



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



2025-0596

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 236 McKinley Ave, Piqua, OH
(Miami County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Initial Briefing
Involves: Piqua Police Department (O)
Date of Activity: 02/21/2025
Activity Location: Piqua Police Department – Business – 100 N. Wayne Street, Piqua, OH 45356
Author: SA David Hornyak, #112

Narrative:

On February 21, 2025, at approximately 1820 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Dave Hornyak contacted Deputy Chief Gearing of the Piqua Police Department (PPD) to obtain an initial briefing on the officer-involved critical incident that occurred that evening. Deputy Chief Gearing advised that PPD officers responded to a domestic violence incident at 236 McKinley Ave., Piqua, and encountered known subject David West inside the residence. West was armed with a pistol and failed to comply with commands to drop the weapon. One PPD officer fired multiple shots striking and killing West. Three other officers were also in the residence but did not fire. A subsequent inspection of West's weapon showed the pistol to be a pepper ball gun that had the appearance of an actual firearm.

Deputy Chief Gearing advised that all four officers were at the police department awaiting the arrival of BCI agents. Also at the station were David West's parents who had been in the home at the time of the shooting. All officers were reported to have been wearing active body-worn cameras. The entire incident was reported to have taken place inside the residence.

SA Hornyak provided Deputy Chief Gearing with the initial expectations of BCI along with information about how agents would proceed upon arrival. Deputy Chief Gearing further advised that PPD was in the process of obtaining a search warrant for the residence, which would be ready in time for the arrival of BCI Crime Scene personnel.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Request for Investigation

Exhibit 1



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February 24, 2025

William Jones
Special Agent Supervisor
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Dear Special Agent Supervisor Jones,

I am requesting the assistance of the Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation to investigate an Officer involved shooting that occurred in Piqua, Ohio on Friday, February 21, 2025. The Piqua Police Department report # is 25PI02671. The involved Officer is Police Lieutenant Marcos Rodriguez. Please contact me at your convenience should you need additional information.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Byron", is written over a horizontal line.

Richard A. Byron, CLEE
Chief of Police
Piqua Police Department

