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Officer Involved Critical Incident - Unknown, Kevin Richard Giesel (S)

Investigative Activity: Scene Processing

Activity Date: 6/14/21

Activity Location: 5714 South Park Blvd. Parma, OH 44134

Authoring Agent: S/A Justin Soroka

Details:

On June 14, 2021, at approximately 0245hrs., S/A Justin Soroka received a call from S/A/S Josh Durst in reference to an agent request. The Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB) was involved in a standoff with an armed subject which ended in several officers discharging their firearms. The subject was later found deceased in his residence. The Southwest Enforcement Bureau was requesting assistance with the investigation.

On June 14, 2021, at approximately 0420 hrs., S/A Justin Soroka and S/A Andy Harasimchuk arrived in the area of 5714 South Park Blvd. in the City of Parma and met with one of the SEB commanders, Lieutenant Michael Dulin. Agents learned that Officers with SEB were involved in a standoff with an armed subject for several hours. Throughout the standoff, Officers reported hearing gun fire inside the residence. Also throughout the standoff, Officers reportedly fired a gas irritant into the residence and deployed a robot into the residence, which was struck with gunfire by the subject. At some point during the standoff, the subject presented himself armed with a handgun, and as a result Officers fired their firearms. Lt. Dulin identified three members of the SWAT team as firing their firearms. S/A Soroka and S/A Harasimchuk documented the Officers and their firearms, and collected the firearms fired. See S/A Soroka's report titled "Police Officer Documentation" and S/A Harasimchuk's report titled "2021-6-14 Police Officer Documentation" for further information.

S/A Soroka photographed the scene as it was found. 5714 South Park Blvd was a single- story residence that faced South Park Blvd. to the east. A SEB armored vehicle was parked facing south, blocking the driveway of 5708 South Park Blvd., which was the residence located to the north of 5714 South Park Blvd. A rifle cartridge case was observed in the tree lawn and another rifle cartridge case was located on the sidewalk behind the passenger side of the armored vehicle. Also on the sidewalk was a handgun cartridge case that had a plastic cup placed over it. S/A Soroka spoke with Police Officers of SEB, who reported hearing suspected gun fire striking the armored vehicle during the incident. The Police Officers pointed out two defects in the passenger side, and a defect in the front passenger fender above the headlight housing. Parked in the driveway of 5708 South Park Blvd. was a blue, Hyundai Sonata, bearing Ohio license plate HPE 6071. A bullet impact was observed near the passenger side "C" pillar. The resident at 5708 South Park notified S/A Soroka that there was something in her backyard, and S/A Soroka discovered a gas projectile lying in the rear yard.

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The REM 223 cartridge case on the sidewalk behind the armored vehicle was marked as item #1, and the REM 223 cartridge case in the tree lawn behind the armored vehicle was marked as item #2. The Federal 45 Auto cartridge case on the sidewalk behind the armored vehicle was marked as item #3. All items were photographed and collected. The tree lawn behind the armored vehicle and the front yard of 5708 South Park near the sidewalk was searched with the use of a metal detector. No additional cartridge cases were located. The gas projectile in the rear yard of 5708 South Park was marked as item #4, photographed, and collected.

The suspected bullet impacts in the passenger side of the armored vehicle were photographed with a scale. The elliptically shaped bullet impact near the "C" pillar of the vehicle parked in the driveway was photographed with a scale. The bullet appeared to perforate the exterior, traveling into the interior of the vehicle. A parabolic shape was observed in the impact site indicating the bullet traveled in an approximate direction of northeast to southwest. The owner of the vehicle consented to a search of the vehicle. The interior of the vehicle was examined and multiple suspected bullet fragments were located. They were collected and identified as item #35. A suspected bullet impact was located in the exterior of 5709 South Park Blvd. just below a second story window. 5709 South Park Blvd. was located across the street to the east of 5714 South Park Blvd. Agents made contact with the homeowner, who reported that the defect was not there prior to this incident. The interior of the residence was examined by S/A Arvin Klar, and no secondary impact site was located.

