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Officer-Involved Critical Incident - Officer Involved Critical Incident - State Route 67 and Township Road 8, Republic, OH 44867, Seneca County (L)

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	BCI Laboratory: 26-22219

Investigative Request

On Tuesday, July 07, 2026, Sheriff Fredrick W. Stevens of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) Force Investigations Unit (FIU), Cyber Crimes Unit (CCU), and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident. The incident reportedly occurred on July 7, 2026 in the area of State Route 67 and Township Road 8, Republic, Ohio, and resulted in the death of Jeffrey Sergent (Sergent).

Preface:

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the July 7, 2026 officer-involved shooting in Seneca County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Every fact and detail is not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which this document is derived be read in order to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for the majority of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.

This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.

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Investigative Team

BCI Special Agent David Hammond (SA Hammond) was assigned as the lead FIU case agent. SA Hammond received assistance in the investigation from SA Ryan Emahiser (SA Emahiser), SA Doug Burke (SA Burke), Special Agent Supervisor Charles Moran (SAS Moran) and SA Joshua Welty (SA Welty). BCI Special Agents Megan Roberts (SA Roberts) and CST Emily Miller (SA Miller) of the Crime Scene Unit processed the scene of the incident, documenting, preserving, and collecting possible evidence. BCI Special Agent Robert Surgenor, Jr. of the Cyber Crimes Unit conducted an extraction and analysis of a cellular phone and dash camera recovered from the crime scene. The investigation was supervised by Special Agent Supervisor Charles Moran. Additionally, various personnel from the BCI crime laboratory performed scientific analyses on submitted items of potential physical evidence.

Summary of Process

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during the course of this investigation, by the investigative team, in an effort to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Recorded interview(s) of the two officers who discharged their weapons
- Recorded interviews of three officers who were involved in the incident, at the scene, or otherwise deemed to potentially have relevant information
- Neighborhood canvass of the area surrounding the scene
- Interviews of three civilian witnesses to the incident
- Interview of wife of the decedent
- Special agent attendance of post-mortem examination (autopsy) of the deceased
- Obtained and reviewed post-mortem examination (autopsy) and toxicology reports
- Obtained and reviewed police reports of prior law enforcement contacts with the subject
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on the involved subject(s), to include criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.
- Review of all available dash cameras involved in the incident

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- Review of all available body cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available surveillance video which captured any portion of the incident
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting)
- 3D scans / model of incident area
- Processing of involved vehicle(s) for potential evidence
- Shooting reconstruction and trajectory analysis
- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident
- Reviewed phone/text records obtained via search warrant from wireless service provider
- Review of the department's reports, photographs, and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement
- Obtained search warrants for the subject's phone and performed an analysis of the data present
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
    1. Firearm identification testing of involved firearms, casings, and bullets
    2. Firearm operability testing
- Obtained search warrant to analyze electronic evidence, to include:
    1. Cellular phones
- Reviewed data obtained from aforementioned items of electronic evidence
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officers involved in the shooting, to include training and disciplinary records (if any)
- Reviewed firearm qualification and training records for involved officers
- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the officer(s) who discharged their weapons
- Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding use of force for prosecutorial review
- Enhancement of audio/video recordings through the assistance of the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission
- Performed records checks, including LEADS and NCIC off-line search, for the vehicle(s) involved in the incident
- Reviewed tips, social media posts, and pertinent statements made in the media regarding the incident

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Incident Summary/Overview

On Tuesday, July 7th, 2026, at approximately 1017 hours, Deputies from the Seneca County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with an officer of the Village of Bloomville Police Department, conducted a traffic stop with Jeffrey Sergent at the intersection of State Route 67 and Township Road 8 in Seneca County.

Sergent was the subject of a domestic violence investigation, and charges had been filed for his arrest (felony). Bloomville Police Department (BPD) Officer Kevin Scherley (Ofc. Scherley) knew Sergent on sight and followed him to the incident location so that a felony stop could be conducted with Deputies from Seneca County.

During the traffic stop, Sergent refused to turn off his engine, exit the vehicle and allow law enforcement officials to take him into custody. During the process of negotiation, Sergent became increasingly agitated. Deputies used a glass punch on Sergent's driver's window in an attempt to extract him.

Sergent put his vehicle in reverse and accelerated quickly, nearly striking [redacted] and Ofc. Scherley. Sergent's GMC truck impacted a guardrail and then moved forward quickly. [redacted] was standing in front of the truck. [redacted] and [redacted] fired their weapons into the truck, impacting Sergent. The truck made contact with [redacted] and later impacted a SCSO cruiser. Sergent died of his injuries at the scene.

Decedent



Name: Jeffrey Sergent

DOB: 03/05/1983

SSN: [redacted]

Address: 16 N. Marion St.

Bloomville, Ohio

Jeffrey Sergent died at the scene as a result of his injuries. Sergent would be transported to the Lucas County Coroner's Office for autopsy.

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Background

Jeffrey Sergent

43-year-old male.

Active Arrest Warrant:

Signed charges were completed on July 7, 2026, by the Seneca County Common Pleas Court in Tiffin, Ohio, for Jeffrey R. Sergent (16 N. Marion St., Bloomville, Ohio). The charge was 2919.25 A1a, felony domestic violence.

Prior Police Encounters:

#	Agency	Nature of Call	Report #	Date
1	Bloomville Police Dept.	Domestic – Argument with wife	26-89	05/19/26
2	Republic PD	911 Hang Up	26-84	05/20/26
3	Seneca Co. SO	Warrant Service	18-6881	11/22/18
4	Seneca Co. SO	Warrant Service	18-6882	11/22/18
5	Seneca Co. SO	Public Assistance – Domestic	23-8745	07/13/23
6	Seneca Co. SO	Public Assistance	25-16857	12/15/25
7	Seneca Co. SO	Domestic Violence	26-9272	07/04/26
8	Tiffin PD	Petty Theft	07-6889	06/05/07
9	Tiffin PD	Underage Drinking	07-8088	07/06/07
10	Tiffin PD	Domestic Violence	07-13547	11/18/07
11	Tiffin PD	Theft	07-13664	11/21/07
12	Tiffin PD	Traffic – Warrant Service	07-13690	11/22/07

Computerized Criminal History (CCH) and Court Records:

#	Agency	Charge	Date
[redacted]			

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Autopsy

The autopsy report for the decedent (Jeffrey Sergent) was obtained from the Lucas County Coroner's Office. The report number was A-00712-26. The examination was conducted by Dr. D. Wolf, MD. A review of those documents revealed the following information:

The cause of death for Jeffrey Sergent was determined to be [redacted]" The manner of death was ruled [redacted]. The toxicology report indicated:

[redacted]

