



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



2024-2465
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 2215 East Avenue, Akron, Ohio
44314

Investigative Activity: Search Warrant
Involves: Akron Police Department (O), Michael Jones (S)
Date of Activity: 08/23/2024
Activity Location: Akron Police Department – Business – 217 South High Street,
Akron, OH 44308
Author: SA Eric Lehnhart, #84

Narrative:

Search Warrant Obtained

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Lehnhart (SA Lehnhart) drafted a search warrant for light-colored General Motors U-Haul box truck displaying the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 1GDY72CF0F1906092 and Arizona registration tag of AG62356 relative to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident which occurred on Saturday, August 17, 2024.

On Wednesday, August 21, 2024, SA Lehnhart met with Summit County Court of Common Pleas Judge Kelly L. McLaughlin (Judge McLaughlin). Judge McLaughlin reviewed the search warrant and search warrant affidavit. On Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at approximately 1345 hours, Judge McLaughlin signed the search warrant.

Search Warrant Executed

On Friday, August 23, 2024 at approximately 0930 hours, SA Lehnhart served the search warrant by personal service with BCI Crime Scene Unit personnel.

During the search, the following items of potential evidence were seized:

1. Envelope containing credit card with Michael Jones name on it.
2. Envelope containing an unknown white powder of suspected drug.
3. Envelope containing a receipt to McDonald's Restaurant.
4. Envelope containing a lottery ticket.
5. Envelope containing drug paraphernalia (wrapping papers and smoking items).

An inventory of the items seized was prepared with a copy provided to the vehicle.

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Search Warrant Returned

On Friday, August 23, 2024, SA Lehnhart met with Judge McLaughlin. Judge McLaughlin reviewed and signed the search warrant return. On August 23, 2024, SA Lehnhart filed the original search warrant, search warrant affidavit, inventory, and search warrant return with the Summit County Clerk of Courts.

A copy of the search warrant document's and search inventory are attached to this investigative report.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-08-23 U-Haul Summit Affidavit_SW_Return Clerked

TAMM E-JONES

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO

2024 AUG 21 PM 2: 02
STATE OF OHIO:

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SUMMIT COUNTY:

CASE NO. cm-2024-08-0135

AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

Before me a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, personally appeared the undersigned, Special Agent Eric Lehnhart, Badge #084 who is duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a member of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI&I). During Special Agent Eric Lehnhart's career with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, he has participated in specialized training concerning the investigation of officer-involved critical incidents. Special Agent Eric Lehnhart is certified through the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission and has obtained a Master Degree in Business Administration. Special Agent Eric Lehnhart has conducted and participated in numerous criminal investigations which have resulted in the issuance of court orders, search warrants, indictments, and convictions. Special Agent Eric Lehnhart states that he is a Special Agent in the Major Crimes Division, Special Investigation's Unit of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigations, acting under a request for assistance from the Akron Police Department.

He has reasonable cause to believe and does believe, that in or on the vehicle described as a light-colored General Motors Uhaul 10-foot box truck displaying the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of 1GDY72CFOF1906092 and Arizona registration tag of AG62356, located at 800 Dan Street, Akron, Summit County, Ohio 44310 the Akron Police Department and owned by Uhaul Moving & Storage of Akron is evidence which relates to the investigation being conducted by agents from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation involving an officer-involved critical incident, are now being kept, concealed, and possessed in the following: Ballistic evidence to include but not be limited to, bullets, bullet impact(s), bullet defects, bullet defect analysis, gunshot residue, and bullet trajectory information. Firearms evidence to include but not be limited to, guns, and spent bullet casings. Alcohol/Drug evidence to include controlled and non-controlled substances and paraphernalia. Evidence of ownership or occupancy of any person(s) for the vehicle being searched, personal papers, communications, insurance policies, or documents that may potentially identify or link a suspect(s) or victim to this case or provide a motive for the crime.

All of the above are hereby sought in relation to violations of criminal offense(s) set forth in Revised Code 2903.11 (Felonious Assault), and other related violations.

PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY. This affiant states that the seized evidence will remain in the care, custody, and control of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI&I) and/or the Akron Police Department unless and until otherwise authorized by this court.

The facts upon which the Affiant such believes are as follows:

1. The Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation is conducting a criminal investigation at the request of the Akron Police Department regarding an attempted felonious assault which occurred in Summit County, Ohio.
2. According to the Ohio Revised Code 109.54, the bureau of criminal identification and investigation may investigate any criminal activity in this state that is of statewide or intercounty concern when requested by local authorities and may aid federal authorities, when requested, in their investigation of any criminal activity in this state.
3. On Saturday, August 17, 2024, City of Akron Chief of Police Brian Harding requested agent assistance with an officer-involved critical incident investigation. and on Monday, August 19, 2024, your applicant joined the investigation into the officer- involved critical incident.
4. On Thursday, July 25, 2024, Michael Darnell Jones (Jones) rented a General Motors (GM) Savana Model, 10-foot Uhaul box truck with Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 1GDY72CF0F1906092 and Arizona Registration AG62356.
5. On Friday, August 16, 2024, staff from Uhaul Moving & Storage of Akron went to 34 W. Crosier Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44311 and observed the truck parked out front of Jones' residence. As the Uhaul staff drove around the block, the truck took off towards South Main Street. The vehicle was reported as stolen to the Akron Police Department and was subsequently entered into LEADS.
6. On Saturday, August 17, 2024, while on patrol, Akron Police Department Officers observed the previously described Uhaul box truck at a local gasoline station. Officers approached the occupant who was sitting in the front left (driver's) seat with the vehicle's engine running. After refusing officers orders to exit the vehicle, officers opened the vehicles doors to extract the driver. The driver began to drive away with officer's half in and half out of the vehicle. As the occupant drove the vehicle onto the roadway, an officer fired upon the occupant, striking them and stopping their actions.
7. The male subject was confirmed to be Michael Darnell Jones (Jones) (DOB: 02-19-1970). Jones died on scene from his injuries.
8. Since, Saturday, August 17, 2024, your applicant, and supporting BCI&I Special Agents have interviewed witnesses and collected items of evidentiary value which pertains to this officer-involved critical incident investigation and the alleged violation of the Ohio Revised Code mentioned above.
9. Based on this information, applicants training and experience as a law enforcement officer, applicant knows that the content of the vehicle can be used to verify investigative information. Applicant believes the information sought in the attached application will assist with the above captioned investigations by providing details not otherwise known or available to the investigative team, as well as identifying additional evidence and verify statements of persons involved

in the investigation. Through this, it is believed that the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation has in their possession through the light-colored General Motors Uhaul 10-foot box truck displaying the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of 1GDY72CF0F1906092 and Arizona registration tag of AG62356 previously described, additional evidence that supports the Revised Code Section mentioned above.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.



Special Agent Eric Lehnhart #084
Ohio Attorney General's Office / BCI&I

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of August 2024.



Judge
Court of Common Pleas
Summit County, Ohio

I certify this to be a true copy of the original.
Tavia Galant, Clerk of Courts.

Deputy Clerk

TAVIA C. LONISKI

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH OF

CASE NO.: CM-2024-08-0135

SUMMIT COUNTY
Uhaul 10-Foot Box Truck
VIN: 1GDY72CFOF1906092

SEARCH WARRANT
DAYTIME

SEARCH WARRANT

This cause having come to be heard before the undersigned Judge of the Summit County Common Pleas Court, and the affidavit of Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation Special Agent Eric Lehnhart, which application and affidavit requested that a Search Warrant be issued, these are, therefore, to command that BCI&I Special Agent Eric Lehnhart in the name of the State of Ohio, with necessary and proper assistance, to search in the day season, the vehicle described as a light-colored General Motors Uhaul 10-foot box truck displaying the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of 1GDY72CFOF1906092 and Arizona registration tag of AG62356 located at 800 Dan Street, Akron, Summit County, Ohio 44310 the Akron Police Department within three (3) days from the issuance of this Warrant for the following property: Ballistic evidence to include but not be limited to, bullets, bullet impact(s), bullet defects, bullet defect analysis, gunshot residue, and bullet trajectory information. Firearms evidence to include but not be limited to, guns, and spent bullet casings. Alcohol/Drug evidence to include controlled and non-controlled substances and paraphernalia. Evidence of ownership or occupancy of any person(s) for the vehicle being search, personal papers, communications, insurance policies, or documents that may potentially identify or link a suspect(s) or victim to this case or provide a motive for the crime.

