



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



2025-3488
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 371 SR 180, Chillicothe,
OH 45601 (L)

Investigative Activity: Residential SW Obtained
Involves: Bryan Rothe
Activity Date: 10/26/2025
Activity Location: 371 SR 180, Chillicothe, OH 45601
Authoring Agent: SAS Kevin Barbeau

Narrative:

Search Warrant Obtained

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Kevin Barbeau (SAS Barbeau) was provided a search warrant for 371 SR 18, Chillicothe, OH 45601 relative to the officer-involved critical incident which occurred on October 26, 2025.

On Sunday, October 26, 2025, Ross County Sheriff's Office Sergeant M. Brooks met with Chillicothe Municipal Court Judge John B. Street (Judge Street). Judge Street reviewed the search warrant and search warrant affidavit. On, October 26, 2025 at approximately 1810 hours, Judge Street signed / authorized the search warrant. A copy of said search warrant was provided to BCI Special Agent Supervisor Kevin Barbeau.

Search Warrant Executed

On Sunday, October 26, 2025, at approximately 1817 hours, Special Agents from BCI crime scene executed / served the aforementioned search warrant.

During the search, the items of potential evidence were seized, see attached receipt.

An inventory of the items seized was prepared and a copy of the search warrant and items seized were left at the residence by crime scene special agents.

Search Warrant Returned

On Tuesday, October 28, 2025, Ross County Sheriff's Office Sergeant M. Brooks reviewed and signed the search warrant return. Subsequently, he filed the original search warrant, search warrant affidavit, inventory, and search warrant return with the Ross County Clerk of Courts, see attached.

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A copy of the search warrant documents and search inventory are attached to this investigative report.

References:

NONE

Attachments:

- Search Warrant, Affidavit, Return, and Evidence Receipt for 371 SR 180, Chillicothe, OH 45601

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IN THE CHILlicothe MUNICIPAL COURT

OCT 23 2025

WARRANT TO SEARCH

CHILlicothe, OH

THE STATE OF OHIO

ss.

ROSS COUNTY

To: George W. Lavender Jr., Ross County Sheriff's Office, Greetings:

WHEREAS, there has been filed with me an affidavit, a copy of which appears attached hereto, these are, therefore, to command you, in the name of The State of Ohio, with the necessary and proper assistance, to enter, in the daytime into the residence and property of Tonya and Brian Rothe, 371 St. Rt. 180., Chillicothe, OH 45601, being described as a doublewide residential trailer with curtilage; half white with black shutters and half black with white shutters; and having a black, metal roof; with a detached garage with two bays with metal siding and a shingled roof; and the number "371" on a four inch by four inch wooden post at the end of the driveway and to execute a search of the said residence and property within three (3) days after the issuance of this warrant. The said premises being in the County of Ross, Ohio, aforesaid, and there diligently search for the said goods, chattels, or articles, to wit, pursuant to §2933.21 R.C. and Rule 41 of the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure, evidence of the commission of the criminal offense of Felonious Assault, §2903.11 R.C., weapons, firearms, cartridges, cartridge casings, magazines, body armor, firearm accessories, implements, tools, instruments, articles, or property used in the offense, property which may identify or trace the victim or suspects, photographs of the scene, samples of materials the subjects may have carried from the scene on their person, personal property or other objects to identify witnesses to assist in the investigation process; biological evidence to include blood and other bodily fluids; hair; skin and skin flakes; and all indicia, documents, and records showing ownership or rights of possession of the residence and property of Tonya and Brian Rothe, 371 St. Rt. 180, Chillicothe, OH 45601.

You are further commanded to bring the same or any part thereof, found on such search, forthwith before me, or some other judge of this court having cognizance thereof, to be disposed of and dealt with according to law. In lieu thereof, you are authorized to retain such seized property and evidence in the property room of the Ross County Sheriff's Office or the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Judge [Signature] 10-26-2025 6:10 PM

SEARCH WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

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CLERK OF COURT
JUDICIAL BRANCH
CHILlicothe, OH 45601

THE STATE OF OHIO

ss.

ROSS COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned, Judge of a court of record within and for Ross County, Ohio, personally appeared Sgt. M. Brooks of the Ross County Sheriff's Office, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he has good cause to believe and does believe that pursuant to §2933.21 R.C. and Rule 41 of the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure, evidence of the commission of the criminal offense of Felonious Assault, §2903.11 R.C., weapons, firearms, cartridges, cartridge casings, magazines, body armor, firearm accessories, implements, tools, instruments, articles, or property used in the offense, property which may identify or trace the victim or suspects, photographs of the scene, samples of materials the subjects may have carried from the scene on their person, personal property or other objects to identify witnesses to assist in the investigation process; biological evidence to include blood and other bodily fluids; hair; skin and skin flakes; and indicia, documents, and records showing ownership or rights of possession are being kept in or on a certain residence known as the residence of Tonya and Brian Rothe, 371 St. Rt. 180, Chillicothe, OH 45601, being described as a doublewide residential trailer with curtilage; half white with black shutters and half black with white shutters; and having a black, metal roof; with a detached garage with two bays with metal siding and a shingled roof; and the number "371" on a four inch by four inch wooden post at the end of the driveway; in said Ross County, Ohio.

The facts upon which such belief is based are as follows:

The affiant, Sgt. M. Brooks, has been employed by the Ross County Sheriff's Office since 2007 and is currently assigned to the investigations division. He attended the Southern Ohio Police Training Institute and has participated in numerous governmental and private trainings since.

On October 26, 2025, [REDACTED] of the Ross County Sheriff's Office were called to 371 St. Rt. 180, Chillicothe, OH 45601, in Ross County upon report of disorderly conduct. Witnesses reported that two people turned into the wrong driveway with the intention of picking up a vehicle, and one of the property owners, Brian Rothe, and his son Wesley, became disorderly toward them and were preparing to ram them with a motor vehicle. They then assaulted both the individuals who were there by mistake.