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Physical Evidence

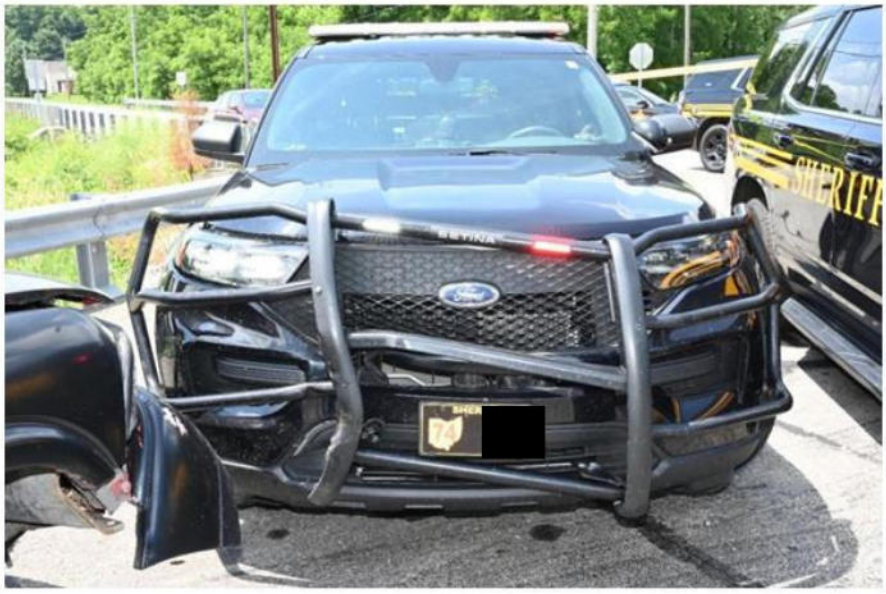
The BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to respond to the scene of the shooting in order to document and preserve any items of potential evidence. Multiple agents responded and processed the scene, to include photographing and mapping the area, as well as the search for, documentation, and collection of items of possible evidence. Detailed crime scene reports were completed with the below information only summarizing some of the more significant findings.



Image #1 – Drone Image – Overall Scene

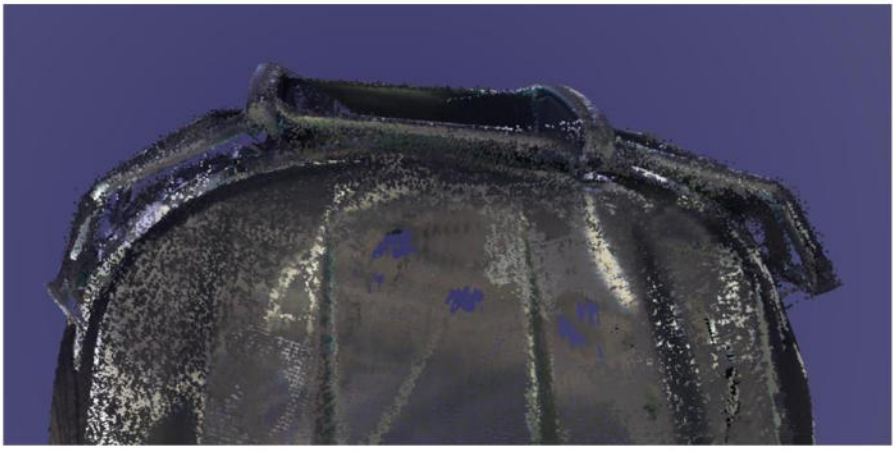
Make	Model	Registration	Owner
Ford	F150	74 [redacted]	Seneca County Sheriff's Office
Chevrolet	Tahoe	74 [redacted]	Seneca County Sheriff's Office
Ford	Police Interceptor	74 [redacted]	Seneca County Sheriff's Office
GMC	Sanoma	KWX 2981	Jeffrey Sergent
Ford	Police Interceptor	BPD 502	Bloomville Police Department

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Front bumper of police cruiser 74[redacted]

Image #2



Damage to front of cruiser collected by scanner

Image #3

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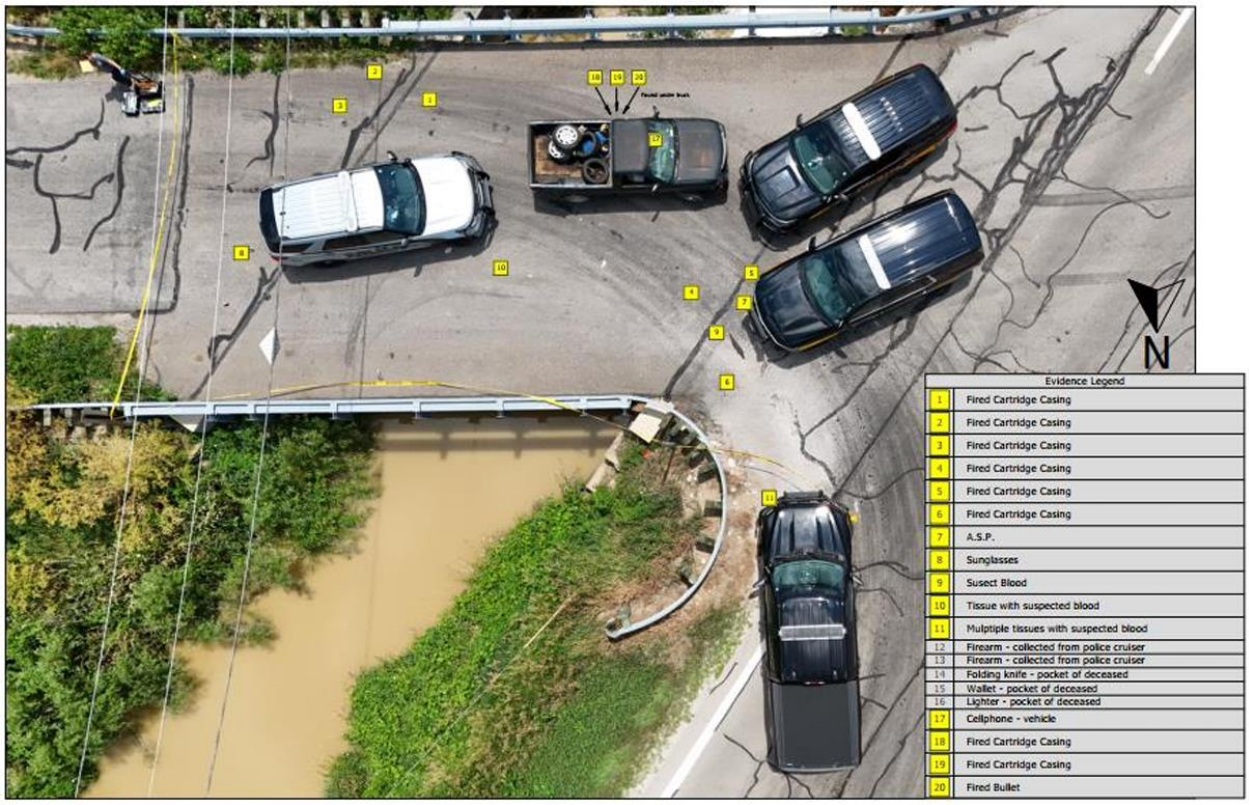


Image #4 – Crime Scene Diagram

Multiple cartridge casings, apparent blood stains, and car parts were found in the roadway surrounding the vehicles. Investigators located six (6) WIN 9mm LUGER fired cartridge casings scattered across Township Road 8 between the vehicles described. Each casing was collected, placed into separate manila envelopes, sealed with clear tape, and retained as BCI Items # 1-6.