At approximately 1000 hrs., a search warrant for the residence was obtained through the Parma Municipal Court by Parma Police Detectives. The exterior of the residence had previously been photographed. The front door and two front windows were forcibly removed, reportedly by SEB with

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the use of the armored vehicle. The driveway was located on the south side of the residence and a Dodge Ram truck, bearing Ohio license plate 353 YPW, was parked at an angle in the driveway. A locked vinyl fence/gate prevented access to the rear of the residence. Two of the windows on the south side of the residence were in the "up" position, and a storm door was shut with the man door open. On the north side of the house one of the windows was broken. At the rear, or west side, of the house a basement window was broken and a window on the first floor was broken. Two, circular defects were observed in the siding above the basement window. The front door entered into a living room. On the floor near the front door was a robot that was reportedly operated by SEB. Several bullet impacts were observed in the robot. On the west wall of the living room were multiple, circular shaped defects, of which a powdery substance was observed around their periphery. Throughout the living room were multiple fragments of circular shaped gas projectiles. On the floor of the living room a bullet jacket was observed. A hallway to the west of the living room ran east and west. On the floor of the hallway, another bullet jacket was observed. An entry way to the south of the living room led to the dining area and kitchen. On the kitchen counter top a cell phone was observed, and a handgun was observed in the kitchen sink. Near the northwest side of the kitchen an entryway connected back to the hallway. The subject was lying on the floor of the kitchen near this entryway. He was lying on his stomach, with his head to the south and his feet to the north, wearing only a pair of underwear. What appeared to be a handgun was observed underneath the left bicep of the subject. Pooling of blood was observed underneath the subject, and bloodstains were observed on the walls and vertical surfaces near the entryway. Also on the west wall near the entryway were two bullet impacts.



Living Room

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In the hallway was a half closet. Suspected bloodstains and bullet impacts were observed on the doors of the closet. Across from the closet to the north was a spare bedroom. West of the closet and to the south of the hallway was a bathroom. Debris was observed on the floor, and two bullet impacts were observed in the east wall behind the door. On the floor behind the door a jacketed bullet was observed.

At the end of the hallway to the north was the master bedroom. On top of a dresser near the doorway a shotgun was observed. On the floor of the master bedroom were fired shotshells and a cartridge case. On the bed were multiple firearms, a box of ammunition, a speed loader, and a cartridge and cartridge cases. A safe was located in the closet and was open. A revolver, spare magazines, and boxes of ammunition were observed inside. On a dresser on the west wall were a cell phone and a cartridge. Bullet impacts were observed in the bedroom door, a dresser, and the west wall.

At the end of the hallway to the west was the foyer. A bullet impact was observed in the west wall near the entrance and in the ceiling. A floor safe, which was locked, was observed on the east wall.

To the west of the kitchen was the side door, which was located on the south side of the residence. A stairwell off of the side door led to the basement. The catch plate to the door was lying in the stairwell, and damage was observed to the door frame and to the main door near the dead bolt mechanism. At the base of the stairs to the east was a storage area with tools, and to the west was a laundry area and more storage. A locked floor safe was observed in this area. To the north of the stairs was a room that ran the length of the residence. An office area with a computer was located in the west part of the basement and a seating area and storage were located in the east part of the basement. A gas distraction device was located on the floor in the office area, and a gas projectile was located on the floor in the seating area.

The bullet jacket on the living room floor was marked as item #5 and the bullet jacket on the hallway floor was marked as item #6. In the bathroom, the jacketed bullet behind the door was marked as item #7. The bathroom was searched and an additional jacketed bullet was located near the toilet and identified as item #27.

In the master bedroom, the Mossberg Maverick Mod 88, 12 gauge shotgun, bearing serial number MV33474P, was marked as item #8. An unfired shotshell was not quite seated in the chamber. The shotshell was removed and eight additional unfired shotshells were removed from the tube. The shotshells were packaged with shotgun. The rifle located on the bed was marked as item #9. It was a Bushmaster XM15-E2S, 223/.556, bearing serial number ARB25592. A cartridge was seated in the chamber and another cartridge was jammed against it, with the bolt of the rifle resting on the jammed cartridge. The cartridges were removed and the magazine, which was loaded, was removed. The cartridges and magazine were packaged with the rifle. The Smith and Wesson 38, bearing serial number

