



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



2023-2080

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 45 Great Southern Blvd., Columbus,  
OH 43207 (L)

Investigative Activity: Processing of Involved Officers  
Activity Date: August 9, 2023  
Activity Location: Scene 2: Grant Medical Center ER, Columbus, OH  
Scene 3: Columbus Police Department, Substation 12, Columbus, OH  
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Mathew Austin

On August 9, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Columbus Police Department (CPD) to assist with an investigation into an officer involved critical incident (see *Processing of 45 Great Southern Blvd* report by Amy Gill). SA Austin was advised that during the incident, two CPD officers discharged their duty pistols, one was struck by gunfire and hospitalized, and that a subject was struck by gunfire and pronounced deceased. Special Agent (SA) Mathew Austin was requested to respond to the two locations listed above to document and process the involved officers.

**Grant Medical Center ER (Scene 2)**

SA Austin arrived to this scene at approximately 0935 hours. SA Austin met with Detective Lowell Titus (Det. Titus) and was advised that CPD Officer [REDACTED] (Ofc. [REDACTED]) had a suspected gunshot wound to right thigh and would have surgery the next day to repair a broken bone inside his leg. Det. Titus further advised that a bullet was still inside Ofc. [REDACTED]'s leg and provided SA Austin with two photographs he had taken of the injury prior to it being bandaged.

SA Austin met with Ofc. [REDACTED] and other CPD personnel inside a room at the ER. SA Austin photographed Ofc. [REDACTED] as he was upon arrival and documented his clothing/police equipment. Ofc. [REDACTED]'s external vest, duty belt, and boots had suspected bloodstains on them. No handgun was present and SA Austin was informed Ofc. [REDACTED]'s firearm was left behind at the scene. Two Smith & Wesson magazines located in the duty belt were each full with 17 cartridges. A pouch for a tourniquet that was mounted to the firearm holster was empty. These items, along with miscellaneous property/clothing such as a wallet, jewelry, socks, underwear, and notebook were returned to Ofc. [REDACTED]. A cut CPD shirt with suspected blood and a cut pair of black pants were collected together as item 1. The pants had suspected blood concentrated near the right leg and two small holes were observed in the fabric in that area. Two tourniquets with suspected bloodstains were collected together as item 2. SA Austin cleared this scene at approximately 1020 hours.

**CPD Substation 12 (Scene 3)**

SA Austin arrived to this scene at approximately 1030 hours and met with CPD Officer [REDACTED] (Ofc. [REDACTED]). Ofc. [REDACTED] was documented through photography. His duty belt was found to be missing a pair of handcuffs and one of his two spare magazines. Ofc. [REDACTED] advised these were used during the incident. His firearm, a Smith & Wesson M&P 9 M2.0 (s/n [REDACTED]) was found to have a cartridge in the chamber and a magazine with 16 cartridges, all with headstamps of "Speer 9mm Luger." The

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handgun, magazine, and cartridges, along with the full magazine containing 17 cartridges from his duty belt were collected together as item 1. SA Austin also photographed CPD Officer Seth Casto (Ofc. Casto), who was reportedly present at the time of the incident but did not discharge his firearm. Ofc. Casto was found to have an empty tourniquet pouch affixed to his holster. His Smith & Wesson firearm (s/n [REDACTED]) was found fully loaded as were his two spare magazines.

SA Austin cleared from scene 3 at approximately 1100 hours and met with other BCI personnel at the main shooting location (scene 1). All items collected by SA Austin were turned over to Crime Scene Technician (CST) Amy Gill.

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