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Officer Involved Critical Incident - I-70 at Mound Street, Columbus OH

Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Processing (*Scene #1*)
Activity Date: July 6, 2023
Activity Location: I70 Eastbound near Mound Street, Columbus, Ohio
Authoring Agent: Crime Scene Technician Amy Gill, #203

On July 6, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Crime Scene Technician (CST) Amy Gill, Special Agent (SA) Chadwick Holcomb, SA Sarah Taylor, and SA Shawn Rowley were assigned to assist the Columbus Police Department (CPD) with an officer involved critical incident. It was reported that CPD engaged in a pursuit of a Porsche that had allegedly been stolen at gunpoint from a dealership earlier in the day. It was also reported that three subjects inside the vehicle had robbed a bank just prior to the pursuit. At some point during the pursuit, the vehicle stopped in the eastbound lanes of I70 near Mound Street. Allegedly, all occupants exited the vehicle and shots were exchanged between the responding officers and the occupants. One CPD Officer, [REDACTED], was struck by gunfire. One of the occupants, Abdisamad Ismail (Ismail) was also struck by gunfire and pronounced deceased on scene. The other two occupants, Faisal Darod and Aden Jama, reportedly fled the scene on foot and were later apprehended. It was determined that CPD would handle the initial bank robbery investigation, BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) would process the shooting scene, and BCI Special Investigations Unit (SIU) would handle the investigation of the resulting officer involved critical incident.



Image 1. I70 Eastbound near Mile Marker 98.8

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BCI personnel arrived on scene at approximately 1740 hours. Both the east and westbound lanes of I70 had been shut down and the scene was primarily located in the eastbound lanes of I70 near mile marker 98.8. Multiple passenger vehicles and CPD cruisers remained on the highway. The area was secured with crime scene tape and several areas of potential evidence were marked with tented business cards and unused gloves. The scene was photographed as it was upon arrival. A Leica 3D scanner was also utilized to further document the scene.

