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2023-2307

Officer Involved Critical Incident - I-75 S @MM-110

Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Examination
Activity Date: September 3, 2023
Activity Location: I-75 S @ MM-110
Authoring Agent: Special Agent David M. Hammond

On 09/03/2023 at 1430 hours, S/A Hammond was contacted by SAS Edward Lulla. He advised that there had been an officer involved shooting on I-75 in Auglaize County. He advised that the Ohio Highway Patrol requested assistance in processing the scene for evidence. Both Crime Scene and Special Investigations Unit assistance was requested. SAS Scott Stranahan, S/A T. Volmer, S/A C. Hamberg and S/A J. Snyder responded from the Special Investigations Unit.

S/A Hammond arrived at 1545 hours. The scene had been secured with crime scene tape and officer presence. The scene was found in the south bound lanes of I-75 in Auglaize County. The initial portion of the scene was south of mile marker 110, South of Wapakoneta (GPS 40°32'23" N – 84°10'11" W).

Preliminary information provided to S/A Hammond indicated that OHP Troopers were following a vehicle that may have been involved in a homicide investigation in Chicago, Illinois. Troopers were following the vehicle south from the area of Wood/Hancock County. A pursuit began which included the use of spike strips which flattened the tires of the car. Troopers employed a pit maneuver which caused the vehicle to spin out and come to rest along the cabled median. The vehicle caught fire and the subject exited the vehicle with a hand gun.

The subject walked south bound along the road possibly holding the weapon to his head , threatening to commit suicide. At some point, one Trooper fired a round from a rifle impacting the subject. The man was transported to Lima Memorial Hospital for treatment.

The crime scene was photographed as it was found. Personal protection equipment was used during the examination. It should be noted that there was a high volume of Highway Patrol vehicles at the scene. Some arrived to the scene at different phases of the investigation. During photography efforts, vehicles were moved as Troopers left the scene to return to regular duties or assist Special Agents in the investigation.

The subject vehicle was found with the front end pointed north, along the median. The passenger side of the vehicle was against the cable, guard rail. The vehicle had extensive fire damage to the front end, engine compartment and passenger compartment. The front tires were gone, and it appeared that the vehicle had been driving on the rims. The vehicle was a greenish-grey, four door Chrysler Pacifica, SUV with Illinois plate DC95849.

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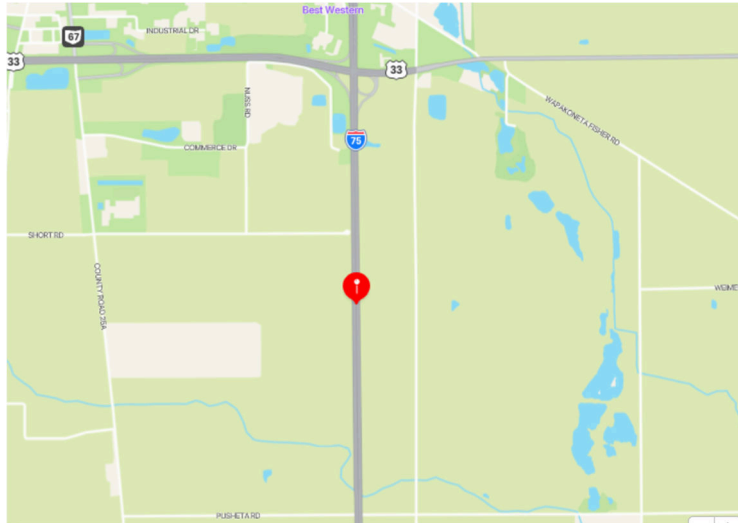


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Chrysler Pacifica – Illinois DC95849

Three Ohio Highway Patrol cars were parked in close proximity to the Chrysler Pacifica at it's resting point. **Unit 927** was found north of the subject vehicle. It was parked south bound in the east south bound lane.

Unit 548 was parked adjacent to the subject vehicle (south bound) in the west south bound lane. This cruiser had several areas of damage. Indications were that the cruiser had been used to pit the subject car. The areas of damage were documented with photography.

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Unit 3102 was parked just south of the subject vehicle. This cruiser was parked north bound. A search of the roadway in this area did not locate any evidence that was consistent with a firearms related event. S/A Hammond utilized a Leica scanner to digitally map the area.

The Trooper who was said to have fired his patrol rifle was driving unit [REDACTED]. This marked police cruiser was found north of the Pacifica (approximately three car lengths).

