



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



2023-0557

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 2900 Towne Boulevard, Middletown,
OH 45044 (L)

Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Processing (*Scene #1*)
Activity Date: February 25, 2023
Activity Location: Walmart Shopping Center, 2900 Towne Blvd., Middletown, OH 45044
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Chad Holcomb, #61

On February 25, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb was assigned to assist the Middletown Police Department (MPD) with an officer involved critical incident. It was reported that MPD officers pulled over a vehicle and discovered that the passenger, Victor Lykins (Lykins), had warrants for his arrest. A struggle over a firearm occurred and MPD Officer John Hilgendorf discharged his firearm, striking Lykins. Lykins was pronounced deceased on scene. It was determined that the BCI Crime Scene Unit would process the scene and the BCI Special Investigations Unit would handle the investigation.

SA Holcomb arrived at the Walmart Shopping Center, located at 2900 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, Ohio and began processing the scene at 1941 hours. The scene was located in the northwest corner of the Walmart parking lot. The perimeter of the scene was taped off with crime scene tape. The scene was photographed as it was upon arrival.

A silver, four-door, 2008 Jeep Commander, with Ohio license plate: JVA2156 and VIN: 1J8HG48K68C240930, was parked in a parking spot facing west. The vehicle was registered to Kelsey Barker. MPD cruiser #804 was parked behind the Jeep and MPD cruiser #102 was parked behind MPD cruiser #804. Multiple orange traffic cones were placed in the scene by responding officers to mark potential evidence. The body of Lykins was laying on the pavement next to the passenger side of the Jeep. A FARO 3D scanner was used to further document the scene.

Two casings were collected from the scene. A 9mm casing (item #1) was collected from the pavement in front of the Jeep and a 9mm casing (item #2) was collected from the pavement near the front passenger side door. A Burgo, .22LR, 8-shot revolver (SN: 27894) was located on the pavement near the victim's head. The hammer of the revolver was in a fully retracted position. The firearm had eight cartridges in the cylinder. The revolver and cartridges were all collected as item #3.

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(Body of Lykins and evidence in parking lot)

With assistance from the County Coroner and coroner investigator, the body of Lykins was further examined. Lykins was laying on his back with his feet facing the Jeep, his right arm extended away from his body and his left arm by his side. He was wearing a red sweater, white undershirt, jeans and shoes. Medical intervention equipment was present around his body. He had a suspected bullet hole on his head. He was placed in a body bag and transported to the Montgomery County Coroner's Office for an autopsy. After moving Lykins' body, a projectile was located on the ground where his head had been. The projectile was collected as item #4.

SA Holcomb was informed by BCI SA Doug Eveslage that a search warrant for the Jeep Commander had been obtained. The interior and exterior of the vehicle was photographed as it was upon arrival. The front driver and front passenger side doors were ajar. The rear passenger window had been shattered. Suspected blood was observed on the center console. A blue Samsung cell phone (item #5) and a black Samsung cell phone (item #6) were both collected from the center console cupholder.

No additional items of evidentiary value were located and examination of the scene was concluded at 2136 hours.

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At 2306, SA Holcomb placed all items in the BCI temporary evidence locker located in London, Ohio.

On February 27, 2023, at 0910 hours, SA Holcomb removed all items from the BCI temporary evidence locker. Items #1-4 were submitted to the BCI Laboratory at 1024 hours. Items #5-6 were placed in the BCI temporary evidence locker #1 to be submitted to the BCI major crimes evidence vault.

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