



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



2025-1227

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4411 Montgomery Road,  
Norwood, Ohio (Hamilton County) (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview of Paramedic Andrew Schmidt  
**Involves:** Akeem Holtz  
**Activity Date:** 04/16/2024  
**Activity Location:** Norwood Fire Department  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Kenneth J. Smith

**Narrative:**

On Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 1533 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Kenneth Smith interviewed Andrew Schmidt (Schmidt), of the Norwood Fire Department (NFD), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. The interview took place at Norwood Fire Department 4725 Montgomery Rd, Norwood OH 45212 . Also present during the interview were Norwood Assistant Chief Brodie Cianciolo and Norwood Firefighter Dan Siciliano. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual regarding their response to the incident scene.

Schmidt has been a Paramedic since 2011. Schmidt stated that they were dispatched to a psych emergency at 411 Montgomery Road. Schmidt confirmed en route that the police department had also been dispatched. They were dispatched by the Hamilton County Communications Center. Schmidt and Paramedic Mark Porter (Porter) responded in the Medic Unit. Porter was driving. Only the Medic Unit was dispatched, they eventually called for an Engine to respond later in the run. The Medic arrived on the scene and staged in the front parking lot. They were staged there for 15 to 20 minutes and were requested to come around to the back side of the building. A police officer got the Medics attention from the second floor of the parking garage and asked them to move the Medic Unit to the area behind the Ohio Media School. A police officer [REDACTED] came out and explained that there was a situation on the second floor and that they were dealing with numerous dogs. Schmidt and Porter got the cot out and got out the drug bag and the first in bag and stood in the parking lot waiting for further instructions. A second officer came down who had a bite wound on the right arm. Schmidt [REDACTED] The wounded officer then went back upstairs with other arriving officers from other agencies. A third officer came down and advised the Medics that they would need to sedate the subject on the second floor. Schmidt drew up 5mg of Versed in a 1 mL syringe. Schmidt and

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Porter then responded to the second floor with their aid bags and the syringe. There was a lingering pepper spray odor in the hallway and Schmidt described that the police were fighting with the subject on the ground. There were two or three officers involved with restraining the subject. SA Smith asked Schmidt to further explain what fighting with the police meant to him. Schmidt responded with "He was trying to get up and they didn't want him to." Schmidt approached the subject and went between two of the police officers so that he could access his left posterior thigh area that was exposed and administered the Versed intramuscularly. Schmidt stated that 5mg of Versed intramuscular is the NFD protocol. Schmidt advised the police that this (Versed) will affect the subject's respiratory drive, and he needs to be rolled over as soon as possible. Schmidt estimates that within a minute, the subject was rolled over and put in a seated position against the wall. Schmidt and another officer from an agency other than Norwood, supported the subject against the wall. The subject had a pulse and was breathing at that time. Schmidt then sent Porter down to get the green oxygen bag. The subject was placed on high flow oxygen as soon as Porter returned with it. When the Versed was administered they had called for an Engine company to respond to the scene. Schmidt called for the additional manpower for assistance moving the subject and for the additional paramedic for the ride to the hospital. Schmidt kept the subject in the seated position and maintained his airway while waiting for the additional manpower. The subject was unconscious. Schmidt saw that the subject's respirations were slowing and they began to [REDACTED]. The Engine company brought the cot up and had to walk it up the parking garage. The subject was placed on the cot in a semi-sitting position and they continued to assist his breathing to the squad. The subject was loaded in the squad and placed on a cardiac monitor. They left for the hospital. Schmidt called University Medical Center (UMC) and advised that they were en route and what they had done to that point as well as the condition of the patient at that time. The subject's heart rate was [REDACTED] during the first part of the transport and [REDACTED] on the monitor, Schmidt felt for a pulse [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Schmidt and Porter were in the rear treating the subject with Paramedic Reed driving. Upon arrival at UMC there were a number of staff waiting for their arrival. The subject was taken straight inside and care was transferred to UMC staff. UMC staff immediately put [REDACTED] on the subject and that was all that Porter observed. They gathered their equipment and returned to Norwood FD.