After the GMC truck was removed from the scene, two (2) additional WIN 9mm LUGER fired cartridges were found along with one (1) fired bullet were located. These items were presumed to have been beneath the GMC truck. Each item was placed into separate manila envelopes, sealed with clear tape, and retained as BCI Item's #18-20.

An examination of Sergent's vehicle was completed by SA Roberts and CST Miller, after obtaining a search warrant.

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A dash camera was located on the interior front windshield on the driver's side. An SD card was present inside the camera. The SD card and camera were placed into separate manila envelopes, sealed with clear tape, and retained as BCI Items 2 & 6.



Image #5 - Dash Camera from GMC Truck

SA Roberts and CST Miller also examined the vehicle for evidence that that truck may have contacted [redacted] during the incident.

> *The exterior surface of the vehicle was covered in a light layer of dust and debris. The front of the hood was dusted with sterile powder for latent prints, as body camera footage indicated an officer may have touched this area during the altercation. Partial prints and areas of disturbance in the dust were observed. The prints were documented through scaled photography. The prints and disturbed areas (presumed to be from the palm/hand) were swabbed with one (1) swab utilizing stain extraction buffer. The swab was placed into a manila envelope, sealed with clear tape, and retained as BCI Item #4.*



Prints located on hood of vehicle

Image #6

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BCI Case Number:	Location:	Date of Occurrence:
2025-2566	3040 State Route 100, 44883 (location of examination)	July 11, 2026
Offense:	**Involved Agency:**	**Lead Investigator:**
Officer Involved Critical Incident	Seneca County Sheriff's Office	Special Agent David Hammond
Drawn By:		
Special Agent Megan Roberts - Ballistic Impact Diagram of GMC Pick-up Truck		

Diagram Created by the Crime Scene Unit Documenting Ballistic Incident Locations

Image #7

Various items of potential evidence were submitted to the BCI Laboratory for analysis. The actual reports should be consulted as the following synopsis does not include many of the details from the full reports.

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Lab Analysis

The BCI Firearms Section performed an analysis of the officers' firearms, as well as the firearm-related evidence collected from the scene, vehicles, and autopsies (casings and bullets). By comparing evidentiary cartridge casings/projectiles to known standards from each weapon, identifications were able to be made as to which casings/projectiles were fired from each firearm. Of the casings/projectiles recovered, the following identifications were made:

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 8 Glock model 45 Pistol	N/A	Operable
	Items 1 and 12 Two (2) fired bullets	Source Identification
	Items 2, 3, 4, 10, and 11 Five (5) 9mm Luger fired cartridge cases	Source Identification

The Glock model 45 Pistol (Item 8), collected from [redacted] was found to be a source identification for two fired bullets. The first bullet was laboratory item #1; the bullet removed from Jeffrey Sergent's right arm at autopsy. The second bullet was laboratory item #12; a fired bullet located at the scene (CS Unit #20). This weapon was also a source identification for five fired cartridge casings located at the scene (Crime Scene Unit # 1, 2, 3, 18, 19).

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 9 Glock model 17 Gen 5 Pistol	N/A	Operable
	Item 13 One (1) fired bullet	Source Identification
	Items 5, 6, and 7 Three (3) 9mm Luger fired cartridge cases	Source Identification

The Glock model 17 Pistol (Item 9), collected from [redacted], was found to be a source identification for one fired bullet. The bullet, laboratory item #13, was recovered from the head of Jeffrey Sergent at autopsy. This weapon was also a source identification for three fired cartridge casings located at the scene (Crime Scene Unit # 4, 5, 6).

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Witnesses

Christine Sergent – Jeffrey Sergent's Wife

While at the crime scene, SA Doug Burke and Chief Deputy Charles Boyer made the notification of death to Jeffrey Sergent's wife, Christine Sergent (Christine). Before they could begin to introduce themselves, Christine commented on her husband:

> *"I've been telling people for fucking months about mental illness."*

SA Burke and CD Boyer were eventually able to talk with Christine and CD Boyer briefly explained the circumstances surrounding the OICI which involved Christine's husband, Jeff. Furthermore, CD Boyer explained to Christine, that SCSO Deputies and Bloomville Police Department (BPD) had been attempting to contact Jeff regarding the Domestic Violence (DV) incident which had allegedly taken place a few days prior to the OICI.

Christine said she did not want DV charges filed against Jeff, adding:

> *"I told them that he needs mental help."*

Over the past six (6) months, Christine stated:

> *"I've been telling him I think he's like schizophrenia. He gets paranoid. He thinks people are following him. He's just gets like paranoid. He's not on drugs."*

SA Burke asked Christine about any illegal drugs Jeff might have been utilizing, including marijuana. Christine stated Jeff had not been using any drugs including marijuana, stating:

> *"He was like a hard drug user back in the day, like years ago when we had a bunch of problems. He was on meth, hanging out with these freaking degenerates, freaking you know what I mean."*

Christine talked about the DV incident which took place between herself and Jeff on July 1, 2026, and Christine then reported the July 1st incident on Saturday, July 4, 2026, where SCSO Deputies responded to Christine and Jeff's house in Bloomville, OH. SA Burke asked Christine why she did not initially contact any law enforcement. Christine stated:

> "*I didn't wanna fill out an incident report. Seneca County Sheriffs and I told them, I don't want him to be arrested. I'm just letting you know that if something crazy happens that he's been being very unstable."*

SA Burke asked Christine if Jeff had been back home on July 5th and 6th. Christine said that had been correct. Furthermore, SA Burke asked Christine if Jeff had stayed at the

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marital residence in Bloomville on the night of Monday, July 6, 2026, and Christine stated that was correct. Christine added:

> *"He was fine. He was like, 'I love you'. He took a shower. He got up this morning and he was fine. He was gonna go to work. He was getting ready to leave and Bloomville (Police Department Cruiser) drives by."*

SA Burke asked what time Bloomville Police Department (BPD) had driven past Christine and Jeff's house. Christine stated it was prior to 1000 hours on Tuesday, June 7, 2026. According to Christine, once Jeff left for work, "I talked to him at like 10:05 a.m. on the phone and he was like this cop is fucking behind me and he's like he's (BPD Officer) not pulling me over."