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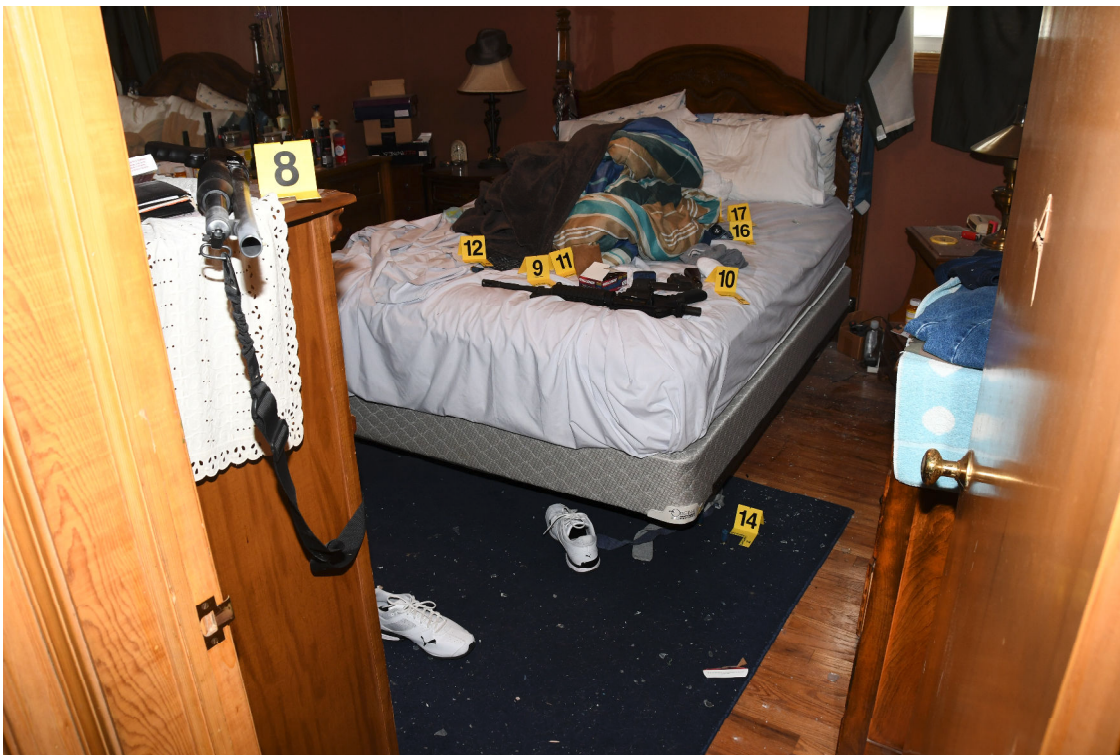
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8D29457, was located on the bed and marked as item #10. The cylinder was marked to show its position and was opened. Six cartridge cases marked with the headstamp "Hornady 38 Spl" were located in the cylinder. A box of Challenger 12 gauge ammunition on the bed was marked as item #11, and a fired shotshell marked with the headstamp "Challenger 12 Canada" on the bed was marked as item #12. On the floor of the master bedroom one fired shotshell and one unfired shotshell, both marked with the headstamp "Challenger 12 Canada", were marked as item #13 and item #14, respectively. Also on the floor, a "Hornady 357 Mag" cartridge case was marked as item #15. On the bed, a speed loader for a revolver was marked as item #16, and a "Hornady 357 Mag" cartridge was marked as item #17. Located on the bed with the cartridge were four "Hornady 357 Mag" cartridge cases, which were marked as item #18. On the dresser in the master bedroom, a ZTE cell phone was marked as item #19, and a "Hornady 38 Spl" cartridge was marked as item #20. In the gun safe, the handgun was found to be a Heritage Rough Rider, 22, bearing serial number L20633. The cylinder was removed and found to contain one cartridge case and five cartridges. They were packaged with the handgun and identified as item #26. The bedroom was searched. A gas projectile was located on the floor near the window, which was located on the west side of the house. It was collected and identified as item #30. A fired shotshell marked with the headstamp "Challenger 12 Canada" was located under the bed. It was collected and identified as item #31.



Master Bedroom with Placards in Place

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In the kitchen, the unknown make cell phone was marked as item #21. The phone was placed in airplane mode. In the kitchen sink, the Ruger P85, 9mm, bearing serial number 302-14557, was marked as item #22. The magazine was removed and the slide was locked back revealing a cartridge marked with the headstamp "WIN 9mm Luger" in the chamber. The magazine contained cartridges and was not unloaded. The cartridge from the chamber and the magazine were packaged with the handgun.

In the basement, the HP all in one computer was collected with the power cord and marked as item #23. The gas projectile was marked as item #24 and the gas distraction device was marked as item #25.

The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office arrived and conducted their examination. The investigator asked that Agents collect the firearm located underneath the deceased. The firearm was found to be a Ruger GP100, 357 Magnum, bearing serial number 17717272. The cylinder was marked to show its position and then it was opened. The cylinder was found to contain six cartridge cases marked with the headstamp "Hornady 357 Mag". The handgun was packaged and identified as item #33 and the cartridge cases were packaged and identified as item #34.

