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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1433 State Route 7, Brookfield Township, Ohio 44403, Trumbull County

Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Processing
Activity Date: March 21, 2023
Activity Location: 1433 State Route 7, Brookfield Township, OH 44403
Authoring Agent: Crime Scene Technician Michael Rostocil #204

SUMMARY:

On Tuesday, March 21, 2023 BCI Special Agent Daniel Boerner and Crime Scene Technician Michael Rostocil assisted Sheriff Paul Monroe and the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office with the processing of an outdoor crime scene located at 1433 State Route 7, Brookfield, Ohio 44403 regarding an officer involved critical incident. The scene was photographed as it was found and evidence was collected. The scene was further documented using a drone. The scene was diagrammed using a total station and 3D scanner by Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Steven Tucci. The scene was processed with written/verbal consent.

DETAILS:

On Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 0139hrs, SA Boerner was contacted by SAS Ed Lulla and was requested to assist Sheriff Paul Monroe and the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office with the processing of an outdoor crime scene located at 1433 State Route 7, Brookfield, Ohio regarding an officer-involved critical incident. SA Boerner contacted Jeff Ford from the Trumbull County 911 Center and learned that officers, deputies and troopers (law enforcement) from the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP), the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office (TCSO), the Vienna Police Department and the Brookfield Police Department were involved in an officer-involved critical incident at 1433 State Route 7, Brookfield, Ohio. Ford reported that law enforcement went to the property to locate the subject (Fred Henry Wild III, W/M, DOB: 01/12/73) who had fled from multiple law enforcement agencies on Monday, March 20, 2023. Ford reported that while attempting to take Wild into custody multiple members of law enforcement fired their weapons, striking Wild multiple times. Ford reported that Wild was subsequently declared deceased at the scene. Ford reported that the body of Wild was still on scene. SA Boerner contacted CST Rostocil at 0200 hours to respond to the scene location to assist with processing.

On Tuesday March 21, 2023 at 0412 hours CST Rostocil arrived on scene and met with SA Boerner. The scene was located along a dirt trail in the wooded area in the back of the property (Figures #1-4). The scene consisted of a vehicle (blue 2-door Chevrolet 1500 pickup truck with a yellow snow plow attached to the front (VIN 1GCEK14W5TZ185621) bearing OH License #EHM9704, registered to William M Shafer) parked on the trail facing Southeast, a hunting lodge, and the immediate surrounding area.

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Figure #1 – Google map view of scene location

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Figure #2 – Overall of scene (looking Northwest)



Figure #3 – Overall of scene (looking North)

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Figure #4 – Overall scene (looking East)

The scene was photographed as it was found without placards and then with placards. The scene was examined for items of suspected evidence and several items of suspected evidence were observed, photographed, and collected (Figures #5-8). Item #1 was a FC 223 REM fired cartridge case located next to the blue pickup truck on the passenger side. Items #2-6 were FC 223 REM fired cartridge cases located along the South curb of the trail, to the West of the pickup truck. Items #7-9 were HORNADY 5.56 NATO fired cartridge cases located to the Northwest of the pickup truck, next to a tree and stack of bricks on the East side of the hunting lodge. Items #10-12 were HORNADY 223 REM fired cartridge cases located directly West of Items #7-9, also Northwest of the pickup truck. These items were next to a tree and stack of bricks that appeared to have been knocked over.

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Figure #5 – Item #1, FC 223 REM fired cartridge case



Figure #6 – Items #2-6, FC 223 REM fired cartridge cases

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Figure #7 – Items #7-9, HORNADY 5.56 NATO fired cartridge cases



Figure #8 – Items #10-12, HORNADY 223 REM fired cartridge cases

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Apparent tire tracks started in the gravel on the South side of the hunting lodge, next to the entrance door and an open window and continued Southeast in the direction of where the pickup truck came to rest (Figures #9-12).