> "*And then he FaceTime's me. So, I'm talking to him and he's like, 'I love you.' I'm like, I love you. I said, 'Is the cops still behind you?' He said yes. I said, 'Is lights on'? He (Jeff) said no. He gets off the phone with me and he said, 'I'll call you right back.' I said OK and he calls Jake, which is somebody that he works with. That's how I found out about the whole incident because he was on the phone with Jake when shots were fired."*

David and Martha Kessler - 950 South State Route 67, Republic, Ohio 44867

David and Martha Kessler reside at the corner of State Route 67 and Township Road 8. David and Martha were home when the officer involved critical incident occurred. David was outside cleaning out his truck when he noticed the sheriff's office presence. He described law enforcement as trying to convince the occupant of the dark pickup truck, on several occasions, to turn off the motor and get out of the truck, as he was under arrest. David did not know the exact number of times law enforcement attempted to convince the occupant but estimated it to be three or four times. He explained one of the officers said, "turn the key off, roll the windows down, we'll go through it step by step."

David explained that law enforcement continued their attempts at getting the occupant of the pickup truck to follow their commands, until the occupant "stepped on the gas."

David stated, "I just don't understand why he didn't give up, there was no way out, I mean it's unfortunate, he made a poor decision."

Martha was able to hear the commands being given by law enforcement, including "turn your car off, open your windows, then let's talk to you." Martha described that law enforcement was attempting to give step by step instructions. Martha added, "I'm like why? Why would somebody, I don't know, they must want a death wish or something."

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Jacob Kendrick

On Thursday, July 09, 2026, at 0843 hours, SA Hammond and SA Emahiser interviewed Jacob Kendrick at the Fostoria Police Department. BCI Investigators learned that during the incident, Sergent was communicating with Kendrick via a FaceTime call. Sergent had placed his phone on the dash, facing outward, allowing the video feature to capture what was happening in front of his truck, during the traffic stop. Sergent and Kendrick were actively communicating about the incident. Kendrick recorded a portion of the FaceTime call with a second phone. He would later post the video to social media and comment on the incident.

Kendrick advised that he had known Sergent for a few years. He indicated they met during their time spent in jail. He also stated that they had been working together for the past 2-3 years. He stated the name of the company was Mini Cooper Co-Op or Scott's LLC. He described the work as either carpentry or mechanical work.

Kendrick advised that Sergent had been telling him that he was having weird run-ins with sheriffs over the previous six months. Kendrick commented that he wondered if Sergent had PTSD from being arrested.

Involved Officer Interviews

The following paragraphs are extremely abbreviated versions of each officer's account of his or her actions pertaining to this incident and/or discharging their weapon. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of each interview.

[redacted] described arriving at the scene with [redacted]

> "*I parked on the north side of the intersection to block off the other, um, possible exit point. Um, then myself and* [redacted] *exited the cruiser, and we stood there for probably a good two minutes, maybe three minutes. Um, while* [redacted] *continued to try and negotiate with Mr. Sergent, trying to get him to exit the vehicle peacefully.*"

[redacted] described efforts to reassure Sergent that they didn't want to harm him. Even though this was a felony stop, deputies showed Sergent their hands, to reassure him that they weren't holding any weapons. [redacted] stated that Sergent asked them to kill him at one point.

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"*Our hands were all free the whole time. We showed him multiple times. Um, he did ask us to just kill him at one point. Um, we explained to him we did not want to do that. We didn't want to hurt him.*"

[redacted] described [redacted] efforts to de-escalate the situation and negotiate a peaceful surrender. Eventually, the decision was made to use the glass punch to shatter the driver's window and extricate Sergent.

"[redacted] *changed his position and came in front right by the driver's side window. I moved up directly behind him. We continued giving him verbal commands to exit the vehicle. He eventually rolled the window up. Um,* [redacted] *told him that we were going to break the window if he did not comply. Um, at that point he tossed* [redacted] *a window punch tool, just a little tool we carry on our belt.*"

[redacted] *shattered the window with the window punch tool. Um, I used an Asp baton to clear the broken glass, at which point, as I was coming down to finish the bottom of the glass, that's when excuse, excuse my language, Mr. Sergent yelled, fuck you motherfuckers, put the vehicle into reverse. Floored it. And I know that because I know what the sound of a vehicle at the rapid acceleration.*"

[redacted] described the danger that he and others were in when the GMC truck that Sergent was driving, began to move at high speeds.

"*Me and* [redacted] *were both by the driver's side door. Um, if we didn't jump out of the way we would've been hit by the vehicle. Um, and at that time I had thought that* [redacted] *position was still back here. So, when he reversed and slammed into the guardrail, I no longer could see her. Um, he put his vehicle into drive, at which point* [redacted] *was in front of the vehicle directly. I had transitioned to the passenger side, and I was more so over here. At that point, I could see* [redacted] *running towards the front of the vehicle into this area here right next to where* [redacted]*s vehicle was at. And that was in the same direction that Mr. Sergent was driving.*"

[redacted] related what he saw as [redacted] was firing his weapon. He also described firing his own weapon into Sergent's truck.

"*At that point,* [redacted] *pulled his duty firearm out and fired several rounds through the window. He did have to jump out of the way to prevent being hit again. Um, once he was out of the line, out of my crossfire and I could clearly see* [redacted] *who had at that point stepped one leg over the*

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> *guardrail just in case she had to bail out over the guardrail to prevent being hit. Um, once I had a clear shot, I did fire my firearm through the passenger side window. Um, at that point, Mr. Sergent's vehicle slammed into* [redacted] *vehicle, um, with I would say pretty great force, um, with the damage that was caused.*

[redacted] related that he felt that deputies faced a serious threat due to Sergent's actions.

> SA Emahiser asked, "*So when you pulled out your weapon, and then you said you fired one shot? When you did that, did you feel like there was an imminent serious threat of death to anyone present?*"
>
> [redacted] answered, "*To my recollection, yes [number of rounds fired]. Yes [threat of death]. Because* [redacted] *had just jumped out of the way and* [redacted] *was still trying to get out of the way.*"

[redacted] stated that he believed that his actions were consistent with his training as a law enforcement officer.

[redacted] recounted responding to the traffic stop with some urgency because it was apparent that the subject was not cooperating with deputies. He described arriving on scene and being asked to move his patrol cruise to a different location to block a potential exit route.

[redacted] related the process of determining when to break out the window.

> "[redacted] *did most of the talking. You know, I don't want to, you know, we don't want to me talking on top of that's not going to solve anything. Um, if he's, you know, confused about who he needs to listen to. Uh, I think I told him that I was going to break the window out when we got to that point. Um, I waited until I asked* [redacted] *you know, do you want me to do it?*"
>
> "*I waited for him to give me the go ahead. Um, at that point, based off of the knowledge I had of him, I was expecting a giant fight when, when we popped the window out. Uh, so I, I asked for somebody* [redacted] *to grab a baton so* they *could break the window after we popped it that way when we tried to pull him out, we didn't get all cut up.*"

[redacted] described what happened after breaking the window.

