



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



2023-1535  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 311 25th Street SW,  
Canton, Ohio

**Investigative Activity:** Response to Canton Police Department  
**Activity Date:** June 8 2023  
**Activity Location:** Canton Police Department  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Matthew Armstrong #146

**Narrative:**

On June 8, 2023 at approximately 0100 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matthew Armstrong (Armstrong) responded to the Canton Police Department (CPD) to meet with the involved officer and collect evidence relevant to the June 7, 2023, officer-involved shooting.

While present, SA Armstrong met with Sgt. Robert Smith (Smith) and learned the involved officer was Jacob Dryden. Sgt. Smith informed SA Armstrong that Officer Dryden had been released from the hospital and sent home. His uniform pants had a defect on them and were collected along with his department issued firearm, magazines and ammunition. Sgt. Smith indicated Officer Dryden did not have any physical injuries and that he had been photographed before being sent home. A copy of the photographs taken were later provided to SA Armstrong and have been attached to this report. The photographs depicted the right leg of Officer Dryden but did not depict him in uniform. There was no visible injury on the right leg of Officer Dryden.

SA Armstrong collected the following items of evidence from Sgt. Smith:

- One pair of blue uniform pants with one defect on the right thigh area
- One Glock, Model 17, 9mm pistol, SN: [REDACTED] with one live 9mm cartridge from the chamber and one magazine containing 17 live 9mm cartridges
- One additional magazine containing 17 live 9mm cartridges

SA Armstrong provided CPD with a BCI evidence receipt. SA Armstrong transported the items of evidence to the BCI - Richfield office and secured them in Temporary Evidence Locker #4.

The uniform pants and defect on the right thigh area were photographed along with Officer Dryden's firearm, magazines and remaining ammunition. The photographs have been attached to this report.

Sgt. Smith and CPD Officer Sean Flaherty explained Canton police officers are issued 52 rounds of ammunition. The magazine capacity for the issued Glock handgun is 17 rounds. Each magazine (three total) would typically be loaded to the full capacity with one additional round in the firearm chamber. Officer Dryden's third magazine was located at the scene of the shooting. It contained one live cartridge. Based on the This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law - a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.



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number of remaining cartridges, if Officer Dryden had his duty-issued firearm and each magazine loaded to capacity when this incident occurred, a total of 16 cartridges were unaccounted for, thus indicating he fired up to 16 times.

While present, CPD Officer Flaherty provided SA Armstrong with a thumb drive containing body worn camera footage and in-car camera footage relevant to the shooting incident. It has been stored in the BCI SIU case file as Reference Item A.

**Reference Items:**

Item A - BWC and in-car camera footage of officer Dryden and Officer Wohlheter

**Attachments:**

2023-06-08 Canton Police Department Evidence Receipt  
Photographs IMG\_0299 through IMG\_0315  
2023-06-20 CPD Pictures 230720455  
2023-06-20 CPD Pictures 230720443  
2023-06-20 CPD Pictures 230720424  
2023-06-20 CPD Pictures 230720403

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Inventory/Receipt Attachment

I received the below listed property from (person/location): Sgt. Robert Smith

Item	Description	Location Found	Found by Whom
1	One pair of blue uniform pants belonging to Officer Dryden	Canton Police Department	MDA
2	Officer Drydens duty pistol - Glock 17 SN: [REDACTED], 9mm with one round ammunition from chamber and one magazine containing 17 rounds of ammunition	↓	MDA
3	One magazine containing 17 rounds of ammunition		MDA
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Signed SA Mandy #146  
Inventory Agent

Date 6-8-23 0155 hrs.

Items	Released By	Received By	Date/Time
1-3	SA Mandy #146	Temp Locker 4	June 8, 2023 0411
1-3	Temp Locker 4	SA Armstrong	June 9, 2023 1049
1	SA Armstrong	Temp Locker 4	June 9, 2023 1130



















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GLOCK

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