



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



2024-4066

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1004 Park Lane, Apartment A,  
Middletown, Ohio (Butler County) (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Case Opening  
**Involves:** Christopher Gorak (S)  
**Date of Activity:** 12/24/2024  
**Activity Location:** – 1004 Park Ln., Middletown, OH  
**Author:** SA Steven Seitzman

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at approximately 1944 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Deputy Chief Ryan Morgan of the Middletown Police Department to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident that occurred at 1004 Park Lane, Apartment A, Middletown, Butler County, Ohio. BCI Special Agent Supervisor William Jones assigned the matter to SA Seitzman at 1956 hours. SA Seitzman responded to the scene and arrived at approximately 2030 hours. BCI Special Agent David Hornyak from the Special Investigations Unit responded to assist SA Seitzman. Additionally, BCI Crime Scene Unit technicians Holly Ryczek and Dylan Wical responded to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence.

SA Seitzman spoke with Deputy Chief Morgan to obtain additional information. Deputy Chief Morgan reported that four Middletown police officers responded to the address after receiving a call about two male subjects fighting. He stated that the resident, later identified as Christopher Gorak, opened the door while pointing a handgun in the direction of the officers. He stated that Officer [REDACTED] fired multiple rounds, mortally wounding Gorak.

A copy of the request for assistance letter is attached to this investigative report.

**References:**

No references.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: BCI Request-Signed

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# **Exhibit 1**



December 24, 2024

William Jones  
Special Agent In Charge  
Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation  
P.O. Box 365  
London, Ohio 43140

Subject: Request for Assistance

Dear SAIC William Jones,

The Middletown, Ohio Police Division is seeking assistance from the Ohio Bureau of Investigations to probe an officer-involved shooting that took place on December 24, 2024, at 1004 Park Lane, Middletown, Ohio.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Earl Nelson'.



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