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"*As soon as I did that, uh, he threw it in gear. I believe he went in reverse, turned the wheel. I had to kind of step back when he turned the wheel. So, the front of the vehicle didn't hit me. Uh, when he backed up and hit the guardrail, he was just squared up straight with me. Um, I remember drawing my gun and as soon as he started driving, he was driving straight at me and uh, he was afraid he was going to hit me. And I didn't know exactly where* [redacted] *was, but I knew* [redacted] *had had to be pretty close to me because he was standing right next to me and* [redacted] *or* [redacted] *had moved off to the side when he backed it up or when he, as soon as he started going forward towards me, like, oh shoot.*

I jumped back pretty much to avoid being struck. I jumped back, um, to move initially and then once I had, I had moved back and [redacted] *had moved back. The way that he turned when he did that also took me from the driver's side of the vehicle, you know, halfway back by, pretty much by the bed of the vehicle to standing in between the front of the vehicle and the guardrail. So, then when he hit, hit the accelerator and started driving straight towards me, I, you know, I feared, feared for my life and the other guys that were out there.*

I remember backing up initially when he first turned the wheel and started going backwards. I remember backing up at that point. And then the next thing that I, I, remember was having my gun out. I remember shooting, I don't remember how many times. And then I remember going out afterwards checking, make sure that he wasn't going to be able to move the vehicle again and, and hurt us and then I shut the vehicle off."

[redacted] indicated that he felt he did all that he could do within his training and experience as a deputy sheriff.

Witness Officer Interviews

[redacted] stated that on July 6th, he reviewed reports from the 4th of July weekend and noted a domestic violence report involving Jeffrey Sergent and his wife. He reviewed photographs of the injuries suffered by Christine Sergent. He stated, "I came to the conclusion that, uh, charges should be pressed for the case."

[redacted] worked with the investigating deputies and felony charges were filed on July 7, 2026. In the morning of July 7th, [redacted] contacted Officer Kevin Scherley of the

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Bloomville Police Department, notifying him of Sergent's charge and encouraged him to use caution due to his previous, sometimes violent encounters with law enforcement.

[redacted] was later contacted by Ofc. Scherley. He advised that he was following Sergent in his vehicle out of the Village of Bloomville. The two law enforcement officers began to coordinate a traffic stop to enhance security. Additional deputies began to respond to the area to assist.

A traffic stop was conducted at State Route 67 and Township Road 8. Ofc. Scherley parked his cruiser behind Sergent, while [redacted] blocked the path in front of Sergent's vehicle. [redacted] then recounted the efforts that he, Ofc. Scherley, [redacted] and [redacted] undertook to get Jeffrey Sergent to surrender.

> *"I positioned myself in a, a safe position with my driver's side door open and I began, uh, giving commands for Jeffrey to, uh, turn the ignition off, show us his hands, take, take the keys out of the ignition. I was using my PA system at the beginning."*

Sergent initially resisted these efforts, telling [redacted] that he didn't want his vehicle to be towed[redacted]eassured him that he would work with Sergent and facilitate someone picking up his vehicle. [redacted] and the other deputies approached Sergent's vehicle, as he [Sergent] became increasingly agitated.

> *"I continued to try to reason with him, tried to try to get him to shut the ignition off. I tried to get him to roll my window down. Apparently, he had crank up windows and he had a lot of, a lot of stuff sitting on the passenger seat. Um, so I assumed he, he didn't want to try to reach over there. And, um, so, uh, I offered also, to talk to Jacob again on the phone. You know, try to tell him he, you know, as, as Jacob, will I lie to you, you know, you know, Jacob knows me, knows that I'm pretty straight shooter, whatever. Um, and he, the, the more officer presence, the more agitated he got. Uh, he kept telling him not to surround, you know, stop surrounding him. I believe at one point I remember, uh, [redacted] uh, put gloves on, and I remember that agitated him and, you know, and, and I continued to try to deescalate him."*

[redacted] described [redacted] arriving at the scene. He instructed [redacted] to move his vehicle to block off a point of exit, in case Sergent tried to flee the scene. [redacted] stated the incident came to a point where Sergent's window had to be broken so that they could extract him and take him into custody.

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"As soon as [redacted] [is] breaking the window out, I thought for sure he put it in drive, went forward, and then went back. Um, so then, then at that point, um, that's when, um, I was kind of checking around to see where my guys were. And he, uh, I remember seeing him slamming into the guardrail.

I remember seeing his tire spinning and coming forward, I remember seeing [redacted]. He was positioned in front of the truck. I remember seeing him shooting into the front window of the truck in that area, pointing in that direction. I remember seeing [redacted] fire, multiple shots. I, I remember seeing, uh, [redacted] uh, fire shots. I believe he was, uh, I believe he was standing to my left and he looked as if he was shooting in the direction of the, um, passenger side door window. Okay. Uh, I remember then the, you know, looking to see if I had a clear shot. I knew I didn't have a clear shot at all with, uh, with all the other, the Deputies in, in the area. Uh, I remember seeing the car slamming to [redacted] cruiser. I remember hearing the high revs of the motor."

[redacted] was partnered with [redacted] on the day of the incident. She recalled a conversation that she had with [redacted] on the way.

"*On our way there. I remember asking [redacted] this is going to be a felony stop. And he said yes. So, it's going to be dangerous, and you just have to be careful when we get there."*

[redacted] recalled the initial efforts to de-escalate Sergent and get him to surrender peacefully.

"*I remember [redacted] saying, please, I remember him saying, you know, please Jeff, this doesn't have to be like this. You know, we have a warrant for you. Um, you are under arrest, you know, please get out of the car. You know, let's, let's not make this any harder than what it has to be."*

She then described what happened when [redacted] used the glass break tool on Sergent's window.

"I remember [redacted] being at the passenger side still begging him, begging him to, to get out of the car and, and just to calm down and [redacted] was the only one that I remember talking to him. Um, and then I remember [redacted] and [redacted] were on the driver's side, and I remember them throwing the window key back to [redacted] And [redacted] had it on

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the window and they still gave him, you know, more chances to open the door. And he refused."

[redacted] stated that after the window was broken, Sergent began backing his vehicle rapidly. [redacted] found herself in front of Sergent's vehicle. She described the vehicle coming towards her and fearing for her safety. She stated that she didn't pull her weapon because she had lost track of where the deputies were behind her. She climbed onto a guardrail and contemplated jumping over the side to safety but stated that she didn't want to be in a position that he was unable to help the other deputies. Sergent's vehicle impacted a SCSO cruiser near her.

