



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



2026-1831

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 905 E. Warren St.,
Bucyrus, OH 44820, Crawford County

Investigative Activity: Witness Officer Statement Review
Involves: Officer Paul Webb (W)
Activity Date: 07/23/2026
Activity Location: BCI – Bowling Green
Authoring Agent: SA David Hammond #120

Narrative:

On Thursday, July 23, 2026, Special Agent David Hammond (SA Hammond) received an email from Fraternal Order of Police Union Attorney Jessica Franken (Atty. Franken). The email contained a written statement as an attachment from Officer Paul Webb (Ofc. Webb) of the Mansfield Police Department (MPD). Ofc. Webb was deployed as a member of the ASORT Tactical Team during the May 11, 2026, Officer Involved Critical Incident that took place at 905 E. Warren St. in Bucyrus, Ohio.

On July 23, 2026, SA Hammond reviewed the statement from Ofc. Webb. The following portions of Ofc. Webb's statements were deemed notable in this investigation. Some of the written statements have been compressed for ease of reading. Ofc. Webb's statement was attached to this report, in its entirety.

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Shortly after our team arrived and began our approach, I heard multiple gunshots fired by the male subject from inside the residence. Based on the circumstances, it was apparent that the subject continued to pose a threat by firing rounds in the direction of law enforcement vehicles and personnel. Although I could hear the gunfire, I do not recall ever visually observing the male subject during the incident.

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Several hours into the incident, I was informed that a sniper had been authorized to engage the subject if an appropriate opportunity presented itself. A short time later, I heard a single rifle shot after the sniper was given the authorization to engage. Shortly afterward, I was informed that the subject had been struck and was down.

Throughout the incident, I remained assigned to my position at the front of the residence, carrying out my responsibilities as Team Leader for [REDACTED] and assisting with tactical operations as directed. Other than hearing the subject fire multiple rounds from within the residence, I do not recall ever seeing the subject during the incident.

References:

None

Attachments:

Officer P. Webb Statement Bucyrus OIS05.11.26.pdf

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