



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



2025-1227

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4411 Montgomery Road,
Norwood, Ohio (Hamilton County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Search Warrant
Involves: Akeem A. Holtz (S)
Date of Activity: 04/22/2025
Activity Location: University of Cincinnati Hospital – 3188 Bellevue Avenue,
Cincinnati, OH 45219
Author: SA Douglas Eveslage, #66

Narrative:

On April 22, 2025, Special Agent Doug Eveslage met with the Honorable Judge Samantha Silverstein of the Hamilton County Municipal Court who signed the search warrant to receive medical records from the University of Cincinnati Medical Center's treatment of Akeem Holtz on April 16, 2025. The search warrant was signed at approximately 1352 hours.

On April 24, 2025, Special Agent Doug Eveslage spoke with Medical Records Technician Crystal Smith who stated that search warrants can be emailed or faxed to her for processing. SA Eveslage emailed Crystal Smith the search warrant (See attachment #01) at 0942 hours on April 24, 2025 at the following email address:

Fax-UCMCsubpoenarequest@UCHealth.com

On April 24, 2025, Crystal Smith replied via email and requested an additional University of Cincinnati Medical Center form be completed by SA Eveslage.

On April 24, 2025 at approximately 1106 hours, SA Eveslage emailed Crystal Smith the completed UCMC form (See attachment #02).

On July 11, 2025 SA Eveslage reviewed the requested University of Cincinnati Medical Center records of Akeem Holtz from April 16, 2025 while SA Eveslage was at the Hamilton County Coroner's Office. No copies were received of these records and SA Eveslage reviewed the content and verified information that was consistent with all of the information received during this investigation.

SA Eveslage will return the search warrant and document that no medical records were received.

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References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2025-07-11 Holtz SW medical records

SEARCH WARRANT

In The Matter Of The Search Of:

- **University of Cincinnati Hospital**, Medical records for Akeem HOLTZ.

STATE OF OHIO, HAMILTON COUNTY: ss

MUNICIPAL COURT

To the Sheriff of Hamilton County, Ohio.

Greetings:

WHEREAS, there has been filed with me an affidavit for a search warrant, having been made under oath by Special Agent Douglas Eveslage, a State of Ohio Peace Officer of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Badge #66, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, these are, therefore, to command you in the name of the State of Ohio, to execute a search of:

University of Cincinnati Hospital, located at 3188 Bellevue Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219:

1. All Medical Records including lab toxicology reports for Akeem HOLTZ, Social Security Number: [REDACTED] Date of Birth: 06/28/1984, including those generated as a result of medical treatment at **University of Cincinnati Hospital**, initiating on April 16, 2025.
2. Samples of blood, serum, and urine taken from Akeem HOLTZ, Security Number: [REDACTED] Date of Birth: 06/28/1984, stemming from the initiation of medical treatment at **University of Cincinnati Hospital**, on April 16, 2025.

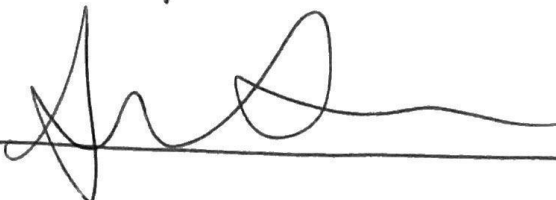
And that said items are concealed in violation or related to the investigation of Section(s) § 2903.11 Felonious Assault of the Ohio Revised Code.

I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that the property so described is being concealed in the premises above described and that the foregoing grounds for application for issuance of the search warrant exists.

You are further ordered to bring the same, or any part thereof, found on such search, forthwith before me, or some other Judge or Magistrate of the County having cognizance thereof, to be disposed of and dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand this

22 day of April 2025, 1:52 pm o'clock.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Eveslage', is written over a horizontal line.

JUDGE, HAMILTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
RECEIPT: INVENTORY OF SEARCH WARRANT

State of Ohio, Hamilton County: ss

I, SA EVERSAGE, the officer taking property hereunder, received the attached search warrant on 4-22-25 from the _____
HAMILTON County, Ohio, and executed it as follows:

On 4-24-25, I searched the person / premises / object described in the warrant and left a copy of the warrant with/at UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL along with a copy of the receipt/inventory for the items seized.

Below or attached is an INVENTORY of property taken pursuant to the warrant and prepared by SA EVERSAGE:

1. NO MEDICAL RECORDS RECEIVED
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

AGENT/OFFICER

SEARCH WARRANT RETURN

I, THE OFFICER TAKING PROPERTY HEREUNDER, RECEIVED THE ATTACHED SEARCH WARRANT DATED 4-22, 2025, AND EXECUTED IT AS FOLLOWS:

The search warrant has been served at/upon UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL on 4-24 2025.

The undersigned expects the requested information to require more than three (3) days due to logistical or technical concerns regarding the extraction of electronic data. Hence, this return merely reflects that the search warrant has been served.