Ofc. Kevin Scherley

Ofc. Scherley talked about meeting with [redacted] to talk about Sergent's charges and the potential danger of apprehending him.

"*The morning of this incident in question [redacted] stopped by my office, my station and he made me aware that they had charges on a felony domestic, um, Sergent. Essentially [redacted] was just telling me that they had the felony warrants out for him. Obviously knowing that he lives in Bloomville asked me to kind of keep an eye out if I would see him, if I did, you know, to make sure to notify them, probably not try to apprehend him myself. He's been known to be violent towards law enforcement or his actions have been erratic different times in the past, so they didn't want me to try to apprehend him on my own."*

Ofc. Scherley advised that he was near the vehicle, on the driver's side when Sergent began to back up at a high rate of speed.

"*When he put it in reverse, he stepped on the gas extremely hard and cut the wheel turning. Um, he had to just miss the Bloomville cruiser with where that was sitting, and he ran into the guardrail. Um, I know at that time I'm pretty sure my hands went onto the bed of the truck to help push myself away to try to get out of the danger of where that vehicle was going*."

Ofc. Scherley talked about the dangers posed to deputies when the truck began to accelerate forward.

"I felt any of the deputies that were over there were at risk of being ran over by the vehicle."

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Dispatch-Related Information

The following information contains a summary of the information regarding communications between the deputies and the dispatch center.

CAD Report

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
07/07/2026 10:17:54		Attempting domestic charges on subj seen driving	419
07/07/2026 10:17:54		Names Added : Sergent Jeffrey R II, Male, White, DOB:03/05/1983; Mentioned	419
07/07/2026 10:18:20		ARRIVE: [redacted]	419
07/07/2026 10:19:24		Dispatched: [redacted]	304
07/07/2026 10:22:41		ARRIVE: BLPD	304
07/07/2026 10:26:39		Shots fired - need EMS	304
07/07/2026 10:29:08		7401 advised	304
07/07/2026 10:29:34		54 and 62 from TPD EN	LRF
07/07/2026 10:30:11		ODOT at 67/224 18/67 shut road down - ODOT advised	304
07/07/2026 10:32:25		EMRs will standby on station	304
07/07/2026 10:32:29		ARRIVE: S4	419
07/07/2026 10:32:52		CR 43/TR 8 & SR 19/TR 8	304
07/07/2026 10:33:52		TPD is sending units	304
07/07/2026 10:34:40		Made contact with county garage to shut down tr 8 between cr 43 and sr 19	419
07/07/2026 10:35:17		Dispatched: 7401	419
07/07/2026 10:35:42		ARRIVE: 54, 62	LRF
07/07/2026 10:38:04		ARRIVE: EMS1	304
07/07/2026 10:38:13		ARRIVE: 7401	304
07/07/2026 10:40:25		Call a couple deputies in to cover the road / made contact with 7410 he will be in shortly ... made contact with 7412 he will call us back	419
07/07/2026 10:42:33		Update reviewed by dispatcher- Skeel, Amy J-419	419
07/07/2026 10:50:32		Contact BCI	304
07/07/2026 10:57:58		BCI contacted	304
07/07/2026 11:04:36		ARRIVE: 7404, 7402	304
07/07/2026 11:05:33		ARRIVE: 7408	304
07/07/2026 11:06:45		BCI supervisor contacted 7401 they will be enrt	304

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Video Recordings

Digital recordings from the body-worn and dash camera were submitted to the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission. A synchronized video timeline of the event was produced.

The following information contains abbreviated information from each report that contained a video review. The following was taken from the SCSO and BPD body worn and dash camera videos.

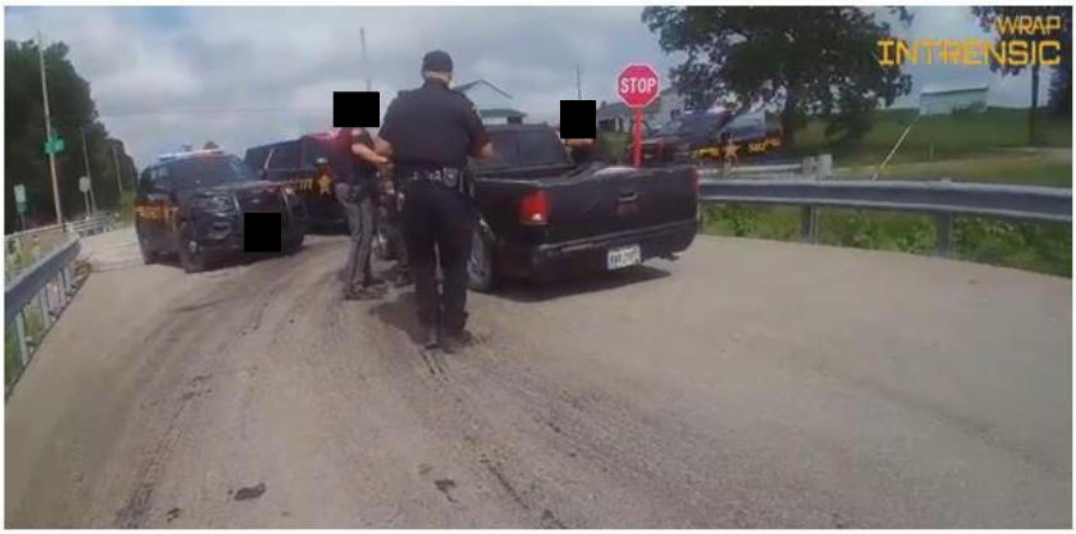


Image 8 – [redacted] BWC) Glass Breaking at Driver's Door

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Image #9 - [redacted] BWC) – Baton - Glass Punch Deployed



Image #10 - [redacted] BWC) – Truck in Reverse – [redacted] Scherley

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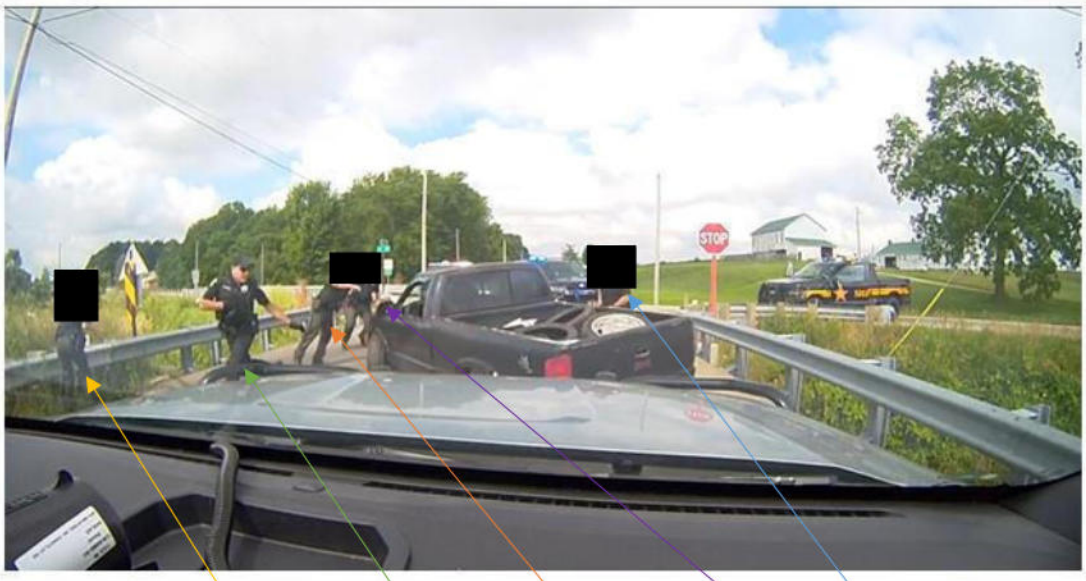


