

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



2023-2639

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 7498 Van Ness Avenue, Hubbard, Ohio 44425, Trumbull County

Investigative Activity: Evidence Collection

Involves: Shawn M. Thomas (S)

Date of Activity: 10/13/2023

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Narrative:

On Friday, October 13, 2023, Ohio Attorney General's – Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) – Special Agent (SA) Charlie Snyder (Snyder) examined decedent Shawn M. Thomas' black teeshirt that was worn at the time of this incident. Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner office (CCME), Deputy Medical Examiner Doctor Elizabeth Mooney, D.O., M.S., had previously suggested this item be examined in an effort to assist in determination of the ballistic trajectory.

Snyder removed the black short sleeve tee-shirt from BCI evidence drying room and carefully examined the item. The indicated shirt was found to heavy concentrations of semi-dried blood, tissue and hair. It had no visible collar label or imprint that aided in the determination of the front from the rear. A ragged cut was found on the shirt, running from the lower right bottom to the neck and shoulder area, indicating this was likely the front area and that emergency medical workers had cut open the shirt at this location to provide medical assistance to the decedent.

An apparent ballistic defect was found approximately three (+) inches below the collar ribbing. An apparent second ballistic defect was found on the suspected back/rear portion of the same shirt, in the approximate center and approximately four (+) inches below the collar ribbing. The second ballistic defect was larger in size that the first.

Digital images were captured of these defects and shirt and uploaded subsequently into this matter.

On Wednesday, October 18, 2023, Snyder delivered to CCME, a thumb-drive memory device containing the images from examination of decedent's tee-shirt. Subsequent email exchange communication between Dr. Elizabeth Mooney and Snyder on that date, indicated Mooney had recovered ballistic fragments from the back tissue of decedent during autopsy and had determined the ballistic trajectory was from front to back.

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Attachment # 01: SNY_1966 Attachment # 02: SNY_1967 Attachment # 03: SNY 1968 Attachment # 04: SNY_1969 Attachment # 05: SNY_1970 Attachment # 06: SNY_1971 Attachment # 07: SNY_1973 Attachment # 08: SNY 1974 Attachment # 09: SNY_1975 Attachment # 10: SNY_1976 Attachment # 11: SNY_1977 Attachment #12: SNY_1978 Attachment # 13: SNY_1979 Attachment # 14: SNY_1980 Attachment # 15: SNY_1981 Attachment # 16: SNY_1982 Attachment # 17: SNY_1983 Attachment #18: SNY 1984 Attachment # 19: SNY_1985 Attachment # 20: SNY_1986 Attachment # 21: SNY_1987 Attachment # 22: SNY_1988 Attachment # 23: SNY 1989 Attachment # 24: SNY_1990 Attachment # 25: SNY_1991 Attachment # 26: SNY_1992 Attachment # 27: SNY_1993

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