Figure #9 – Apparent tire tracks

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Figure #10 – tire tracks grass/mud



Figure #11 – South side of hunting lodge

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Figure #12 – tire tracks in gravel in front of door & window of hunting lodge

The interior of the hunting lodge contained numerous personal items and hunting decorations/equipment and was examined for items of suspected evidence. Several items were observed, photographed, and collected (Figures #13-17). Item #13 was a pair of eyeglasses on the trunk in the middle of the room. Item #14 was a wallet with an Ohio driver license belonging to Fred Henry Wild III on the table along the South wall. Item #15 was an orange camo hat on a chair. Item #16 was a cell phone on top of the orange camo hat on the chair. Item #17 was a pair of brown boots with black insoles in the Northeast corner of the room next to the fireplace. Item #18 was a pair of green pants with a belt, inside-out, hanging on a wooden pole in the Northeast corner of the room next to the fireplace. Item #19 was a pair of white socks on a wooden block along the East wall.

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Figure #13 – Overall of interior of hunting lodge, Items #13-19



Figure #14 – Items #13, eyeglasses

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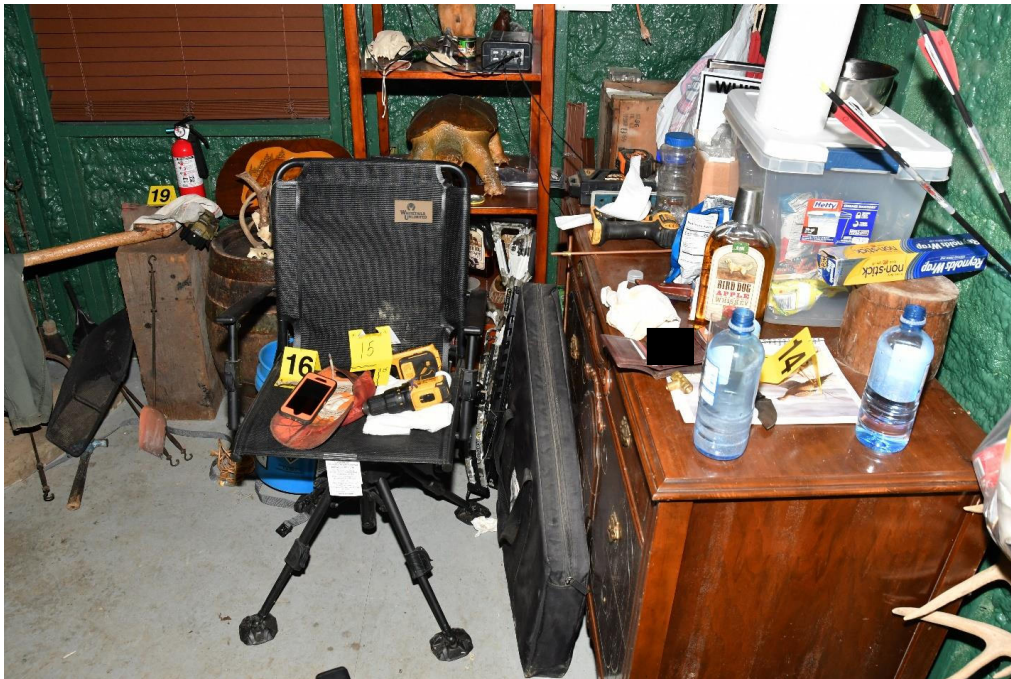


Figure #15 – Items #14-16, wallet, hat, & cell phone



Figure #16 – Item #14, Wallet w/ driver license for Fred Henry Wild III

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Figure #17 – Items #17-19, boots, pants, and socks

The blue pickup truck was photographed as it was found, on the dirt trail facing Southeast. The vehicle exhibited numerous suspected ballistic impacts (Figures #18-30). It was examined for items of evidence and subsequently towed to Brookfield Police Department for processing at a later date (refer to IR-8: Vehicle Processing report for more details). Item #20 was a projectile located in the gap between the hood and fender on the passenger side (Figure #27). It was photographed and collected prior to the vehicle being towed.