Image #11 [redacted] BWC) – Turned Wheel, Location of [redacted]



Image #12 [redacted] BWC) – Vehicle in Reverse – [redacted] Moving Back, Ofc. Scherley

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[redacted] – Scherley – [redacted]

Image #13 (BPD Dash Cam) – Vehicle in Reverse – Location of Deputies / Officer



[redacted]

Image #14 - (BPD Dash Cam) – Guardrail Impact

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Image #15 - [redacted] BWC) – GMC Truck Moving Forward – Ofc. Scherley



Image #16 - [redacted] BWC) – GMC Truck Moving Towards [redacted]

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[redacted] & [redacted]

Image #17 (BPD Dash Camera) – GMC Truck Moving Forward -Shots Fired



Image #18 [redacted] BWC) – GMC Truck Moving Forward – Possible Contact with Dep.

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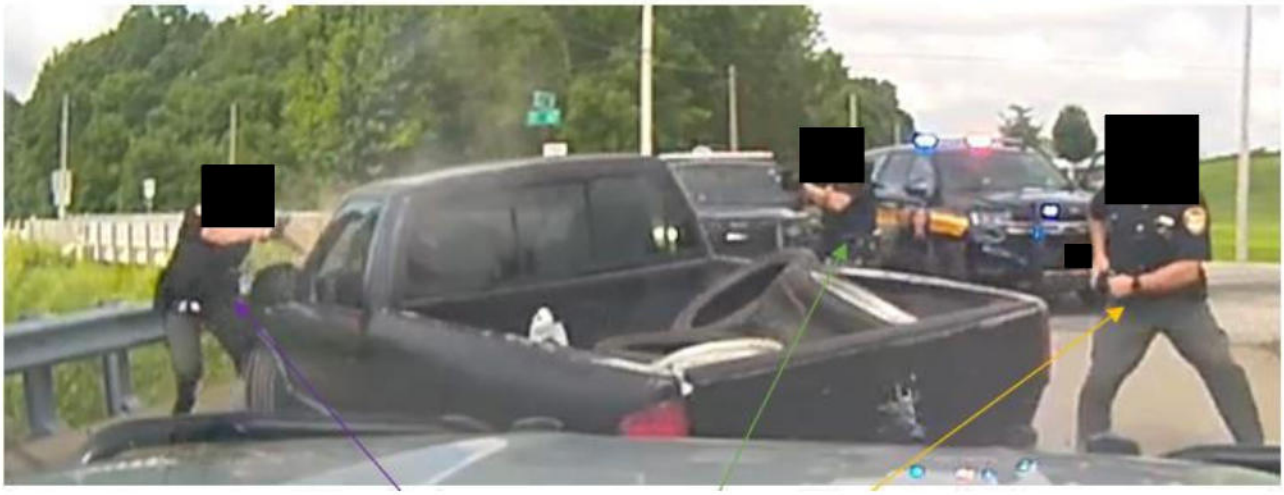
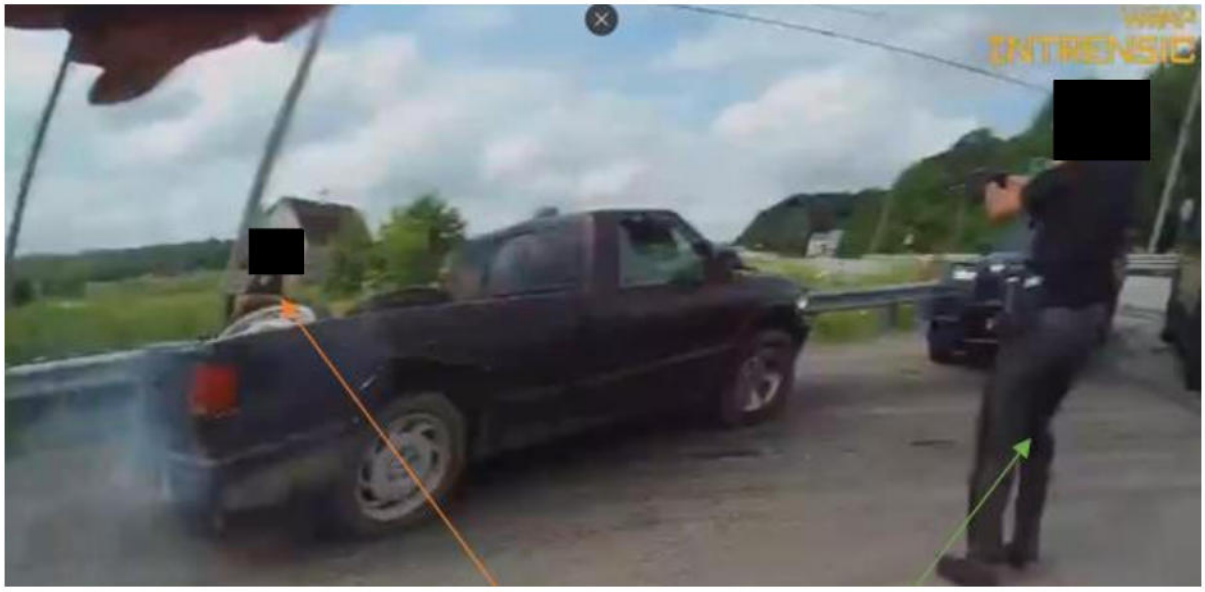


