

Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Investigative Report

2023-3023

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 6235 Hathaway Rd., Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio 44125



Investigative Activity: Cell Phone Analysis Review

Activity Date: 01-02-2024

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Joseph Goudy #83

Narrative:

On Friday, December 15, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) obtained a search warrant through the Summit County Common Pleas Court for a black Motorola cellphone (Matrix Item #14). The cell phone was located at the scene of the officer-involved shooting and was believed to belong to Benard Russell (Russell).

On December 15, 2023, the device was submitted to the BCI Cyber Crimes Unit for analysis. On January 2, 2024, SA Goudy received the results of the analysis. A copy of the data extracted from the device was put onto a USB thumb drive and placed into the BCI SIU case file as reference item J. The data was organized into two folders, Attachment A and Attachment B. SA Goudy reviewed the data and noted the following:

Attachment A contained one (1) file identified as "Cellebrite Reader Report." This contained a folder identified as "2023-3023 Item 14" which also contained a folder identified as "Account Package," followed by two additional files identified as "2023-3023 Item 14 Cellebrite Reader Report.ufdr," and "Cellebrite Reader."

Attachment B contained one (1) file identified as "Graphic Files." This folder also contained an excel spreadsheet identified as, "Item 14b Graphic Files - Associated File Details." The graphic files folder contained miscellaneous photos taken with the cell phone.

Last phone call made:



Last phone call received:

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<u>Last voicemail received:</u>
Last website searched.
<u>Last Search conducted</u> .
Chats and messages

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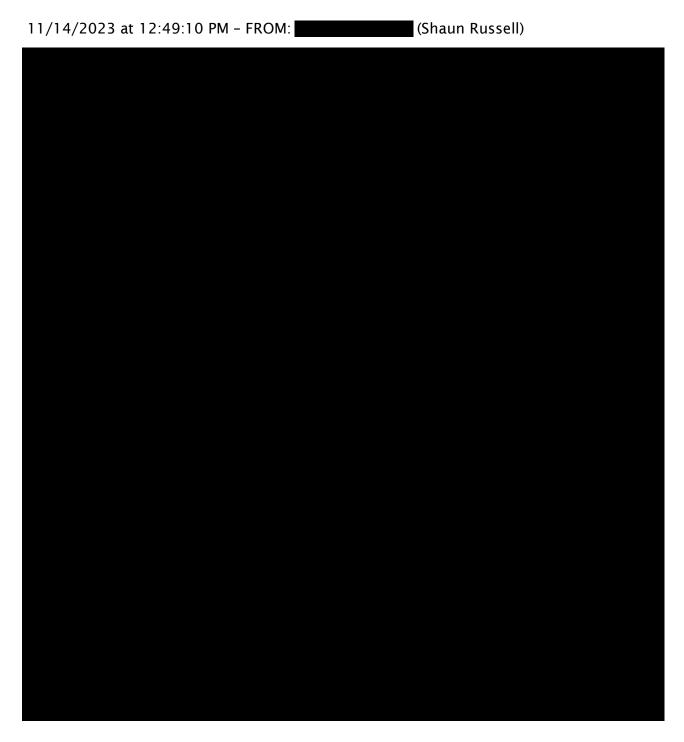
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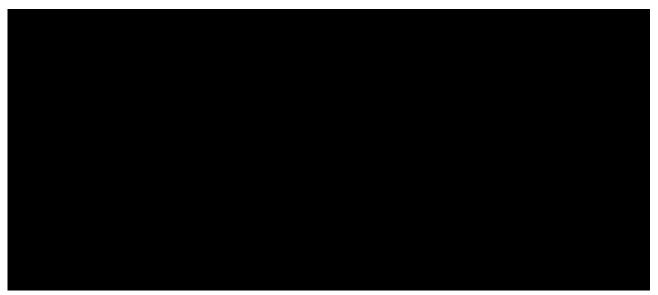


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Nothing further to note pertaining to the messages and chats.

SA Goudy reviewed all the contents extracted from the device. Based on the content within the messages and numerous images, the device appeared to belong to Benard Russell. SA Goudy did identify some content specifically related to the officer-involved shooting investigation in the chats and messages section.

For further details, please refer to the USB thumb drive labeled as reference item J. In addition, the forensic analysis report is attached to the report.

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



2023-3023 Officer Involved Critical Incident - Benard Russell (S)

Investigative Activity: Cell Phone Analysis and Review

Involves: Benard Russell (S)

Date of Activity: 12/20/2023

Author: Natasha Branam

Summary:

On December 15, 2023, Special Agent Joseph Goudy of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation received a warrant to search the contents of the below listed item. This item was to be analyzed for evidence pertaining to the crimes of Attempted Aggravated Murder of a Law Enforcement Officer, Obstructing Official Business, and Felonious Assault regarding the subject Benard Russell.

Submitted Items:

014 - Mobile Phone - Motorola Moto G Power (2021) - XT2117-4

Details:

Item 14: Item 14 is a Motorola manufactured mobile phone model XT2117-4 (Moto G Power (2021)). The International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number associated with Item 14 is 356891116577356 and the serial number is ZY22DVCZLV. Item 14 has an advertised internal storage capacity of 32 Gigabytes (GB) and is capable of additional storage through the use of a micro-Secure Digital (SD) card. Item 14 was placed into airplane mode to suspend wireless communications. The device was connected to a forensic tool capable of obtaining a file system extraction from the device. The extraction was then loaded into Cellebrite Physical Analyzer, a software package that converts the data to an easily readable format.

Item 14a: Item 14a is an AT&T branded Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) card bearing the Integrated Circuit Card Identifier (ICCID) 89012804320025633925.

Item 14b: Item 14b is a SanDisk manufactured micro-SD card model Ultra Plus bearing the identifying string 6304DRCV80HW. Item 14b has a maximum storage capacity of approximately 29.7 GB. The creation of a duplicate bitstream image yielded the MD5

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hash value 2fc5811ed320abe98f6741f46e7aa1f9. It is necessary to note that Item 14b contains multiple bad sectors that were replaced with zeros. Item 14b contains the following partition:

Label	File System	Start Sector	Total Sectors	Size
NONAME	FAT32	2,048	62,331,904	29.7 GB

Findings:

Item 14: The Google account associated with Item 14 is br2163949455@gmail.com. Attachment A contains one (1) Cellebrite UFDR file. In order to view the content of the UFDR file double-click the CellebriteReader.exe and the UFDR will auto populate. Once the Cellebrite Reader is open the content can be examined and any additional reports can be generated.

Item 14a: The phone number associated with Item 14a is 216-394-9455.

Item 14b: Attachment B contains thirty-two (32) graphic files recovered from Item 14b.

Conclusion:

Attachments A – B can be found upon the thumbdrive (provided by the agency), provided for further review by the case investigator.

A copy of the Attachments will be maintained in the case file.

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