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Figure #18 – Rear window of pickup truck with suspected ballistic impacts



Figure #19 – Snowbrush with suspected ballistic impacts along rear window

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Figure #20 – Suspected ballistic impacts perforating B-pillar



Figure #21 – Suspected ballistic impacts perforating B-pillar, driver seatbelt & seat

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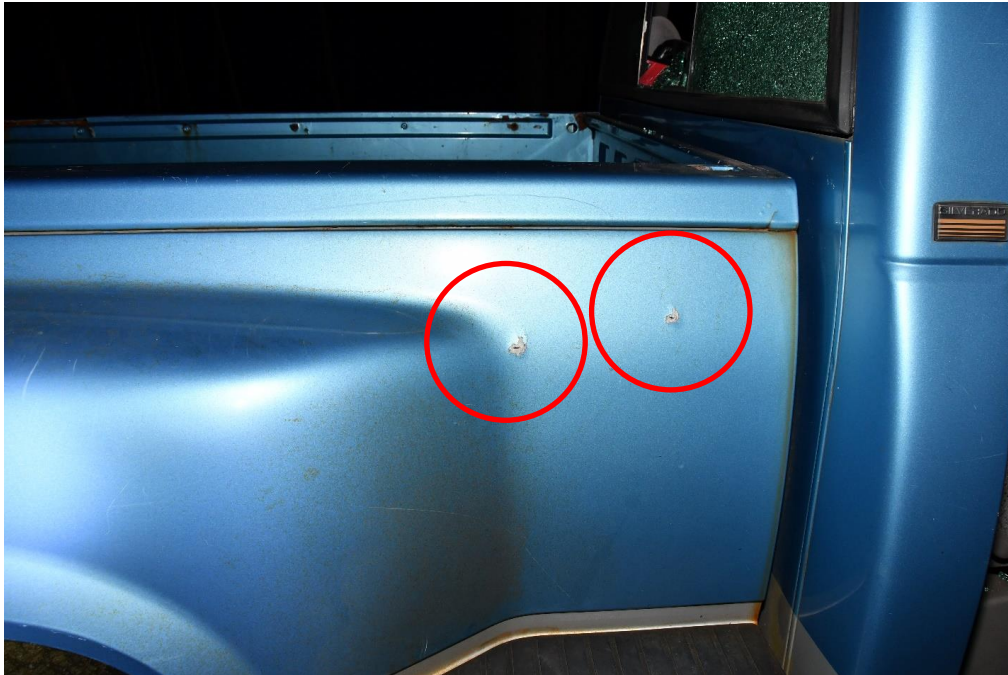


Figure #22 – Suspected ballistic impacts perforating exterior passenger side truck bed



Figure #23 – Suspected ballistic impacts perforating interior truck bed

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Figure #24 – Suspected ballistic impacts perforating the windshield



Figure #25 – Suspected ballistic impact perforating passenger side dashboard

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Figure #26 – Passenger side lower windshield broken

