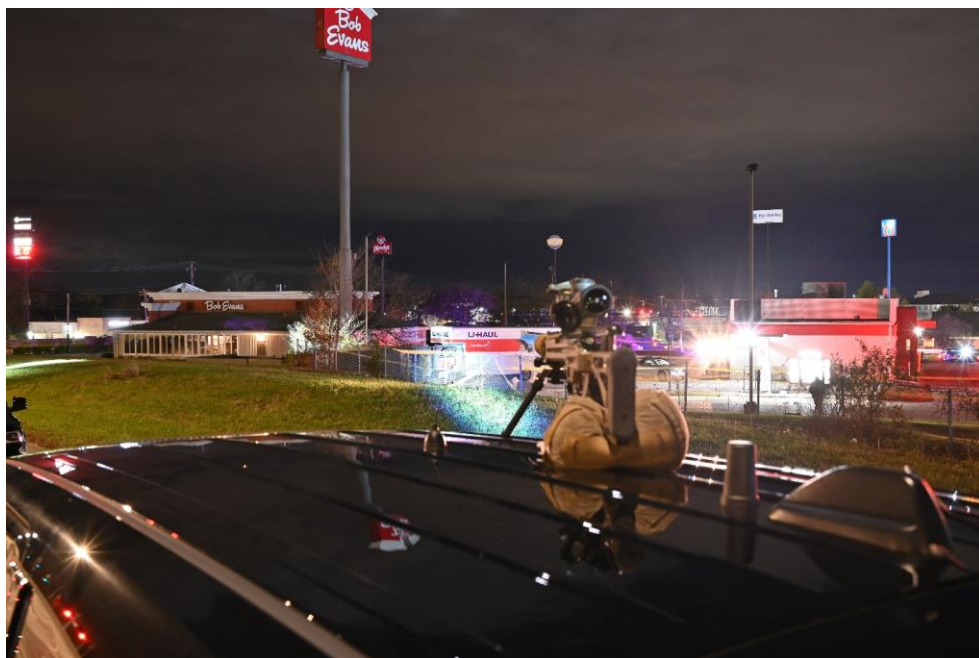


Figure #3 - Overall photo from I-71 exit ramp (looking West)

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Figure #4 - Overall photo (looking West)



Figure #5 - Overall photo of U-Haul truck

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Figure #6 - Overall photo of U-Haul truck



Figure #7 - Overall photo of U-Haul truck

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Figure #8 - Overall passenger side of U-Haul truck

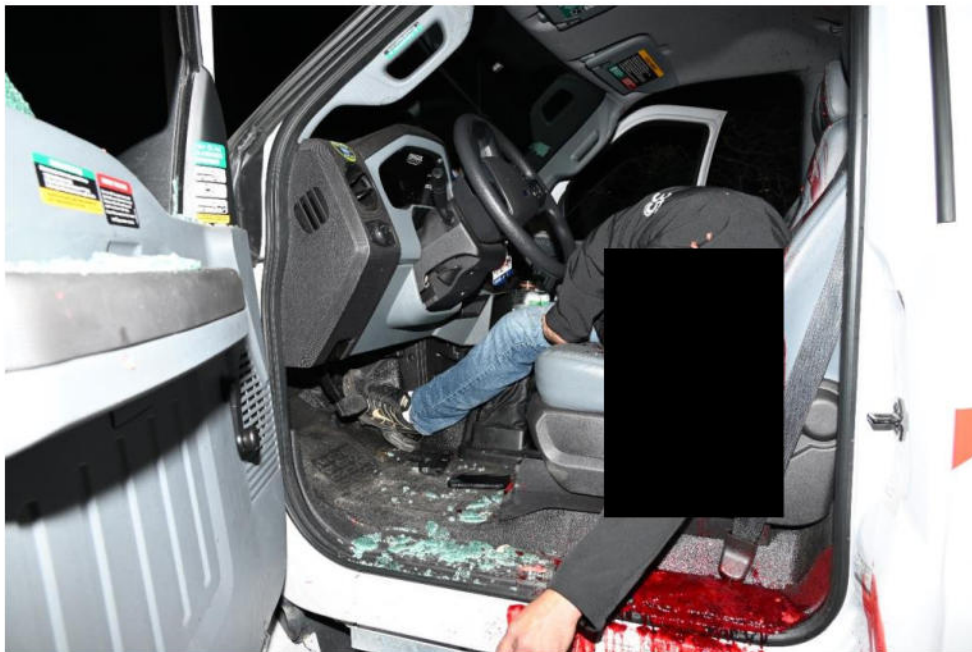


Figure #9 - Overall driver side of U-Haul truck

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The scene was examined for items of suspected evidence. Several items of suspected evidence were located, photographed, and collected (Table 1, Figures #10-16).