After [REDACTED] arrived on scene, one of them tasered Mr. Rothe. Mr. Rothe got up and then ran into the residence and returned to the door with a rifle. Mr. Rothe then fired at the deputies. They returned fire, and Mr. Rothe was struck and later pronounced deceased. Deputies currently on scene have observed and black and purple AR-15 style rifle in front of the front porch of the residence. The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation was called for additional investigation.

BASED UPON ALL OF THE FOREGOING, AFFIANT BELIEVES, AND HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT COMMISSION OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, HAS

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BEEN CONDUCTED AT 371 ST. RT. 180., CHILLICOTHE, OH 45601, AND FURTHER THAT
ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF SUCH CRIMINAL OFFENSE WILL BE FOUND AT 371 ST. RT. 180,
CHILLICOTHE, OH 45601.

OCT 26 2025 11:51
MUNICIPAL JUDGE
CHILLICOTHE, OH

Sgt. M Brooks
Sgt. M Brooks

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence by Sgt. M. Brooks, this 26th day of October,
2025.

Judge
Judge
10-26-2025
6:10 PM

RETURN; RECEIPT; INVENTORY OF SEARCH WARRANT

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2025 OCT 23 11:51
OHIO BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
COLUMBUS, OH

State of Ohio
Ross County ss.

I, Sgt. M. Brooks, received the attached search warrant on the 26th day of October, 2025, and (check appropriate box):

- I am returning the Warrant without having executed the same.
- The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation executed it as follows: On the 26th day of October, 2025, at 6:20 o'clock P.M., the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation searched the residence and property of Tonya and Brian Rothe, described in the warrant, and left a copy of the warrant (check one):

- with Tonya Rothe at 371 St. Rt. 180, Chillicothe, OH 45601
- together with a copy of this Inventory and Receipt for the items seized.

Furthermore (check appropriate box):

- no evidence was seized.
- The attached sheet is an INVENTORY of property taken pursuant to the warrant
- The following is an INVENTORY of property taken pursuant to the warrant

Item No.	Quantity and description of property taken
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This Inventory was taken by Special Agent Brittney VanBibber in the presence of the witnesses signing below:

Sgt. M. Brooks (If Present)

Tonya Rothe (Request signature if present.)

Credible witness if either Sgt. M. Brooks or Tonya Rothe has not witnessed

I swear this Inventory is a true and detailed account of all property taken by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation on the Warrant; and a copy of this Inventory was deposited with the person or at the premises from which the property was taken as a Receipt of the items taken.

Sgt. M. Brooks
Sgt. M. Brooks

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence by Sgt. M. Brooks, this 26 day of October, 2025.

[Signature]
Notary Public/Clerk of Courts/Deputy Clerk

Evidence Receipt for Case #: 2025-3488

Agency: Ross County SO
 Prepared By:
 Case Date: Oct 26, 2025
 Offense(s): Officer Involved Critical Incident
 Victim(s):
 Witness(es):
 Suspect(s):
 Scene #: 1
 Scene Address: 371 State Route 180, Chillicothe, OH 45601



Evidence #	Item Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
2	Gun/Firearm Cardboard Box containing Rifle -- Quantity: 1; Short barrel rifle, no brand or S/N visible, with purple forward grip, grip, and stock, found with loaded chamber, and 5.56x45 Pmag with 21 cartridges	Front porch:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025
3	Envelope containing Fired Projectile -- Quantity: 1; Fired projectile found on floor	Front porch:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025
4	Envelope containing Fired Projectile -- Quantity: 1; Fired projectile found on floor by front door	Residence:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025
5	Envelope containing Fired Projectile -- Quantity: 1; Small copper jacketing found on floor by front door	Residence:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025
6	Paper Bag containing T-shirt -- Quantity: 1; Cut, black "Slipknot" t-shirt with blood and suspected bullet holes, found on floor by front door	Residence:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025
7	Envelope containing Fired Projectile -- Quantity: 1; Fired projectile found on floor in living room	Residence:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025
8	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Rifle casing, 5.56 AP 20, found in office by front door	Residence:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025
9	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Rifle casing, 5.56 AP 20, found in office by front door	Residence:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025
10	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; 10 casings, 9mm WIN, found by front of trailer	Yard:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025
11	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; 15 casings, 9mm WIN, found closer to gate	Yard:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025
12	Envelope containing Ammo Magazine -- Quantity: 1; Empty SIG 9mm pistol magazine, marked capacity of 17, located in grass near item 11	Yard:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025
13	Envelope containing Taser -- Quantity: 1; Taser wire found in grass outside of gate	Yard:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025
14	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Rifle casing, 5.56 AP 20, found in office by front door	Residence:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025
15	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Rifle casing, 5.56 AP 20, found in hallway by front door	Residence:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025

Released By	Released To	Date/Time
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 RECEIVED
 BRITNEY VANBIBBER



16	Plastic Bag containing Cell Phone -- Quantity: 1; iPhone in yellow case, from living room couch, placed airplane mode	Residence:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025
17	Plastic Bag containing Cell Phone -- Quantity: 1; iPhone in black case, in airplane mode, located in subject pocket, turned over by Det. Crosier	Residence:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025
17.1	Envelope containing Set of Keys -- Quantity: 1; Keys with Harley Davidson keychain, originally packaged together with iPhone, turned over by Det. Crosier	Residence:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025
18	Envelope containing Fired Projectile -- Quantity: 1; Projectile located behind home by shed	Residence:	Brittney VanBibber	Oct 26, 2025

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