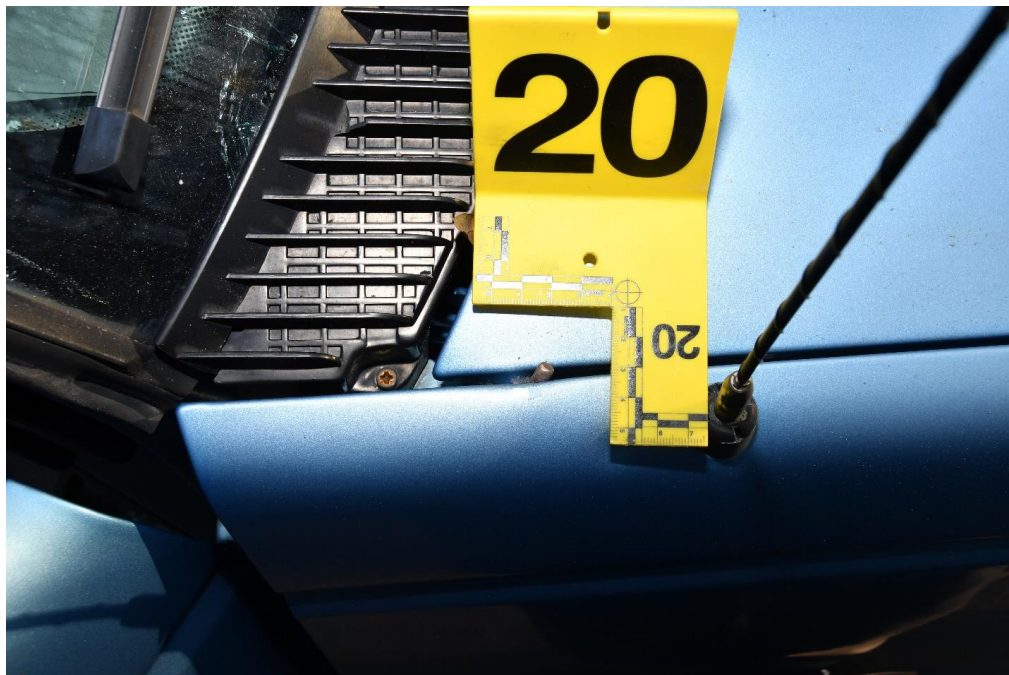


Figure #27 – Projectile located in passenger side gap between hood and fender

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Figure #28 – Suspected ballistic impact in interior passenger door



Figure #29 – Suspected ballistic impacts through cupholder & glovebox

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Figure #30 – Suspected ballistic impacts to steering wheel & passenger floor column

The body of Fred Henry Wild III, was located seated in the driver seat, slumped over to the right (Figure #31). Suspected blood spatter was observed on the lower driver-side dash below the steering wheel (Figure #32). The body exhibited multiple suspected gunshot wounds, including to the back of the head, back of the neck and shirt, left arm, and left side of the torso (Figures #33-38). The gunshot wound to the head contained black and red material around the wound. The body was examined with the permission of an investigator from the Trumbull County Coroner's Office.

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Figure #31 – Deceased in driver seat



Figure #32 – Suspected blood spatter on lower driver-side dash

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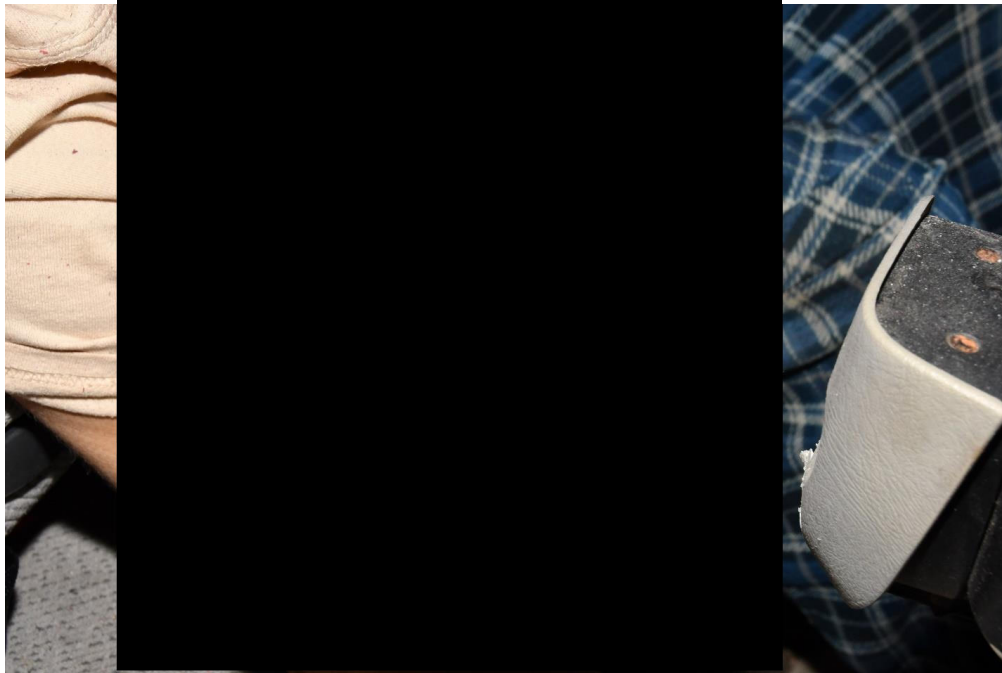


Figure #33 – Suspected gunshot wound to head

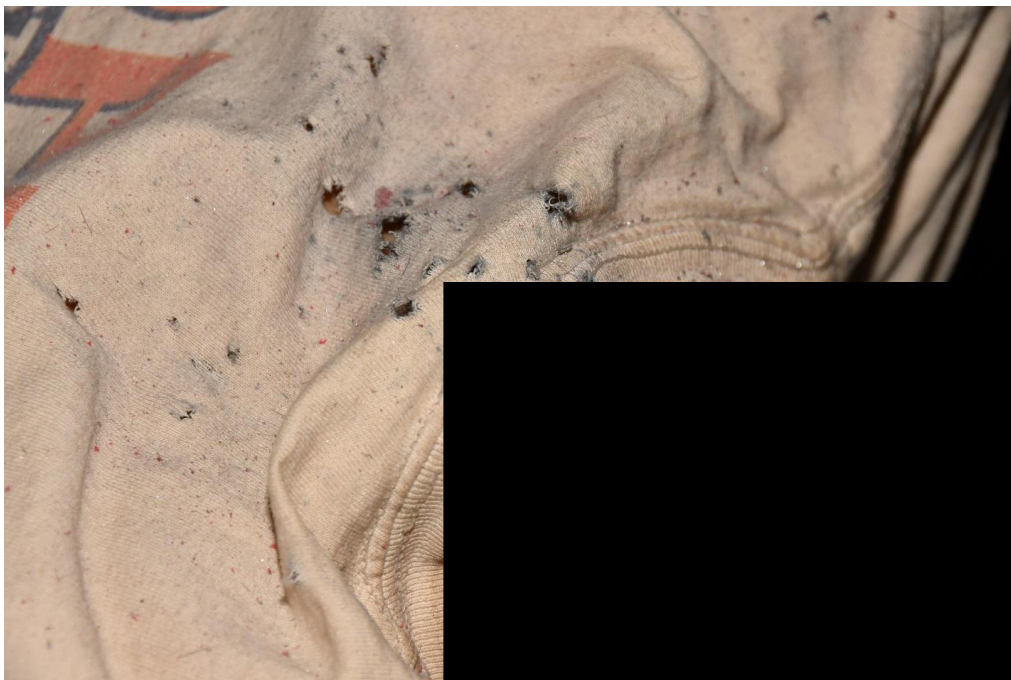


Figure #34 – Suspected gunshot wounds to the back of neck

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Figure #35 – Suspected gunshot wound to back of upper left arm



Figure #36 – Suspected gunshot wound to front of upper left arm

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Figure #37 – Suspected gunshot wound to left forearm



Figure #38 – Suspected gunshot wound to left side of torso

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The scene was further documented using a drone by SA Boerner. Using a drone photograph and diagramming software, two diagrams (one with placards and one without) were created and provided to investigators (Figure #39, Overhead diagram with placards).



Figure #39 – Overhead view of scene

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All items of evidence were collected by CST Rostocil and given to SA Boerner. SA Boerner collected and documented the firearms used in the incident (refer to IR-1: Initial Firearm Documentation report for further details). The scene was cleared at 1045hrs and SA Boerner transported all evidence to the BCI office in Richfield and placed into temporary evidence (Locker #20) at 1225hrs.

The photographs were uploaded into Matrix. An Inventory / Receipt Attachment form was filled out and signed by SA Boerner and CST Rostocil; a copy of the form was uploaded into Matrix. A copy of the consent form was uploaded into Matrix.

A copy of this report should be sent to:

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