



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



2022-1472

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 2793 Waterpark Drive, Mason, OH
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Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Processing (*Scene #1*)
Activity Date: July 12, 2022
Activity Location: Baymont Inn located at 2793 Waterpark Drive, Mason, OH 45040
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Chad Holcomb, #61

On July 12, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb and SA Kevin Wagner were assigned to assist the Mason Police Department with an officer involved critical incident. Agents were informed that Mason PD received information that an escaped inmate, Thomas Cromwell (Cromwell), was located in a Baymont Inn hotel room. Law enforcement located Cromwell and a female being held hostage inside room 310. Warren County SWAT responded to the hotel. After attempted negotiations, SWAT team members forced entry into the hotel room. It was reported that Cromwell had a knife and a SWAT team member, City of Franklin Police Officer Chris Keene, fired his weapon killing Cromwell. The BCI Crime Scene Unit and the BCI Special Investigations Unit were asked to handle the investigation.

SA Holcomb arrived at the Baymont Inn at 0524 hours which was located at 2793 Waterpark Drive, Mason, Ohio 45040. Agents were informed that a search warrant had been obtained. The scene was photographed as it was upon arrival. Cromwell was located in room 310. Both rooms on either side (room 308 and 312) had evidence of tactical use by SWAT. Room 308 had a hole in the south wall where SWAT had used an explosive charge in an attempt to gain access and distract Cromwell. Room 312 had a hole in the north wall in the bathroom above the toilet. SA Holcomb was able to see in the room where Cromwell was located (room 310) through both holes in the walls.

Room 310 had evidence of the door being barricaded and forced entry to the door. A recliner, table and mini-refrigerator were on the ground upon entering the room. Immediately upon entering the room, a bathroom was located on the left with a toilet and a shower. A sink was located to the right in the entry hallway of the room. The toilet had damage from the explosive charge used by SWAT. A futon that had been folded out was located in the middle of the room against the south wall. A king size bed was located near the window. The air conditioning and heating unit had the cover removed and the window was open. Extensive damage was visible to the bed, wall and carpet around the bed due to the explosive charged that was used in room 308. The room was extremely dirty with dog food, alcoholic beverages, fast food wrappers and cigarettes. SA Holcomb used a FARO 3D scanner to collect measurements of the scene.

Cromwell was located in the middle of the room, on the ground, near the futon. He was wearing black shorts and knee braces on each knee. Cromwell was lying on his stomach, face down with his arms extended out to his right side. His wrists were bound together with flex-cuffs. A large bloodstain was on the carpet located around his head and arms. Suspected blood was coming out of his right ear. With

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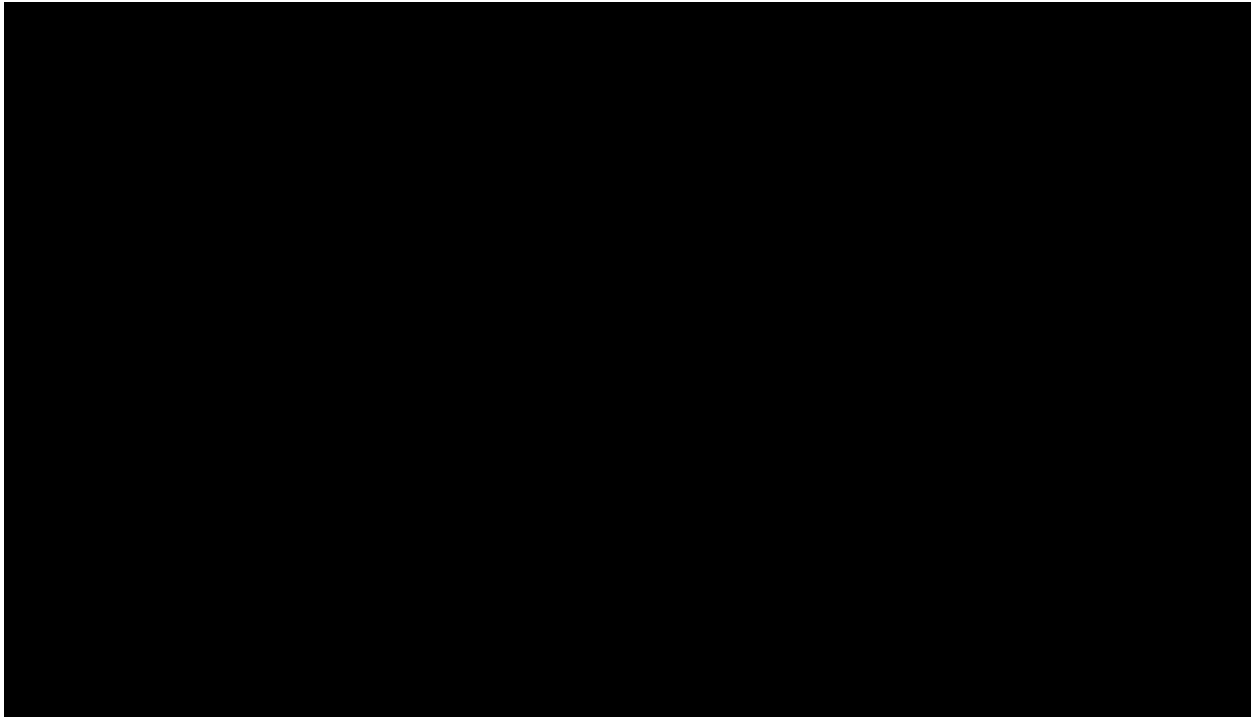


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assistance from the Warren County Coroner's Office Chief Investigator Michael DeBorde, Cromwell's body was further examined. Cromwell had multiple tattoos all over his body including his arms, legs, chest and head. He had a suspected bullet hole near his nose. Cromwell was placed in a body bag and transported to the Hamilton County Coroner's Office for an autopsy.

Multiple items of evidentiary value were located in the hotel room. A Farberware kitchen knife with a purple handle (item #1) was located on the ground near Cromwell's body. A cell phone in a black case, (item #2) was located on the ground near the foot of the bed. A .223 casing (item #3) was located next to the sink.



(FARO 3D scan inside the hotel room)

No additional items of evidentiary value were located. Examination of the hotel room was completed at 0752 hours.

At 1102 hours, SA Holcomb submitted item #3 to the BCI laboratory for examination.

At 1107 hours, SA Holcomb placed items #1 and 2 in the BCI temporary evidence to be submitted in the BCI major crimes evidence vault.

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