Table 1- Items of Suspected Evidence

Item	Description	Location
1	Masterpiece Arms .308 bolt-action rifle (S/N: [REDACTED]) with scope and bi-pod; (1) FC 308 WIN cartridge from chamber & (8) FC 308 WIN cartridges from magazine - OSHP [REDACTED]	Roof of Dodge SUV (OH LIC # [REDACTED]) parked on shoulder of I-71 South exit ramp (Exit 218)
2	FC 308 WIN fired cartridge case	Roof of Dodge SUV (OH LIC # [REDACTED]) parked on shoulder of I-71 South exit ramp (Exit 218)
3	(7) FC 308 WIN cartridges in holder	Roof of Dodge SUV (OH LIC # [REDACTED]) parked on shoulder of I-71 South exit ramp (Exit 218)
4	Smith & Wesson M&P Shield 9mm semi-auto pistol (S/N: HLN5815); (1) R-P 9mm Luger cartridge from chamber & (4) R-P 9mm Luger cartridges in magazine	Driver floorboard of U-Haul truck
5	R-P 9mm Luger fired cartridge case	Driver floorboard of U-Haul truck
6	Apple iPhone	Driver floorboard of U-Haul truck
7	R-P 9mm Luger fired cartridge case	Ground under passenger side of U-Haul truck
8	Black holster	Dashboard of U-Haul truck
9	Hat with damage	Passenger seat of U-Haul truck
10	Smith & Wesson M&P 15 semi-auto rifle with scope & pistol grip (S/N: TT93874); (1) cartridge from chamber, (7) cartridges from magazine	Cargo area of U-Haul truck
11	Suitcase w/ misc. clothing	Cargo area of U-Haul truck
12	Gray long-sleeve shirt	Passenger floorboard of U-Haul truck
13	Shoe	Driver floorboard of U-Haul truck

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Figure #10 - Overall location of Items #1-3, rifle, cartridge case, & ammo



Figure #11 - Locations of Items #4-6

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Figure #12 - Overall location of Item #7



Figure #13 - Item #8, holster on dashboard

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Figure #14 - Item #9, hat on passenger seat



Figure #15 - Items #10-11 in cargo area

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Figure #16 – Item #12, shirt on passenger floorboard

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At approximately 0115 hours on November 12, 2024, Medina County Coroner Dr. Lisa Daranek arrived on scene to examine the deceased and have the body transported to the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office. A suspected gunshot wound was observed to the head (Figure #17). Suspected blood and biological material were observed throughout the cab of the U-Haul truck. Pieces of suspected bone and hair were observed throughout the cab and on the ground around the truck. After the body was removed, a shoe from the deceased was located on the driver floorboard and was collected and packaged as Item #13.

