



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



2025-0883

Officer Involved Critical Incident - I-75 NB / Mile Marker 14,
Evendale, Ohio (Hamilton County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Scene Processing and Evidence Collection
Involves: Lockland Police Department
Activity Date: 03/19/2025
Activity Location: I-75 NB near Mile Marker 14, Evendale, OH (Scene #1)
Hamilton County Coroner's Office (Scene #2)
Authoring Agent: Crime Scene Technician Amy Cruey #203

Scene #1- I-75 NB near MM 14

On March 19, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Crime Scene Technician (CST) Amy Curey, CST Holly Ryczek, along with members of the BCI Special Investigations Unit (SIU), were assigned to assist the Lockland Police Department (LPD) with an officer involved critical incident. It was reported that officers from multiple local jurisdictions were in the area in response to a crashed stolen vehicle that had been involved in a pursuit. While searching the area of I-75 northbound near mile marker 14, Lockland [REDACTED] came into contact with a male, later identified as Samuel Munyarutete (Samuel), who reportedly had a metal rod in his hand. It was reported that [REDACTED] tried to detain Samuel, however Samuel refused all commands. [REDACTED] deployed a taser, and later his service weapon, striking Samuel multiple times. Life saving measures were performed, however Samuel was pronounced deceased on scene. All northbound lanes of I-75 were shut down and the scene was secured. CST Cruey requested that CST Ryczek respond to the Lockland Police Department to process the involved officer (see CST Ryczek's *Processing of Involved Officer* report).

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Image 1. I-75 north bound exit lanes

CST Cruely arrived on scene at approximately 0515 hours. The scene was primarily located in the north bound exit lanes. An Evendale Police vehicle and an unmarked Chevrolet Blazer had been placed along the guardrail to block the public's view of the scene. Yellow paper tents had been placed over items of evidentiary value on the roadway. [REDACTED] patrol vehicle was observed in the median between the main highway and exit lanes. The scene was documented through photography. A Leica 3D scanner was also utilized for further scene documentation.

Five Hornady 9mm cartridge casings were located on the roadway in the exit lanes and collected as Items #1-5. A yellow and black Taser 7 taser bearing S/N: [REDACTED] with a seated cartridge was located in the east-most exit lane. The taser leads were observed on the ground leading to Samuel's body. The cartridge was removed and the leads were observed to be severed. The taser and cartridge were labeled as Item #6 and released on scene to LPD Officer Blair to return to the Lockland Police Department

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for downloading. A metal pipe was also located in the east-most exit lane, near Samuel's feet and collected as Item #7.



Image 2. Metal pipe (Item #7)

The body of Samuel was located on the east shoulder of the roadway. He was observed to be on his back with his right arm stretched out to the side and his left arm behind his back. Multiple pieces of medical intervention equipment were observed on and around the body. He was described as a middle-aged, black male, with short black hair and wearing multiple layers of clothing. The clothing was cut in a manner consistent with medical intervention. A black bungee cord was observed around Samuel's neck. Two taser probes were observed to be attached to Samuel's jackets. With the assistance of Hamilton County Coroner's Office Investigator Maria Stewart, CST Cruey examined and photographed the body. Multiple suspected gunshot wounds were observed. Miscellaneous items were located inside the pockets of Samuel's clothing, including miscellaneous papers, cigarette butts, and an empty alcoholic beverage can. All the pocket contents were collected together as item #8. As no identifying information was located in the pockets, a portable fingerprint scanner was utilized in an attempt to gather a tentative identity of the decedent. The scanner identified the

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decendent as Samuel Munyarutete. The hands were bagged, and the body was secured in a locked body bag and transported to the Hamilton County Coroner's Office for an autopsy.

No additional items of evidentiary value were located. At 0742 hours, CST Cruey received the items collected from Scene 2 from CST Ryczek. BCI personnel cleared the scene at approximately 0830 hours.

Scene #3- Hamilton County Coroner's Office

At approximately 0855 hours, CST Cruey arrived at the Hamilton County Coroner's Office. At 1102 hours, following the completion of the autopsy, CST Cruey received all collected items of evidence. Those items were collected and labeled as the following:

Item #	Description
1	Clothing to include 1 hat, 2 jackets, 1 glove, 2 shirts, 2 shoes, 4 pairs of pants, and 1 pair of underwear
2	Items collected during autopsy to include fingerprints, FTA card, hair sample, nail clippers, nail clippers, left hand nail clippings, and right hand nail clippings
3	Black tourniquet removed from left leg
4	Black bungee cord (removed from around neck) and miscellaneous papers (removed from pockets)
5	2 taser probes with attached leads removed from clothing
6	██████████ recovered from ██████████ during autopsy
7	Flash drive containing photos from autopsy

CST Cruey travelled to the BCI Main Office located in London, Ohio and at 1432 hours, the following items were submitted to the BCI laboratory for examination:

- Scene 1, Items 1-5 (casings), Item 7 (metal rod)
- Scene 2, Item 1 (Officer's firearm)
- Scene 3, Item 6 (projectiles from autopsy)

All remaining items from Scenes 1 and 3 were submitted to the BCI Temporary Evidence Locker #1 to be submitted to the BCI Major Crimes evidence vault.

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