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Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 9093 Zinnia Court, Apt 1209,
West Chester, Ohio 45069 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Tiffany Elizabeth Barnes (V)

Date of Activity: 06/05/2026

Activity Location: UC West Chester Hospital – 7700 University Drive, West Chester, OH 45069

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Narrative:

On Friday, June 5, 2026, at approximately 0026 hours, Special Agent Steven Seitzman of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation conducted an interview with Tiffany Barnes, who had been identified as the victim of a domestic violence incident that preceded the officer-involved critical incident under review. The interview was conducted at UC Health West Chester Hospital, in Room 7 of the emergency department. Ms. Barnes voluntarily agreed to the interview, stating that she wanted to ensure investigators obtained all necessary information. The interview was recorded via body-worn camera.

This investigative report constitutes a summary. It is not intended to be a verbatim transcript. Information is organized to promote clarity and may not strictly follow the chronological progression of the interview. For complete context, reference should be made to the audio recording.

Ms. Barnes began by providing her personal information. She confirmed her residence on [REDACTED] and stated that she is originally from Charleston, South Carolina. She explained that she came to Ohio approximately ten years ago and attended both Miami University and Xavier University. She stated that she is currently employed [REDACTED]

Ms. Barnes stated that she is in the process of divorcing her husband, Stanley Adu Boampong, and that they have been separated for more than a year. She advised that she previously resided with Boampong at 7289 Woodberry Drive in Fairfield Township.

Ms. Barnes initially stated that she resided alone at the [REDACTED] address. However, when asked about Lorenzo Miller, she stated that he was “paroling there.” When asked how long Miller had been staying at the residence, she stated that he had been there since

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approximately September or October 2025.

Ms. Barnes stated that she believed she initially met Lorenzo at a bar and subsequently remained in contact with him. She reported that she met him approximately one year ago and began dating him around September 2025.

When asked about Lorenzo's background, Ms. Barnes stated that he had served approximately fifteen years in prison for manslaughter, although she was not aware of the circumstances surrounding the offense. She further indicated that he had served an additional two years of incarceration for drug-related offenses. Ms. Barnes also reported that Lorenzo had informed her that he had a juvenile record.

Ms. Barnes reported that, during the course of her relationship with Lorenzo, she met his three sisters. She further stated that he has three brothers. According to Ms. Barnes, one of the brothers is currently incarcerated at the Hamilton County Justice Center on what she believes to be drug-related charges. She also stated that another brother, Sir Michael Miller, has been incarcerated for more than ten years on murder-related charges. She advised that the third brother, Lamar Miller, is not currently incarcerated.

Ms. Barnes advised that Lorenzo's mother is residing in an unspecified treatment facility, and she does not know the current whereabouts of his father. She additionally stated that she believes the family has connections to the Detroit, Michigan area.

Special Agent Seitzman inquired of Ms. Barnes whether there had been any violence in her relationship with Lorenzo. Ms. Barnes confirmed that there had been, stating that the violence began approximately two weeks earlier on Memorial Day. She described the initial incident, reporting that she was at work when she received a phone call from one of Lorenzo's sisters, who informed her that Lorenzo had been drinking and that someone may have "put something in his drink." Ms. Barnes left work to pick him up.

According to Ms. Barnes, while she was driving back to their residence and admonished Lorenzo that he should not behave in that manner, he began choking her by grabbing her around the throat with one hand as they were on or near Wyoming Avenue. She stated that she placed the vehicle in park, at which point Lorenzo ripped her clothing, exposing her breasts. Ms. Barnes reported that she then resumed driving toward their residence in West Chester while Lorenzo continued verbally abusing her, calling her derogatory names including "hoe" and "bitch."

