



**Ohio Attorney General's Office  
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Investigative Report**



2024-3257

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 200 Cline Avenue,  
Mansfield, Ohio 44907

**Investigative Activity:** Past Police Reports Involving Michael Oswald  
**Involves:** Michael Oswald (S)  
**Activity Date:** 11/07/2024  
**Activity Location:** BCI-Richfield  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Cory Momchilov #64

**Narrative:**

On Thursday, November 07, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (SA Momchilov) compiled background information on Michael Oswald (Oswalt), a subject involved in the incident on October 19, 2024. The information included researching past police reports involving the subject and searching criminal history records.

SA Momchilov reviewed the information and noted the following:

Overview:

In 2013, Oswald pled guilty to the theft of multiple firearms and was sentenced to probation.

In 2015, Oswald was charged with burglary and theft from a person in a protected class. Oswald pled guilty and was sentenced to probation.

In 2015, Oswald was charged with felonious assault and two counts of aggravated burglary. Oswald pled guilty and was sentenced to prison.

In 2024, Oswald was charged with assault on a peace officer. Oswald was out on bond at the time of this incident.

Prior Police Encounters:

**Bellville Police**

January 24, 2002-Report Number: 02-040-00

Offense-Fictitious License Plate: 4549.08

Oswalt was issued a citation for having a fictitious license plate.

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**Bellville Police**

July 5, 2002-Report Number: 02-236-00  
Offense-Disorderly Conduct: 2917.11

Oswalt was cited for having loud music at a party.

**Bellville Police**

May 5, 2004-Report Number: 04-146  
Offense-Criminal Mischief: 2909.07(A)(1)

Oswalt is listed as a victim in a Criminal Mischief complaint.

**Bellville Police**

June 13, 2006-Report Number: 06-214  
Offense-Theft: 2613.02

Oswalt is listed as a suspect in a theft complaint

**Mansfield Police**

September 28, 2007-Report Number: 07001221  
Offense-Left of Center: 331.08(A)(1)

Oswalt is listed as a driver in an Ohio Traffic Crash Report (OH-1). The report states that Oswalt's vehicle went left of center and struck another vehicle. Oswalt was later cited for "Left of Center," Ordinance 331.08A1.

**Mansfield Police**

October 17, 2007-Report Number: 07-034489  
Offense-Possession of Drugs (Cocaine): 2925.11 (C) (4), Possession of Drugs (Marijuana): 2925.11 (C) (3)

Oswalt, along with other individuals, was listed as an offender in a possession of drugs incident.

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**Belville Police**

April 17, 2013-Report Number: 13-196-00

Offense-Theft: 2913.02(A)(1)

Oswalt is listed as a victim in a theft complaint.

**Bellville Police**

June 20, 2013-Report Number: 13-162-00

Offense-Theft: 2913.02

Oswalt was listed as a suspect in a theft complaint.

**Bellville Police**

June 22, 2013-Report Number: 13-163-00

Offense-Theft: 2913.02(A)(1)

**Bellville Police**

June 22, 2013-Report Number: 13-163-00

Offense-Theft: 2913.02(A)(1)

Oswalt was listed as a suspect in a theft complaint. It was reported that Oswalt pumped gas at a gas station and failed to pay. The officer made contact with Oswalt. Oswalt returned to the gas station and paid for the gas. The report indicates that the officer believed that the alleged theft was a "Sincere Mistake."

**Bellville Police**

July 17, 2013-Report Number: 13-197-00

Offense-Theft: 2913.02(A)(1)

Oswalt, along with another individual, was listed as a suspect in a theft complaint.

**Bellville Police**

July 21, 2013-Report Number: 13-201-00

Offense-Overdose/Possible suicide attempt

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Officers were dispatched to 26 E. Durbin Avenue in reference to a possible suicide attempt. The complainant, Oswald's stepfather, advised that he confronted Oswald about Oswald stealing guns from him. Oswald allegedly admitted to stealing the guns and pawning them (See below Summary- Report Number: 13-203-003). Oswald's stepfather left the residence and when he returned Oswald was found on the ground. It was reported that Oswald may have taken aspirin, and Ibuprofen. Oswald was transported to the hospital and later involuntarily committed (pink slipped) by a physician.

**Bellville Police**

July 22, 2013-Report Number: 13-203-003

Offense-Theft: 2913.02 (A)(1)

Officers were dispatched to 23 East Durbin in reference to a stolen property complaint. The complainant, Oswald's mother, advised that some items were missing and that Oswald admitted to stealing the items and selling them to a pawn shop.

The items reported stolen are:

- Leaf Blower
- Cross bow
- 20 Gauge shotgun (Springfield)
- .22 Revolver (Ruger)
- .22 Rifle (Stevens)
- .25-20 Rifle (Marlin)
- 16-gauge shotgun (H&R Topper)
- 12 gauge shotgun (Winchester)
- 12 gauge shotgun (Mossberg)
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- Fender PA System

Oswald was later interviewed by officers. Oswald admitted to taking firearms and other items from his mother and stepfather's residence. Oswald further stated he took the items to pay for heroin. Oswald was later arrested and transported to the Richland County Jail.