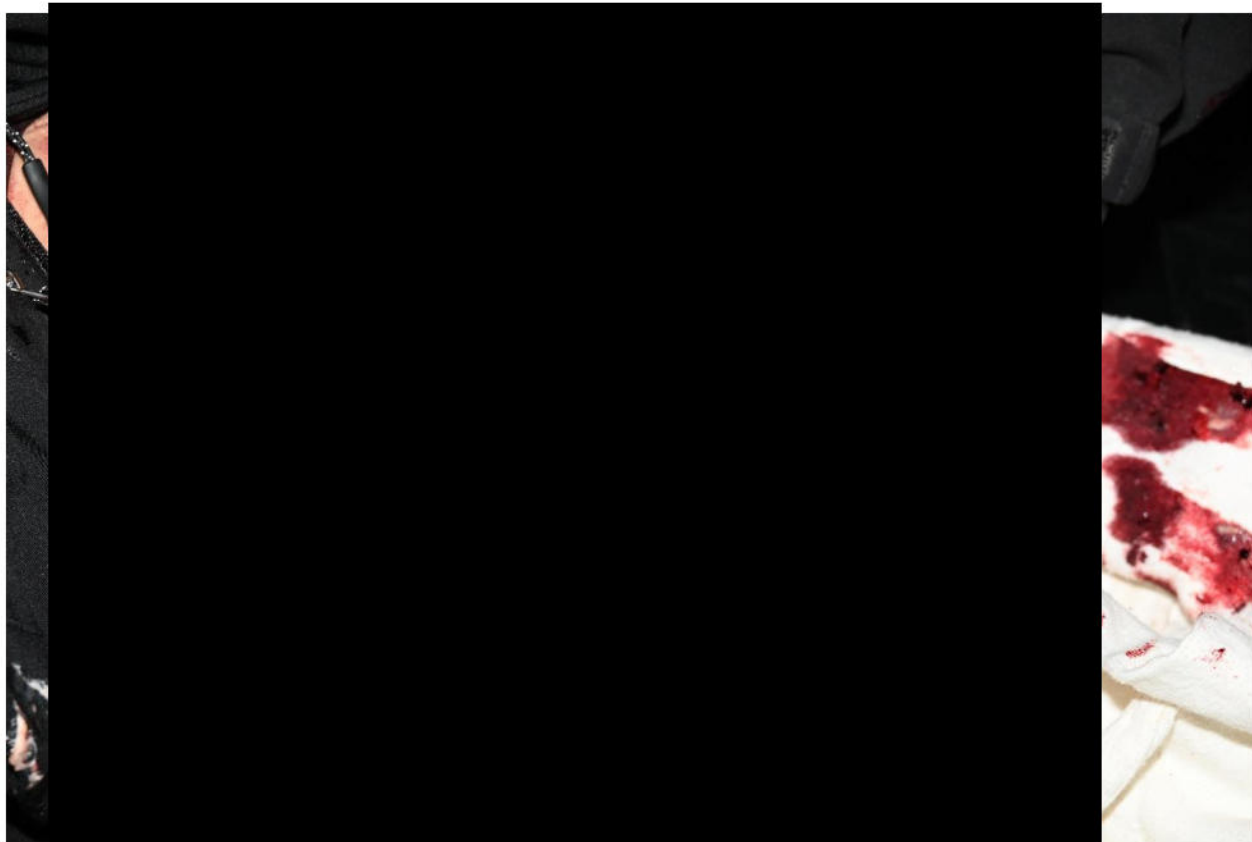


Figure #17 - Left side head of deceased Charles Alexander

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Additionally, SA McClintock photographed Officers Benjamin Taylor and Jared Singleton of the Medina County Sheriff's Office SWAT team. Both had suspected blood on their pants and shoes. Inside the U-Haul truck was a Wal-Mart bag with 2 greeting cards and a receipt, which were photographed. The receipt (Figure #18) was dated 11/10/24 and displayed purchased items that were also located in/around the truck.

Detective Sergeant Larry Covey of the Medina County Sheriff's Office collected additional items from the truck: generator from the cargo area of the truck, doll, and board game.



Figure #18 - Receipt from inside truck

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SA Boerner further documented the scene and evidence using a Leica RTC360 3D scanner. The scan data was prepared for viewing using the Leica Cyclone Register360 software. Overhead diagrams were created using the Leica Map360 software (Figure #12).

