



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



2022-2813

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 673 Slate Hollow Ct, Powell, OH  
43065 (L)

Investigative Activity: Processing of Involved Deputy (*Scene #2*)  
Activity Date: December 12, 2022  
Activity Location: Delaware County Sheriff's Office South Substation located at:  
7991 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, Ohio 43035  
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Chad Holcomb, #61

On December 12, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb was assigned to assist the Delaware County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) with an ongoing officer involved critical incident. It was reported that deputies responded to a residence in regard to a domestic situation and while on scene, Sean Hinton (Hinton), brandished a firearm. Deputy Brandon Gaunt (Dep. Gaunt) discharged his patrol rifle striking and killing Hinton (see report by Crime Scene Technician Gill).

SA Holcomb responded to the DCSO South Substation located at 7991 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, Ohio 43035 where Dep. Gaunt was located at 2340 hours. Deputy Gaunt was photographed as he was upon arrival. Dep. Gaunt was wearing his agency issued uniform which included a black external vest carrier which had markings of 'SHERIFF' and grey pants. Dep. Gaunt was asked to remove his agency issued handgun, clear the weapon and place it on the table. The firearm, a Glock 22, Gen. 4, .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun had a serial number of [REDACTED]. A StreamLight TLR-1 was affixed to the handgun. The firearm had one cartridge in the chamber and a magazine containing 14 cartridges (capacity of 15). A spare magazine on Dep. Gaunt's vest carrier also contained 14 cartridges. The firearm, magazines and cartridges were all collected as item #1.

No additional items of evidentiary value were located. Examination of the involved deputy was concluded at 2355 hours.

At 0122 hours on December 13, 2022, SA Holcomb released item #1 to CST Gill. At 0330 hours, CST Gill placed item #1 in the BCI temporary evidence locker #1 located in London, Ohio. At 1200 hours, CST Gill removed item #1 from the temporary locker and placed item #1 in the BCI temporary locker #2 to be submitted to the BCI major crimes evidence vault.

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