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Oswalt was later charged and plead guilty related to this incident. Court records indicate he was sentenced to probation.

**Mansfield Police**

April 1, 2015-Report Number: 15-008169

Offense-Reasonable Control: 333.08 (A)

Oswalt was listed as a driver in an Ohio Traffic Crash Report (OH-1). The report states that Oswalt failed to control his vehicle and struck another vehicle. Oswalt was cited for "Reasonable Control," Ordinance 333.08 (A).

**Mansfield Police**

April 3, 2015-Report Number: 15-008394

Offense-Theft: 2913.02-23(C), Complicity: 2923.03

Oswalt was listed as an offender in a theft from Wal-Mart report. According to the report, Oswalt was cited and released.

**Mansfield Police**

April 3, 2015-Report Number: None

Offense-License/Registration violation

Oswalt was giving a traffic warning for license/registration violation

**Bellville Police**

April 29, 2015-Report Number: 04-3809-15

Offense-Possession of Drugs: 2925.11(C)(3)

Oswalt was listed as suspect in a possession of drugs complaint.

**Richland County Sheriff's Office**

April 29, 2015-Report Number: 15-001824

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Offense-Burglary 2911.12

SA Momchilov requested a copy of this report through the Richland County Sheriff's Office.

Oswalt is not listed in this report and the report appears to be incomplete. However, based on court records it appears that Michael Oswalt pled guilty to this incident and was sentenced to prison.

**Mansfield Police**

June 30, 2015-Report Number: 15-017457

Offense-Breaking and Entering: 2911.13

The report indicates that Jeremiah Oswalt stated that an unknown individual broke out a small window on a second story of his business (Advanced Key and Lock Shop) and made entry. The report states the individual then stole \$100.00 in cash. Jeremiah stated he believes his cousin (Michael Oswalt) may be responsible due to "having a drug addiction."

**Mansfield Police**

July 4, 2015-Report Number: 15-017942

Offense-Burglary: 2911.12, Resisting Arrest: 2921:33

Officers were dispatched to 224 Saxton Avenue in reference to a suspicious person complaint. The suspicious person was possibly attempting to break into a residence located at 208 Saxton Drive. When the complainant confronted the individual, the individual stated he was looking for "Jason." The suspicious person was described as a white male wearing a green shirt with no sleeves.

Officers located the individual, later identified as Oswalt, carrying a laptop, box and an electronic tablet. Oswalt was asked where he was coming from, and he responded "Jason's" and that Jason had left the items on the front porch for him. Officers attempted to place Oswalt in the back of the cruiser at which point Oswalt ran from officers. Officers were able to capture Oswalt at which point he stated that, "He shouldn't have broke into the house" and that he was

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“homeless and hungry.” Oswald was arrested and transported to the Richland County Jail.

Officers later returned to 208 Saxton Drive and discovered that the rear door of the residence had a window broken out.

**Bellville Police**

July 28, 2023-Report Number: CR-2023-000027

Offence-None

Oswald was listed as a driver in a motor vehicle accident. Oswald was not at fault.

**Columbus Police**

August 10, 2024-Report Number: 240596150, 24-0588332

Offense-Criminal Damaging: 2909.06, Assault on a Peace Officer: 2903.13 (A)

Officers were dispatched to the area of I-70 West and I-71 south in reference to a multiple vehicle accident. Upon arrival, officers located Oswald. Oswald's behavior was described as “extremely evasive and erratic.” Oswald climbed on top of a freeway divider wall and began to throw items (small wrenches, sockets and lug nuts) from his truck, at officers. According to the report, one object, thrown by Oswald deflected off of a vehicle and struck an officer, causing a laceration above his right eye.

Oswald was eventually apprehended after a SWAT standoff that lasted approximately 4 hours.

**Bellville Police**

August 10, 2024

Offense-Assist other Law Agency

The Bellville Police Department was requested to make contact with Oswald's family members in reference to the above summary (Columbus Police). Apparently, Columbus Police attempted to make contact with Oswald's family members in an attempt to diffuse the situation.

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According to the report, “All of the family currently present stated they will not go to assist. They were unwilling to participate in the slightest, due to being tired of dealing with Michael, and stating that they believed if they were to be involved in any negotiations all they would do is aggravate the situation further. I was advised the best to advise (sic) they could give is to shoot him if he is hurting people.

**Mansfield Police**

August 20, 2024-Report Number: 24-019265

Offense-Possession of Drugs (Cocaine): 2925.11(C)(4)

Oswalt is listed as an offender in a possession of drugs complaint

All of the obtained reports were placed onto a portable hard drive, the hard drive was placed into the item section of the physical case file, labeled as Item F.

**References:**

Reference Item F: Past Police Reports involving Michael Oswalt

**Attachments:**

None

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