Ms. Barnes reported that as she began driving toward the West Chester Police Department, Lorenzo stated, "Before you get to the police station, you'll die. Before you get to that police station, I'll kill you." As she approached Chappell Crossing, Lorenzo again called her a "bitch" and told her he needed to urinate. She pulled the vehicle over, at which point he exited. Ms. Barnes then drove away at a high rate of speed and proceeded to her residence, where she retrieved personal items before leaving to stay at the Aloft Hotel in West Chester.

Ms. Barnes stated that she was injured as a result of the incident. She stated that Lorenzo left marks on her neck where he had choked her. She further reported bruising on the inside of her right arm.

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Ms. Barnes recalled that Lorenzo repeatedly called her throughout the night. She stated that she initially blocked his number but unblocked it the following day. She further reported that she contacted the West Chester Police Department to report the incident and spoke with an officer whom she believed to be the same officer who had previously saved her life. She believed the officer's name was Tyler M. According to Ms. Barnes, based on the information she provided, the officer advised her that the domestic violence incident had occurred in Hamilton County and referred her to the appropriate jurisdiction. She stated that the officer provided her with detailed instructions; however, she did not follow up on those recommendations, a decision she later came to regret.

Ms. Barnes stated that the incident on Memorial Day was the first instance of physical violence. She reported that prior to that date, Lorenzo would frequently yell at her and become aggressive. She further stated that he often spoke negatively about her best friend and co-worker, Shamaiah David, and she believed he was attempting to isolate her from that relationship, although he was unsuccessful.

Ms. Barnes stated that she continued to fear for her safety, so Ms. David picked her up from the hotel so they could travel together to their workplace at Beckett Springs. She reported that after their shift, she and Ms. David had a drink together, and Ms. David then drove her back to the Aloft Hotel. Ms. Barnes stated that Lorenzo continued to call her and eventually "sweet-talked" his way over to the hotel, which she described as his usual pattern of behavior. She stated that Lorenzo came to see her sometime during the late evening of May 26, 2026, or the early morning hours of May 27, 2026. She stated that she returned to her residence on or about Wednesday May 27, 2026.

Special Agent Seitzman asked Ms. Barnes about the incident that resulted in the officer-involved critical incident. Ms. Barnes stated that she had finished her shift at Beckett Springs and went out for a drink with Ms. David. She reported that she consumed two drinks and then returned home to make dinner. She stated that Lorenzo had purchased flowers for her and placed them in the bathroom sink. While she was upstairs changing clothes, Lorenzo became angry that she had spent time with Ms. David after work. She recalled Lorenzo calling her a "weak bitch."

Ms. Barnes stated that she went downstairs to prepare dinner, during which time the argument with Lorenzo continued. She reported that she was holding a knife to open a bag of frozen French fries but subsequently placed the knife on the kitchen table. She recalled Lorenzo walking toward her and shoving her, cornering her, and forcibly taking one of her phones from her hand. Ms. Barnes stated that she attempted to defend herself; however, Lorenzo overpowered her and struck her in the face several times.

Ms. Barnes further recalled that various items in the kitchen—including kitchen knives, a vase, and cooking oil—were knocked over during the altercation. Ms. Barnes stated that Lorenzo came into possession of a larger, butcher-style knife as he continued assaulting her. She reported that Lorenzo punched her, grabbed her by the hair, and possibly slammed her head onto the ground. She then remembered falling down the stairs, during which Lorenzo continued punching her. Ms. Barnes estimated that Lorenzo struck her at least eight to ten times. She stated that during the incident, she repeatedly reminded herself that she could not close her eyes.

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Ms. Barnes stated that officers knocked on the door, near which she was positioned after falling down the steps. She reported that Lorenzo held a knife to her throat and told her she "better not say anything" because he did not want to go back to jail, adding that he was not going back to jail. She stated that Lorenzo initially looked through the door's peephole without speaking. She believed that one of the officers heard her say "ow," at which point Lorenzo began conversing with the officers through the closed door. She recalled Lorenzo telling the officers that they needed a search warrant, that he and Ms. Barnes were merely having an argument, and that Ms. Barnes did not wish to speak with them.