Image #19 (BPD Dash Camera) – GMC Truck Moving Forward – Shots Fired



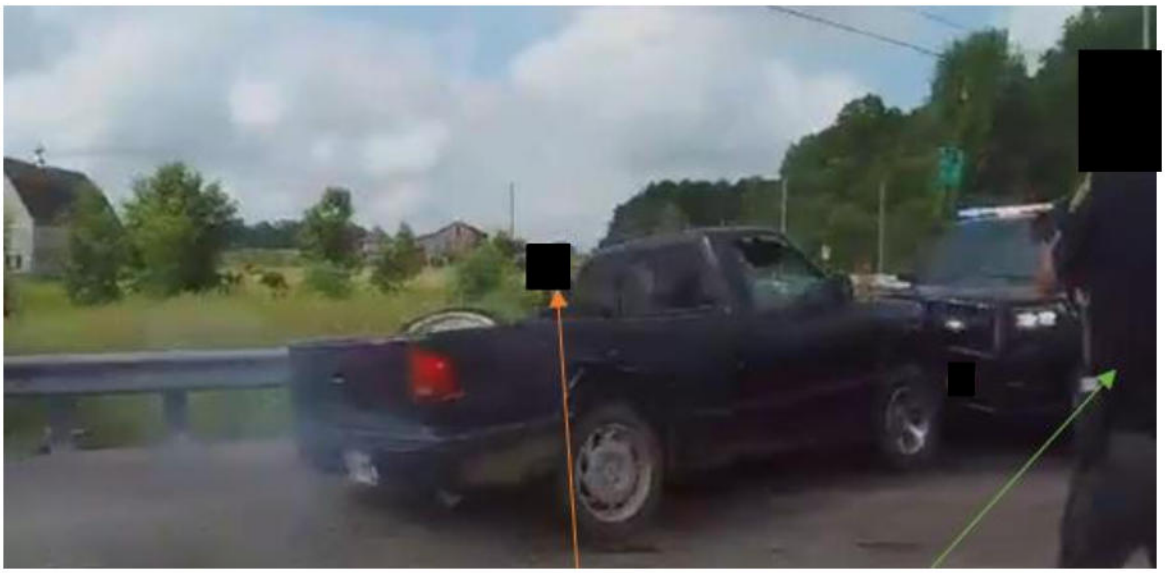
Image #20 [redacted] BWC) – GMC Truck Moving Forward – [redacted]

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[redacted] & [redacted]

Image #21- [redacted] BWC) – GMC Truck Moving Forward – Shots Fired



[redacted] *(Guardrail) &* [redacted]

Image #22 - [redacted] BWC) – GMC Truck Collision with SCSO Cruiser

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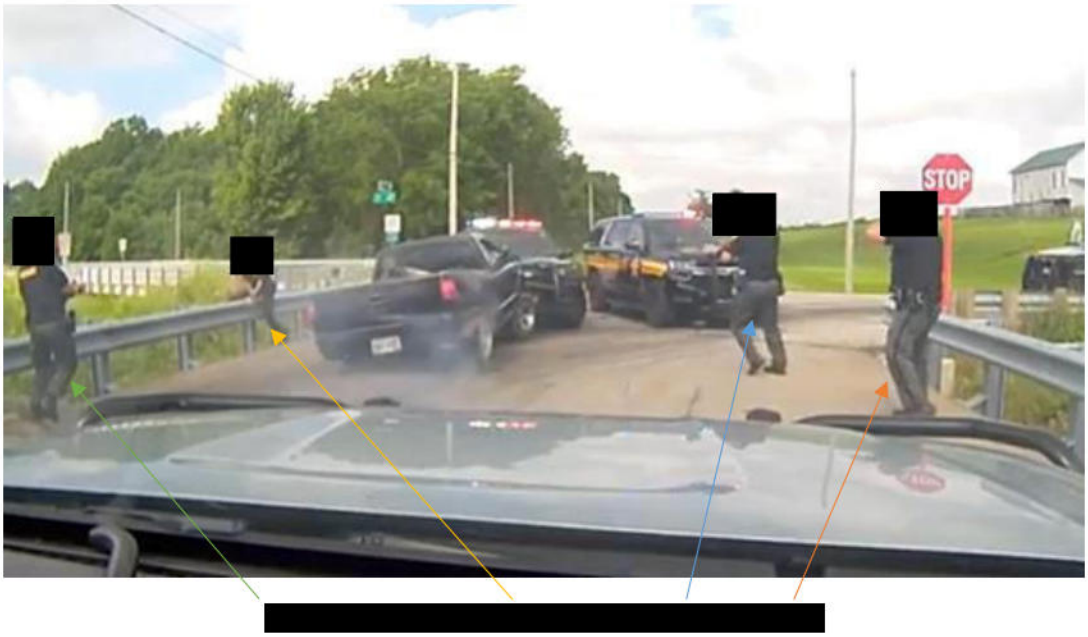


Image #23 - (BPD Dash Cam) GMC Truck and SCSO Cruiser Collision

Conclusion

- On Tuesday, July 07, 2026, at approximately 1125 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Sheriff Fredrick W. Stevens of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident which occurred in the area of State Route 67 & Township Road 8, Republic, Ohio.

- On Tuesday, July 07, 2026, at approximately 1017 hours, Bloomville Police Officer Kevin Scherley and Seneca County Deputies, [redacted] and [redacted] conducted a traffic stop with Jeffrey Sergent at the intersection of State Route 67 and Township Road 8 in Seneca County. Sergent was known to the officers and had a felony charge of domestic violence.

- Deputies blocked Sergent's GMC truck from moving forward and attempted to gain his compliance in shutting off his vehicle and exiting peacefully so he could

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be taken into custody. [redacted] used his cruiser PA system and verbal commands in an attempt to communicate and gain compliance.

- Sergent's behavior grew more agitated, and he displayed a deep distrust with the law enforcement officers. Sergent stated repeatedly that the officers would kill him. Sergent began to scream loudly and grew more frantic as time passed. Sergent refused to turn off his truck and exit the vehicle.

- Deputies attempted to negotiate with Sergent and gain his compliance. Sergent refused to be taken into custody. [redacted] utilized a glass break tool to shatter the driver's window of Sergent's GMC truck.

- At that time, Sergent turned his vehicle's wheels to the right and backed his vehicle at a high rate of speed, nearly impacting [redacted] and Ofc. Scherley on the driver's side. The truck impacted a guardrail behind him.

- Sergent accelerated the GMC truck forward, in the direction of [redacted] making contact with him. [redacted] and [redacted] fired their issued Glock handguns at the truck, impacting Sergent. A total of eight (8) fired cartridge casings were recovered at the scene.

- During the truck's movement forward at apparently high speeds, [redacted] moved to an area forward of the truck, in close proximity to SCSO cruiser 74 [redacted]. [redacted] believed that the truck would strike her as she climbed onto the guardrail to avoid being hit.

- Sergent suffered two wounds during the incident and passed away from his injuries at the scene. Deputies checked for signs of life after the incident and summoned emergency medical responders.

- [redacted] and [redacted] indicated that they feared for their safety and the safety of others during this incident. They indicated that their actions were consistent with their law enforcement training.

- An autopsy showed that Jeffrey Sergent [redacted] at the time of the incident.

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Contact Information

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