



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



2023-1535

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 311 25th Street SW, Canton, Ohio

Investigative Activity: OICI Scene Processing
Activity Date: June 7, 2023
Activity Location: Cleveland Ave. S.W. & I-77 North Ramp
Authoring Agent: S/A Larry Hootman

On June 7th, 2023 at approximately 2250hrs, S/A Larry Hootman received a call from S/A/S Ed Lulla with an agent request. S/A/S Lulla advised Canton Police Department just called with an agent request for an Officer Involved Critical Incident. S/A/S Lulla stated an officer from Canton Police Department was shot while in a foot pursuit, the subject was shot by Canton police and has been transported to a local hospital in critical condition. S/A/S Lulla advised the incident location was Cleveland Ave. S.W. and the ramp to Interstate 77.

S/A Hootman arrived on scene and found several Canton Police Officers on the I-77 north entrance ramp, they advised the subject that was shot by the officer is deceased at the hospital and the officer was being treated after a grazing wound to the leg. Crime Scene detective Jeff Weller said he placed a placard near the subject's weapon in the field where he was transported from.

S/A Hootman was told this started as a disturbance call on 25th St. when officers arrived the subject fled on foot and was pursued by officers. The subject jumped a fence and ran across the exit/entrance ramp to I-77 and shot at the pursuing officer. They said the officer returned fire striking the subject, he reportedly fell to the ground and was transported by EMS.

S/A Hootman noted the revolver was lying in a mowed grass area north of the entrance ramp, there was several items of medical intervention around the area including rubber gloves and packaging from medical supplies. The handgun was marked with the letter "A". S/A Hootman used a metal detector and located several cartridge casings near two trees north of placard "A". There was also a tan Glock 9mm magazine with one cartridge still in it located between placard "A" and the cartridge casings that were found. The magazine held a total of 17 rounds, S/A Hootman was told the officer reported he did do a tactical reload after he returned fire and the subject was down on the ground.



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CST Michael Rostocil arrived on scene and was briefed by S/A Hootman. CST Rostocil continued looking for cartridge casings and S/A Hootman started taking photographic documentation of the scene.



(Area where officers cartridge casings were located)

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(Placard indicating where subjects weapon was)

S/A Hootman and CST Rostocil used disposable placards to identify where the cartridge casings and other items of evidence were located. The letter "A" placed by Canton PD was replaced by placard #1, the number sequence continued through placard #18.

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Placard #1 was identified as a Harrington & Richardson Model 929 Sidekick revolver, serial number V3455. The weapon was a 9 shot .22 caliber, the weapon was photographed and opened. It was found to have 9 spent cartridge casings all .22 Super X, these were extracted after marking the cylinder, the cartridge casings were placed in an envelope and sealed inside the gun box with the weapon.



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The items recovered included the above firearm, 1 Glock 9mm tan magazine and 16, 9mm Luger Speer cartridge casings.

CST Rostocil deployed the Leica BLK360 scanner to document the scene and each item was then recovered, photographed and placed in separate packaging. The items were sealed and initialed by S/A Hootman before turning them over to S/A Matthew Armstrong at the Canton Police Department after the scene processing was complete. A signed evidence inventory sheet was given to S/A Armstrong and uploaded to Matrix Investigator. S/A Hootman was secured from the scene at approximately 0330 hrs. June 8th, 2023

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