S/A Hammond met with Lt. Matt Crow of the Ohio Highway Patrol. Lt. Crow took custody of a weapon that was retrieved from the subject and the weapon that had been utilized by the Trooper. Lt. Crow had secured both in the back of his marked police cruiser (unit 404). The weapon from the subject had been placed in a gallon Zip Lock baggy. Lt. Crow provided them to S/A Hammond at 15:54 hours.

Subject weapon:

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| EAA – Cocoa FL | Made in Germany, DE | SN 1719990 |
| EA/R | 38 Special / 357 Magnum | Cylinder Empty with 1 – RP 38 Special Round nose – Lead Tarnished Casing in Zip Lock Bag |



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Trooper Weapon:

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| AERO Precision – Lakewood, WA Trooper # [REDACTED] | Mod M4E1 – AR Platform Rifle | SN: [REDACTED] |
| Flashlight/ Sling / Scope | Multi Caliber 223 / 556 | 1 PMAG (30 Round Capacity) 1 Round in Chamber 26 in Mag (Hornady 223 Rem) Total with Rifle = 27 |



Ohio Highway Patrol Unit # [REDACTED] – Rifle

A secondary scene was located south of the primary scene, in the south bound lanes of I-75 (40*32'17" N 84*10'11" W). This scene included two cruisers. **Unit 1288** was said to have been present during the event. Troopers related that they had used it as a mobile barricade to follow the subject in cover. Unit 1209 arrived at the scene later in the incident.

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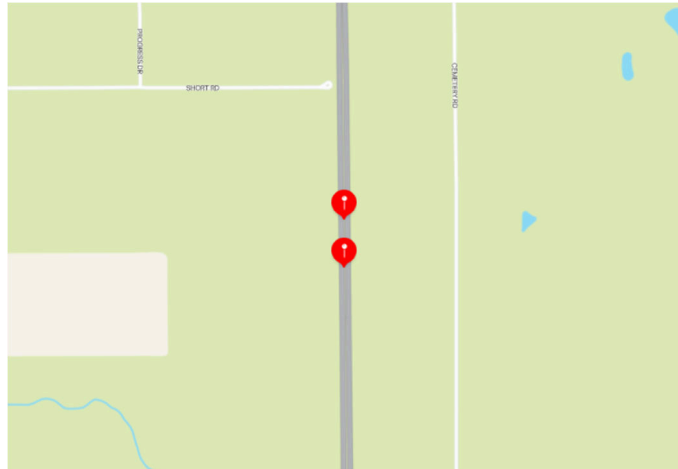


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A search of this area located a single, fired cartridge casing (Hornady 223 Rem). Troopers had covered the cartridge casing with an orange cone to protect it from the wind. It was identified with placard 1 in photographs. The fired cartridge casing was located behind the SUV cruiser (1288), in the east – south bound lane. It was collected as evidence.



A search of the area south of Cruiser 1288 located numerous items that belonged to the subject. These items had been removed from him during emergency medical treatment. Items that were collected from the roadway included:

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| Inv # | Item | Retention |
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| 4 | Wallet, Cards, Receipts | OHIO BCI – Hammond |
| 5 | Wendy's Receipt | OHIO BCI – Hammond |
| 6 | \$480.35 | OHIO BCI – Hammond |
| 7 | Black Nike Shoes | OHIO BCI – Hammond |
| 9 | Gray Shirt with suspected blood | OHIO BCI – Hammond |

Investigation efforts were discussed with SAS Stranahan and the Special Agents of the Special Investigations Unit. The Chrysler Pacifica was being towed to the Piqua Ohio Highway Patrol Post in the event that investigators from the Chicago Police Department requested to search it in connection to the homicide incident.

S/A Hammond secured from the scene at approximately 1720 hours. S/A Hammond retained the listed items of evidence to be transported to the Bowling Green Office of BCI. S/A Hammond then responded to Lima Memorial Hospital in Lima, Allen County. The injured subject had been transported to the hospital for emergency treatment. S/A Jason Snyder was standing by at the hospital and meeting with security staff. They collected a black pair of sweat pants which contained a clear baggy with suspected marijuana. They also collected a black digital watch. These items were turned over to S/A Hammond on 09/03/23 at 1745 hours.

| Inv # | Item | Retention |
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| 8 | Black Sweat Pants | OHIO BCI – Hammond |
| 10 | Black Watch | OHIO BCI – Hammond |
| 11 | Suspected Marijuana | OHIO BCI – Hammond |

All items of evidence were then transported to the BCI Office in Bowling Green, Ohio. Additional photographs of the evidence were taken. All items of evidence were placed into non-drug evidence at 2035 hours on 9/3/2023.

Matrix Submissions:

Digital images, evidence inventory, diagrams

Please email a copy of this report to:

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S/A Chris Hamberg

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