Any property seized and maintained shall remain in the care, custody and control of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation and/or the Akron Police Department unless and until otherwise authorized by this court.

All of the above are hereby sought for the use of evidence or which constitutes evidence of a crime in violation of criminal offense(s) set forth in Revised Code 2903.11 (Felonious Assault), and other related violations.


I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that the property described is being concealed in the vehicle described above and that grounds for issuance of this search warrant exist.

YOU ARE HERE BY COMMANDED to search forthwith the vehicle named for property specified, serving this warrant and making the search at any time during the day time and if the property be found there seize it, leaving a copy of the warrant and receipt of the property taken and to make a return promptly accompanied by a written inventory of any property taken, to this undersigned Judge of the Summit County Common Pleas Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED



Judge
Common Pleas Court
Summit County, Ohio

I certify this to be a true copy of the original.
Tavia Galles, Clerk of Courts.


Deputy Clerk

TAVIA GALONSKI

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO

2024 AUG 23 AM 11:43
STATE OF OHIO


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SUMMIT COUNTY
CLERK OF COURTS

CASE NO. CM - 2024 - 08 - 0135

COURT ORDER RETURN

On the 23rd day of August 2024, at 0900 hours, I executed the Court Order attached hereto, and seized the following described persons and property, to-wit: See attached BCI Inventory Report.

Witnessed the taking of the above persons or property and making of the inventory of said described property that was seized in compliance with this Court Order.


By: Eric Lehnhart #084
Title: Special Agent
Ohio Attorney General's Office / BCI&I

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of August 2024.

It is hereby ordered that the property seized be held in the custody of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI&I) until further Order of the Court.


Judge
Court of Common Pleas
Summit County, Ohio

I certify this to be a true copy of the original
Tavia Galonski, Clerk of Courts.

Deputy Clerk



Agency:
 Prepared By: McClintock
 Case Date: Aug 17, 2024
 Offense(s): Officer Involved Critical Incident
 Victim(s):
 Witness(es):
 Suspect(s):
 Scene #: 2
 Scene Address: 820 Dan Street, Akron, OH 44310

TAVIA GALONSKI

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SUMMIT COUNTY
 CLERK OF COURTS

Evidence #	Item Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
1	Envelope containing Credit Card -- Quantity: 1; Michael Jones; [REDACTED] Card Brand: Visa	U-Hual 2015/GMC - G33503/AG62356 (Center Floorboard)	Laura McClintock	Aug 23, 2024
2	Envelope containing Powder -- Quantity: 1; White powder folded in Lottery Ticket	U-Hual 2015/GMC - G33503/AG62356 (Center Floorboard)	Laura McClintock	Aug 23, 2024
3	Envelope containing Receipt -- Quantity: 1; McDonald's receipt on 8/16 at 2214hrs	U-Hual 2015/GMC - G33503/AG62356 (Center Floorboard)	Laura McClintock	Aug 23, 2024
4	Envelope containing Lottery ticket -- Quantity: 1; Printed 8/1 at 1905hrs	U-Hual 2015/GMC - G33503/AG62356 (Center Floorboard)	Laura McClintock	Aug 23, 2024
5	Envelope containing Drug Paraphernalia -- Quantity: 1; Wrapping papers, cigarillo tips, misc smoking items	U-Hual 2015/GMC - G33503/AG62356 (Center Floorboard)	Laura McClintock	Aug 23, 2024

Released By	Released To	Date/Time
McClintock <i>Laura McClintock</i>		Aug 23, 2024 10:27