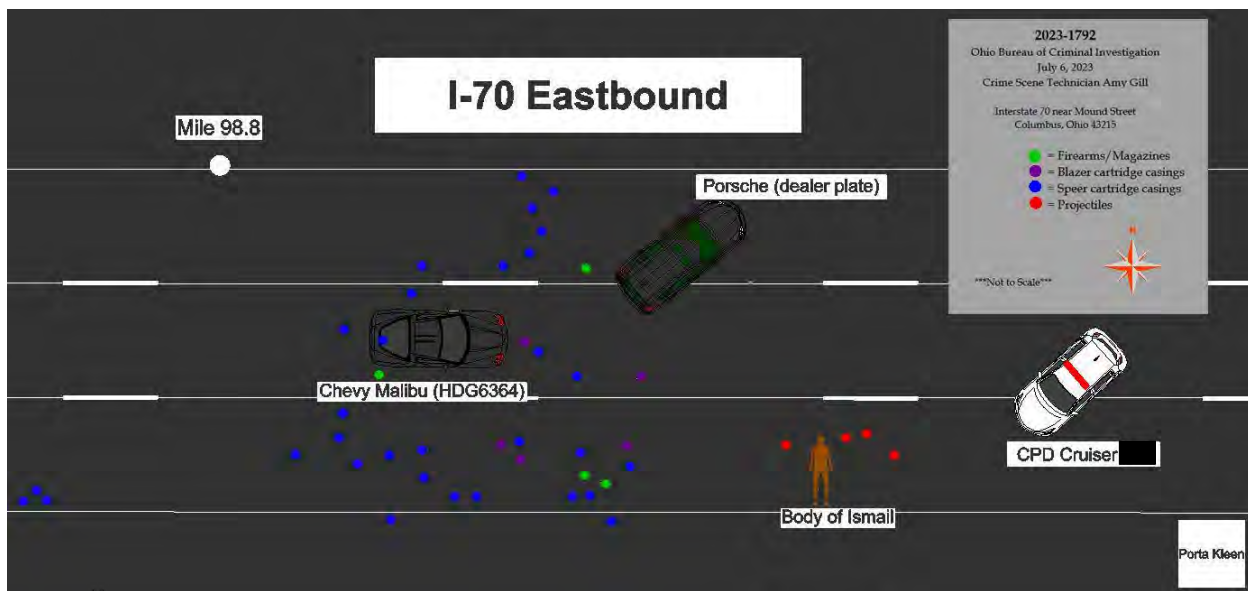


Image 2. Diagram of Scene 1 with firearms related evidence

The body of Ismail was located in the outside lane of I70 eastbound, near the eastern edge of the scene. He was described as a black male in his late teens with black hair and a small amount of facial hair. He was observed to be wearing a black hoodie, a cream colored t-shirt, cream colored sweatpants, black underwear, and black socks. Multiple suspected gunshot wounds were observed to Ismail's head, torso, and legs. His hands were secured behind his back with a pair of handcuffs. A green ball cap was on the ground near his head along with a blue medical-style face mask. A pair of gray slides were located near his feet. With the assistance of Franklin County Coroner's Office Forensic Investigator Haley Spriggs, CST Gill photographed and examined the body. With permission from Investigator Spriggs, Ismail's fingerprints were collected utilizing an electronic rapid ID system. Inked prints of both index fingers were also collected for identification purposes. The body, along with the hat, mask, and slides were secured in a locked body bag and transported to the Franklin County Coroner's Office for autopsy. CST Gill was advised that CPD had collected a Glock pistol with an extended magazine from near the Chevy Malibu (see Scene 2 & 3 report by SA Taylor).

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The following items of evidence were located on the ground surrounding Ismail's body:

Item #	Description
39	Wholesale PCS Rewards Card & Wyndham Rewards Card
44	Projectile
45	Projectile
46	Projectile
49	\$10 US Currency
51	Projectile

Multiple items of evidence were located on the roadway around the area where the incident occurred (see below). In total, there were 101 Speer 9mm casings and nine Blazer 9mm casings.

Item #	Description
1	Seven Speer 9mm casings
2	Two Speer 9mm casings
3	Four Speer 9mm casings
4	Eight Speer 9mm casings
5	Three Speer 9mm casings
6	Six Speer 9mm casings
7	Four Speer 9mm casings
8	Nine Speer 9mm casings
9	Three Speer 9mm casings
10	Speer 9mm casing
11	Empty Smith & Wesson magazine
12	Three Speer 9mm casings
13	Blue eyeglasses
14	Speer 9mm casing
15	Speer 9mm casing
16	Speer 9mm casing
17	Empty Smith & Wesson magazine
18	Blazer 9mm casing
19	Two Speer 9mm casings
20	Five Speer 9mm casings
21	Blazer 9mm casing
22	Blazer 9mm casing
23	Three Speer 9mm casings
24	Smith & Wesson M&P9 M2.0 9mm semi-automatic pistol S/N: [REDACTED] with attached flashlight and empty seated magazine
25	Speer 9mm casing

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26	Five Speer 9mm casings
27	Smith & Wesson magazine containing 12 Speer 9mm cartridges
28	Three Speer 9mm casings
29	Apple iPhone in a silver case
30	Speer 9mm cartridge
31	Speer 9mm casing
32	Three Blazer 9mm casings
33	Three Blazer 9mm casings
34	Speer 9mm casing
35	Projectile
36	Speer 9mm casing
37	Six Speer 9mm casings
38	Eight Speer 9mm casings
40	Two Speer 9mm casings
41	Four Speer 9mm casings
42	Speer 9mm casing

An ID with the name Tony Dobson was located just south of the main scene on the far side of the concrete construction barriers (item 43). It was reported that following the incident, two of the occupants from the Porsche ran southbound from the interstate towards the Franklin County Children's Services building. A black sweatshirt and a black jacket were located in the parking lot on the side of the building (item 47).

CST Gill was informed that a firearm that was potentially used by a CPD Officer during the incident had been placed in the back of CPD Cruiser [REDACTED]. The firearm, a Smith & Wesson M&P 15 5.56x45 NATO rifle with serial number [REDACTED] along with a 30-round seated magazine containing 29 cartridges was collected as item 58.