Yes No

ADDITIONAL ITEMS SEIZED IN THE SEARCH WARRANT ARE LISTED ON A SEPARATE EVIDENCE SHEET AND ATTACHED TO THE RETURN.

Yes No

I do swear and affirm the information contained in this search warrant return to be accurate and true.

Agent Signature / Date

Judge Signature / Date

(if applicable)

AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

In The Matter Of The Search Of:

- **University of Cincinnati Hospital**, Medical records and blood, serum and urine samples for Akeem HOLTZ.

STATE OF OHIO, HAMILTON COUNTY: ss

MUNICIPAL COURT

Before me, the undersigned, Judge of the Municipal Court, State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, personally appeared Special Agent Douglas Eveslage, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Badge #66, being first duly cautioned and sworn, according to law, deposes and says that within the jurisdiction of the Hamilton County Municipal Court, he has good cause to believe and does believe that there is concealed and/or in the possession of:

University of Cincinnati Hospital, located at 3188 Bellevue Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219:

1. All Medical Records including lab toxicology reports for Akeem HOLTZ, Social Security Number: [REDACTED] Date of Birth: 06/28/1984, including those generated as a result of medical treatment at **University of Cincinnati Hospital**, initiating on April 16, 2025.
2. Samples of blood, serum, and urine taken from Akeem HOLTZ, Security Number: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Date of Birth: 06/28/1984, stemming from the initiation of medical treatment at **University of Cincinnati Hospital**, on April 16, 2025.

And that said items are concealed in violation or related to the investigation of Section(s) § 2903.11 Felonious Assault of the Ohio Revised Code.

Such belief is supported by the following facts your affiant has learned from my personal observations, my training and experience, review of records, and information from other agents, officers, and witnesses. This affidavit is intended to show merely that there is sufficient probable cause for the requested warrant and does not set forth all of my knowledge about this matter.

Your Affiant is a Special Agent of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) currently assigned to the BCI Southwest Special Investigations Unit and has been thusly employed since 2011. Your affiant has been a certified peace officer through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission since 2004, first with the Village of Arlington, then with the City of Forest Park, and then the Springfield Township Police Department. Affiant has been assigned to many investigative task forces in his career including a DEA Task Force Officer and an FBI Task Force Officer.

Your affiant has conducted or participated in hundreds of criminal investigations on the state and federal level involving a wide array of crimes including theft, assault, sexual assault, public

corruption, narcotics trafficking, money laundering, officer-involved critical incidents, questioned deaths, and homicides. Your affiant has received specialized training in homicide investigations, search and seizure, interview and interrogations, narcotics investigations, and numerous other investigative areas.

The facts in this affidavit are based upon the following: personal participation in this investigation to include interviews and observation of activities reported hereinafter; review of records obtained by other law enforcement officers, and reported to your affiant directly or indirectly; oral and written reports regarding their investigation, which your affiant has received directly or indirectly, from other law enforcement officers.

Based on this information, your Affiant asserts the following:

On the morning of April 16, 2025, the Norwood Police Department was dispatched to 4411 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio (Hamilton County) in response to an animal complaint. A complainant identified "Akeem," now known to be **Akeem HOLTZ, DOB 6-28-1984**, was causing a disturbance at the business and needing mental health assistance. The Norwood Police located Akeem HOLTZ and Karita THOMAS on the second floor of the business in the elevator with numerous dogs. After attempting to negotiate with HOLTZ and THOMAS, the Norwood Police had a physical confrontation with HOLTZ. After HOLTZ was treated at the scene, he was transported to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center by Norwood Fire Department which conducted life-saving measures while enroute to the hospital and HOLTZ was pronounced deceased while under treatment at the hospital.

During treatment at the **University of Cincinnati Hospital**, where HOLTZ was initially treated, the **University of Cincinnati Hospital** conducted an examination of HOLTZ, which may include the recovery of urine, blood, or other bodily fluids. Medical Staff of the **University of Cincinnati Hospital** also routinely prepare reports, document observations, and record information from instruments used for evaluating persons under their care. Analysis of fluids is also conducted and written reports of the findings are prepared.

Additionally, your affiant requests that the search warrant commanding the **University of Cincinnati Hospital** to release the medical records of Akeem HOLTZ *not* be limited in scope or limited to documentation of his care that initiated on April 16, 2025. Information on any medical care sought or received by Akeem HOLTZ is requested, as that information may be of evidentiary value to this investigation.

Based on this information, your affiant confirms that Akeem HOLTZ was treated as a patient on April 16, 2025, at the **University of Cincinnati Hospital**, and that the **University of Cincinnati Hospital** is in possession of information related to his medical care initiating on this date, which may contain information of evidentiary value relevant to the investigation into the criminal investigation relating to the above stated facts.

Affiant further says that there is **NOT** urgent necessity that the search be conducted in the nighttime.

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AFFIANT

Given under my hand this ___ day of _____ 2025, at
___AM/PM.



JUDGE, HAMILTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT