



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



2023-3023  
 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 6235 Hathaway Rd.,  
 Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio 44125

Investigative Activity: Autopsy Attended  
 Activity Date: November 15, 2023  
 Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, November 14, 2023, the Garfield Heights requested the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) assistance at the scene of an officer-involved shooting at 6235 Hathaway Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio. As part of that investigation, Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (SA Momchilov) attended the postmortem examination of the decedent. The examination was conducted on November 15, 2023 at the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office in Cleveland, Ohio. The postmortem examination was conducted by Dr. Alison Krywanczyk.

During the autopsy four (4) projectiles were recovered from Benard Russell:

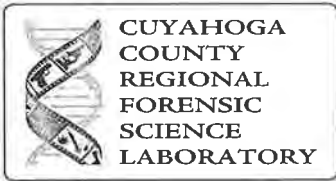
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As a result of the autopsy, the following items of evidence were collected by SA Joseph Goudy on December 1, 2023.

- One adhesive stub for gunshot residue examination from the hands of Benard Russell
- One swab from under the fingernails of the right hand of Benard Russell
- One swab from under the fingernails of the left hand of Benard Russell
- Two swabs from the knuckles and palm of the right hand of Benard Russell
- Two swabs from the knuckles and palm of the left hand of Benard Russell
- Blood stain card (DNA Standards)
- Four (4) projectiles

The aforementioned items were subsequently transported to the BCI office in Richfield, Ohio, where they were submitted to the temporary evidence room. The evidence transfer sheet documenting the exchange is attached to this investigative report.

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**Outbound Evidence Receipt**

**EVIDENCE TRANSFER TRANSACTION**

Receipt ID: **154857**



Evidence Relinquished By: <b>Gates, Megan</b>	Agency: <b>CCRFSL</b> PIN Entered [ X ]
Evidence Received By: <b>Goudy II, Joseph W.</b>	Agency: <b>BCI</b> PIN Entered [ ]
VIA: Note:	
Date & Time: <b>12/1/2023 8:36:34AM</b> Operator: <b>Gates, Megan</b>	

**LABORATORY CASE INFORMATION**

Total Number of Parent Items: **10**

<u>Lab Case #</u>	<u>Lab Evid #</u>	<u>Agency Case #</u>	<u>Agency Evid #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2023-009134	001	20233090		One adhesive stub for gunshot residue examination from the hands
2023-009134	002	20233090		One swab from under the fingernails of the right hand
2023-009134	003	20233090		One swab from under the fingernails of the left hand
2023-009134	004	20233090		Two swabs from the knuckles and palm of the right hand
2023-009134	005	20233090		Two swabs from the knuckles and palm of the left hand
2023-009134	006	20233090		Blood stain card
2023-009134	008	20233090		Projectile from [REDACTED]
2023-009134	009	20233090		Projectile from [REDACTED]
2023-009134	010	20233090		Projectile from [REDACTED]
2023-009134	011	20233090		Projectile from [REDACTED]

**SIGNATURES**

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Signature _____ Date: 12/01/2023	Signature _____ Date: 12/01/2023