CPD obtained a search warrant for the black Porsche Cayenne (VIN: WP1AA2AY9LDA05341) from which the three occupants had fled. The vehicle was observed to have dealer plates and had sustained significant damage to the passenger side. The side curtain airbags had deployed and both tires appeared damaged. A ballistic event (BE) was observed in the exterior front driver door window frame and labeled as BE1.0. A projectile appeared to penetrate the frame causing a misshaped hole. No projectile was recovered from this event. Inside the vehicle an Apple iPhone along with an ID card and debit card with the name Abdisamad Ismail were located on the center console (item 52). The phone was observed to be powered off at the time it was located. A vape pen (item 53) along with a set of keys (item 53.1) were located in the center console cupholder. An additional vape pen was located on the front passenger seat (item 54). Two black bags were located on the rear floorboard of the vehicle. The larger bag was open and a large amount of currency was observed inside. Several bundles of currency were also observed

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laying loose on the floorboard. Due to the possibility of dye packs being inside the bags along with the currency, the Columbus Fire Department Bomb Squad responded and removed the bags from the vehicle. No dye packs were located. The bags and currency were relocated into the CPD Command Bus where the currency and other miscellaneous items inside the bags were photographed. Due to the large amount of currency, CPD Detective Chris Journey and SIU SA Kyle Douglass transported the currency to the CPD Property Room to be counted and secured. CST Gill was informed that the total amount of currency was \$86,898. The bags, currency, and miscellaneous contents were collected as item 55. At 1246 hours on July 7, 2023, SA Douglass released those items to Det. Journey.



Image 3. \$86,898 collected from Porsche Cayenne (Item 55)

A white Toyota Corolla with Florida plate EVX R24 was located on I70 eastbound near the eastern end of the scene, just past where Ismail's body had been located. The vehicle did not appear to be damaged, however several areas of suspected blood were observed on the driver side. With written consent from the owner, Herb Brown, the vehicle was processed. Two swabs of the suspected blood on the rear driver door were collected as item 56.

In front of the Toyota, CPD cruiser # [REDACTED] was located in the outside lane, facing westbound. BE1.0 was located in the front center of the roof. A projectile appeared to perforate the sheet metal in a front to back direction, which resulted in an apparent leading edge and the paint to be chipped along the sides of the defect. It then appeared to ricochet off the underside of the roof near the lightbar. A projectile was collected from within the headliner of the vehicle near the interior light as item 57. An additional

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projectile (item 50) was recovered from inside a Porta Kleen which was located just east of cruiser # [REDACTED] in a construction area.

A black Chevrolet Malibu with Ohio plate HDG 6364 was located in the center lane of I70 eastbound, just behind the black Porsche. Several defects were observed near the top of the vehicle. BE1.0 was located on the rear driver door frame. BE2.0 was located on the rear center roof, near the antenna. Both BEs perforated the sheet metal in a back to front direction. No projectiles were recovered from either event. Two Speer 9mm casing were located on the rear trunk of the vehicle and collected as item 48.

A white Jeep Grand Cherokee with Ohio plate JXQ 7477 was located on I70 westbound near the western edge of the main scene, mile marker 98.6. It was reported that the vehicle had been struck by gunfire while passing the incident. With verbal consent from the owner, the vehicle was processed. A BE was located in the front driver side roof of the vehicle. A projectile appeared to perforate the sheet metal and interior head liner in a front to back direction. A projectile was located on the front driver floorboard and collected as item 1.

Item 39 (two rewards cards) and item 52 (cellphone/ID/debit card from Porsche) were released on scene to CPD Detective Sheppard.

On July 7, 2023 at 0033 hours, CST Gill placed all items in the BCI Crime Scene Unit temporary evidence locker located in London, Ohio.

On July 7, 2023 at 1418 hours, CST Gill removed the evidence from the temporary evidence locker. Item 29 from scene 1 (Apple iPhone) was released to Special Agent Supervisor Kevin Barbeau to return to Officer [REDACTED]. At 1606 hours, items 1, 1-10, 12, 14-16, 18-26, 28, 30-42, 44-45, 48, 50-51, 57-58 from scene 1 were submitted to the BCI laboratory for examination. In addition, all items from scene 2 (CPD cruisers) and items 1-2 from scene 3 (processing of involved officers) were submitted to the laboratory. All remaining items were placed in the BCI temporary evidence locker #1 to be submitted to the BCI major crimes evidence vault.

On June 7, 2023, CST Gill was made aware that several additional cartridge casings had been located along the side of I70 in the area of the incident. It was determined that the CPD Crime Scene Search Unit (CSSU) would collect the additional casings. On July 20, 2023 at approximately 1100 hours, CST Gill responded to the CPD property room and took custody of the three Speer 9mm casings. The casings were collected together as item 59. At 1225 hours, item 59 was submitted to the BCI laboratory for examination.

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