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**Bureau of Criminal Investigation**  
Investigative Report



2023-2057

Officer Involved Critical Incident - Unknown, ██████████ (S)

Investigative Activity: Processing of Scene 2 (CPD substation) and Scene 3 (Grant Medical Center)  
Activity Date: August 5, 2023  
Activity Location: CPD substation: E. Woodrow Avenue;  
Grant Medical Center: 111 S. Grant Avenue, Columbus, Ohio  
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Sarah Taylor

On August 5, 2023, the Columbus Police Department (CPD) requested assistance from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) reference an officer involved critical incident. BCI was advised that CPD responded to a disturbance where ██████████ # ██████████ (██████████) encountered a suicidal male, later identified as Zachary Bryson (Bryson). Bryson charged ██████████ with a broken glass bottle and ██████████ discharged his firearm striking Bryson three times. The male was transported to Grant Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. Crime Scene Technician Amy Gill (CST Gill) and Special Agent Sarah Taylor (SA Taylor), along with the BCI Special Investigations Unit, responded to assist.

**Scene 2: CPD Substation**

SA Taylor arrived and began processing at the CPD substation on Woodrow Avenue, near Parsons Avenue, at approximately 0347 hours. SA Taylor documented ██████████ and his involved firearm through photography. ██████████ informed SA Taylor that he was not injured during the incident.

SA Taylor collected ██████████'s firearm, seated magazine, and cartridges as item 1. The firearm was a Smith & Wesson, M&P9 M2.0, semi-automatic handgun (SN: ██████████) with one cartridge in the chamber and 14 cartridges in the magazine (capacity of 17). ██████████ stated he did not use his two additional magazines in his gun belt. SA Taylor photographed these two magazines and verified each was loaded to full capacity. SA Taylor cleared from this location at approximately 0400 hours.

**Scene 3: Grant Medical Center**

SA Taylor arrived at Grant Medical Center and began to process the deceased male at approximately 0420 hours. The hospital chaplain assisted SA Taylor to the morgue where the body of Bryson was being kept in the refrigerator. SA Taylor observed a white body bag with the tag TRAUMA, MALEJUD attached as Bryson had not yet been identified. SA Taylor photographed the front of the body and observed three suspected bullet holes. Bryson had medical equipment attached to his body. SA Taylor was advised there were two holes in the rear of Bryson; however, the body was not rolled for photographs.

SA Taylor was given a brown bag containing the clothing and a projectile recovered from Bryson by the attending surgeon. The clothing consisted of a blue t-shirt, tan shorts, a gray pair of underwear, a gray pair of shoes, white socks, and a silver coin (24 hours sober coin). The projectile was collected as item 1

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and the clothing was collected as item 2. SA Taylor cleared Scene 3 and arrived on Scene 1 at approximately 0440 hours. Evidence from Scene 2 and Scene 3 was released to CST Gill.

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