Ms. Barnes recalled hearing an officer advise Lorenzo that they needed to speak with her directly and could not rely solely on his assurance that she was unharmed. She stated that Lorenzo then provided the officer with her phone number. She reported that an officer subsequently called her second phone, which remained in her possession. Ms. Barnes stated that she told the officer she was fine, despite knowing that was not the case. She explained that she was unable to disclose the truth because Lorenzo was still holding a knife to her throat. She recalled the officer asking whether she wanted the officers to leave, phrasing the question to elicit a one-word response. She answered, "No." The officer then asked if she was hurt, again seeking a one-word answer, to which she responded, "Yes."

Ms. Barnes stated that she ended the phone call with the officer and was eventually able to make her way upstairs. She reported that Lorenzo followed her and placed the knife on the second-to-last step as they reached the top of the staircase. Lorenzo then followed her into the bathroom and locked the door behind them. An officer subsequently called Lorenzo's phone, and Lorenzo spoke with the officer. Ms. Barnes stated that Lorenzo eventually left the bathroom, at which point she locked the door behind him. She seized that opportunity to text the word "help" to the phone number the officer had called her on moments earlier.

Shortly thereafter, she heard officers forcing entry into the residence and breaking down the entry door. At that time, Lorenzo kicked in the bathroom door and re-entered the bathroom, again possessing the knife. Ms. Barnes stated that he again held the knife to her throat as the officers approached. She recalled grabbing the blade of the knife with her left hand to prevent it from cutting her throat. Ms. Barnes stated that she saw three or four uniformed officers and a police canine. She reported hearing an officer order Lorenzo several times to put down the weapon or knife, commands with which he did not comply. Lorenzo then told her that she was "going to die."

Ms. Barnes stated that she saw an officer enter the bathroom and fire a single gunshot at Lorenzo, causing both her and Lorenzo to fall to the ground. She then recalled an officer telling her that she was safe and to follow officers out of the bathroom. She was rushed out of the residence and sat on the curb outside while the officers checked her for injuries. She recalled medics already at the scene rushing in to tend to Lorenzo. She confirmed that she was also treated by medics and subsequently transported to the hospital. During the interview, she stated that she did not know whether Lorenzo was dead or alive, adding that she did not care. She estimated that the entire incident, from beginning to end, lasted approximately 20 to 30 minutes, with the physical portion lasting approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

Ms. Barnes stated that the involved officers acted properly and did everything within their

power to resolve the situation peacefully. She stated that the officers did everything possible to save her life. She recalled feeling safe after the officer fired the shot and escorted her out of the apartment. She stated that she was grateful to be alive and that she would never forget the officers.

Ms. Barnes was questioned regarding the nature and extent of her injuries. She reported experiencing pain in her left arm and back. She exhibited a significant injury to her left eye, which was swollen completely shut, as well as noticeable bruising and swelling to her forehead. Additionally, she had visible lacerations to the palmar side of her left index, middle, ring, and little fingers, which she stated occurred when she grabbed the knife in an effort to prevent it from cutting her throat. She also presented with a small cut on the left side of her neck, which she reported resulted from Lorenzo holding a knife to her throat.

Medical staff later advised [REDACTED]. All visible injuries were photographed with her consent.

Ms. Barnes was notified that Lorenzo was deceased. She was further advised that at least one of her phones had been taken as evidence. Special Agent Kenneth Smith retrieved essential personal items from Ms. Barnes' residence and provided them to a uniformed officer, who subsequently delivered them to the hospital. Upon her discharge, and at her request, Ms. Barnes was transported to the Aloft Hotel.

The interview concluded at approximately 0107 hours. The body-worn camera footage was preserved in the Evidence.com case associated with this matter.

References:

- J. Photographs of Tiffany Barnes' Injuries (Evidence.com)
- I. BCI – Tiffany Barnes Interview at UC Health West Chester Hospital (Evidence.com)

Attachments:

No attachments.