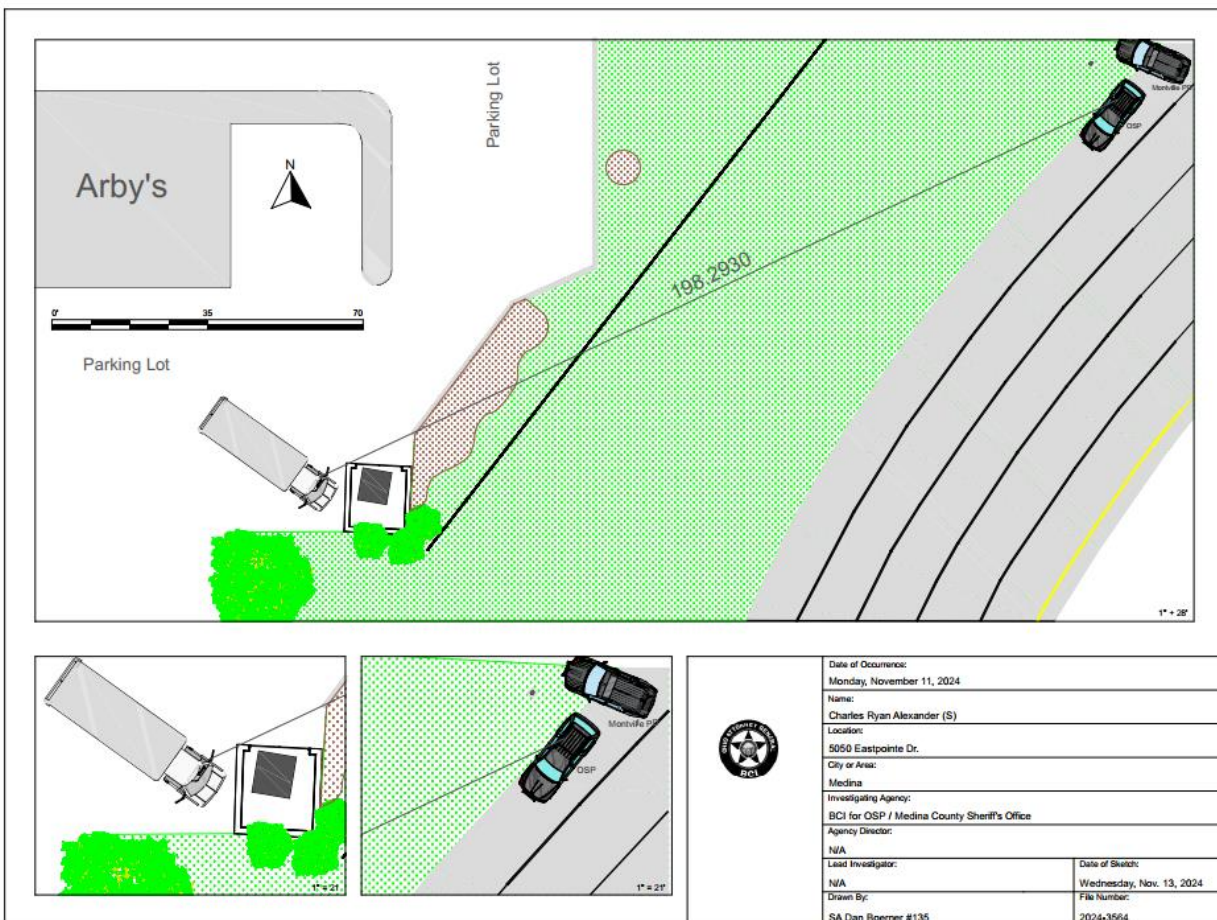


Figure #12 - Overhead Diagram

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All items of evidence were turned over to BCI Special Agent Lurna McClintock to be transported to temporary storage at the BCI Richfield Office. An inventory/receipt form was filled out and signed by CST Rostocil and SA McClintock. A copy of the form was given to SA McClintock. SA McClintock placed all collected items of evidence into the temporary storage locker at 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286 (Ohio BCI Richfield Office) at approximately 0215 hours on November 12, 2024.

The photographs were uploaded into Matrix. A copy of the 3D scan data was uploaded to the "BCI Scanner Files" folder on the shared directory.

On Thursday, November 14, 2024, CST Rostocil was contacted by BCI Special Agent Larry Hootman regarding a call he received about potential evidence inside the U-Haul truck. SA Hootman received a call from retired Canton Police Officer Jeff Weller who stated he was contacted by someone who was working on the cleaning of the U-Haul truck and they had found pieces of projectiles inside of it. CST Rostocil contacted Jeff Weller and discussed it. Jeff Weller gave the U-Haul information to CST Rostocil. CST Rostocil contacted the store manager of U-Haul where the truck was located for cleaning (1570 Vernom-Odom Blvd., Akron, OH 44320) who stated that Aftermath services were in charge of cleaning the truck. The manager gave CST Rostocil the contact for them (Stephanie - [REDACTED]). CST Rostocil attempted to reach Stephanie at this number and was only able to leave a voicemail. CST Rostocil did not receive a call back and on Monday, November 18, 2024 contacted the Aftermath Services main number. CST Rostocil received a call back from a supervisor where she stated that no projectile fragments were collected and the cleaning crew had mistaken pieces of the truck floorboard for potential fragments. No further action was taken on this matter.

A copy of this report should be sent to:

Ohio BCI - Richfield Office
Attn: Special Agent Jesse Bynum
Email: Jesse.Bynum@ohioago.gov

References:

- Initial Crime Scene Photographs
- Overhead Diagram

Attachments:

- None

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