Bullet impacts located within the scene were identified as BI and a number, for example BI 1.0. The number does not indicate shot sequence. When possible, an approximate direction of travel is given.

An elliptically shaped bullet impact in the closet door was marked as BI 1.0. The bullet appeared to ricochet off of the door.

An irregularly shaped bullet impact in the closet door was marked as BI 2.0. The bullet appeared to ricochet off of the door.

An elliptically shaped bullet impact in the closet door was marked as BI 3.0. The bullet perforated the door traveling into the interior wall of the closet. A jacketed bullet was recovered from the impact site and identified as item #29. The approximate direction of travel was upward, from northwest to southeast.

A shotshell pattern impact in the closet door was marked as BI 4.0. The approximate direction of travel was from north to south.

An elliptically shaped bullet impact in the north wall of the hallway was marked as BI 6.0

A circular shaped bullet impact in the east wall above the hallway entryway was marked as BI 7.0. The bullet appeared to penetrate the wall. The approximate direction of travel was from west to east.

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A circular shaped bullet impact in the east wall above the hallway entryway was marked as BI 8.0. The bullet appeared to penetrate the wall. The approximate direction of travel was from west to east.

A circular shaped bullet impact in the east wall above the front door was marked as BI 9.0. The approximate direction of travel was from west to east.

An irregularly shaped bullet impact in the east wall above the front door was marked as BI 10.0. The approximate direction of travel was from west to east.

An irregularly shaped bullet impact in the east wall above the front door was marked as BI 11.0. The approximate direction of travel was from west to east.

One of bullet impacts BI 9.0 through BI 11.0 appeared to perforate the wall, traveling through to the exterior of the residence. The other two impacts appeared to penetrate the wall.

An irregularly shaped bullet impact in the ceiling near the front door was marked as BI 12.0. The bullet appeared to penetrate the ceiling. A parabolic shape was observed indicating the bullet traveled upward, in an approximate direction of travel from west to east.

An irregularly shaped bullet impact in the exterior of the master bedroom door was marked as BI 13.0. The bullet appeared to penetrate the door. A parabolic shape was observed indicating the bullet traveled from left to right as the door was viewed.

An irregularly shaped bullet impact in the exterior of the master bedroom door was marked as BI 14.0. The bullet appeared to penetrate the door. A parabolic shape was observed indicating the bullet traveled from left to right as the door was viewed.

A shotshell pattern impact in the dresser drawer located on the south wall of the master bedroom was marked as BI 15.0. The approximate direction of travel was from north to south.

A shotshell pattern impact in the west wall of the master bedroom below the west window was marked as BI 16.0. The approximate direction of travel was from east to west.

A circular shaped bullet impact in the west wall of the master bedroom above the west window was marked as BI 17.0. The bullet appeared to penetrate the wall. The approximate direction of travel was from east to west.

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An irregularly shaped bullet impact in the ceiling of the foyer was marked as BI 18.0. The bullet appeared to penetrate the ceiling. A parabolic shape was observed indicating the bullet traveled upward, in an approximate direction of travel from northeast to southwest.

An irregularly shaped bullet impact in the west wall in front of the interior entry door to the foyer was marked as BI 19.0. A suspected bullet fragment was located in the impact site. It was collected and identified as item #28. The approximate direction of travel was from east to west.

Two, circular shaped bullet impacts in the west wall of the entryway into the kitchen from the hallway were documented by S/A Larry Hootman. The bullets perforated the west wall traveling into the interior of the closet. The bullets perforated the interior, west wall of the closet traveling into the bathroom. Both bullets appeared to terminate after striking the back of the bathroom door. One bullet, item #7, was recovered from behind the door, and another bullet, item #27, was recovered near the toilet.

The scene was mapped by S/A Hootman with the use of the Faro 3D scanner.

The residence was searched by S/A Soroka and S/A Harasimchuk. Three gas projectiles were located in the rear yard. They were collected and identified as item #32. Nothing further of potential evidentiary value or investigative interest was located.

All items collected were sealed and initialed by S/A Soroka. An inventory receipt was completed by S/A Soroka. Copies of the inventory receipt were given to Parma Detective Ryan Karkan to be used for the search warrant return and to be placed inside the residence. All items collected were transported to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation in Richfield where they were secured in temporary evidence locker #10. Upon writing this report, it appeared that there was not a bullet impact marked as BI 5.0.