The interview concluded at approximately 1546 hours.

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The interview was audio recorded. The recording was attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

The Norwood Fire Department was served with a Hamilton County Grand Jury Subpoena for records associated with the response on April 16, 2025.

See attached records for details.

**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

2025-04-16 Paramedic Andrew Schmidt Interview

NFD HamCo Subpoena

Norwood Treatment Records

ECG 4.16.25 No 1

ECG 4.16.25 No 2

ECG 4.16.25 No 3

ECG 4.16.25 No 4

ECG 4.16.25 No 5

ECG 4.16.25 No 6

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# **Exhibit 1**

**Included as a separate file.**

## **Exhibit 2**



**CONNIE PILLICH**  
HAMILTON COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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April 22nd, 2025

Norwood Fire Department  
Attn: Chief Tom McCabe  
4725 Montgomery Road  
Norwood, Ohio 45212

Re: Grand Jury Subpoenas

Dear Sir:

Enclosed, please find a Grand Jury Subpoena for records. The requested information can be provided to:

The Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office located at 230 East Ninth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 in care of Detective Keith Witherell.

If you have any questions regarding the subpoena, please contact me at 513-946-3250 or [keith.witherell@hcpros.org](mailto:keith.witherell@hcpros.org)

Respectfully,

Keith Witherell  
Detective

KW:KW  
Enclosure



## **Exhibit 3**





## Prehospital Patient Care Report

City of Norwood Fire Department

## Patient Information

**Last Name:** Holtz  
**Middle Initial/Name:**  
**First Name:** Akeem  
**Address:** 624 Damascus Dr, Springfield, Ohio 45506, Clark County  
**Gender:** Male  
**Race:** Black or African American  
**Age:** 40 Years  
**Birth Date:** 06/28/1984

Last 4 SSN [REDACTED]

## Patient Situation

Symptom Onset Date &amp; Time: Not Recorded

Possible Injury: No

Compliant Type	Complaint	Duration
Chief (Primary)	None voiced	

## CC Anatomic Location:

General/Global

## CC Organ System:

Behavioral/Psychiatric

## Primary Symptom:

Psych/Behavioral Emergency

## Primary Provider Impressions:

Psych/Behavioral Emergency

## Secondary Provider Impressions:

Not Recorded

## Initial Patient Acuity:

Emergent (Yellow)

## Last Known Well Date &amp; Time:

Not Applicable

## Cardiac Arrest:

## Arrest Information

Arrest At Date [REDACTED]

AED Prior to [REDACTED]

Witnessed By [REDACTED]

Resuscitation [REDACTED]

Type CPR Pre [REDACTED]

First Monitor [REDACTED]

## Patient History

## Alcohol/Drugs use Indicators:

Unable to Complete

## Medical/Surgical History:

Unable to Complete

## Medication Allergies:

Unable to Complete

## Vitals

[REDACTED VITALS SECTION]

Incident Number [REDACTED]

EMS Response Number: [REDACTED]

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Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

EMS Care Report

Norwood FD OH

Incident Number: [REDACTED]

Address: 4725 Montgomery Rd, Norwood, Hamilton County, Ohio, 45212

EMS Response Number: [REDACTED]

Incident Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:53:57

Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

Procedures

Not Recorded

Medications

Narrative

A. Schmidt 376

Last update on 04/22/2025 09:45:07 by

Incident Number: [REDACTED]

EMS Response Number: [REDACTED]

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Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

## EMS Care Report

Norwood FD OH

Incident Number: [REDACTED]

Address: 4725 Montgomery Rd, Norwood, Hamilton County, Ohio, 45212

EMS Response Number: [REDACTED]

Incident Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:53:57

Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

## Response Information

## Response Times

PSAP Call Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:43:15  
 Dispatch Notified Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:45:03  
 Unit Notified by Dispatch Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:53:57  
 Dispatch Acknowledged Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:53:57  
 Unit En Route Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:53:57  
 Unit Arrived on Scene Date/Time: 04/16/2025 11:01:36

Arrived at Patient Date/Time: 04/16/2025 11:25:00  
 Transfer of EMS Patient Care Date/Time: Not Applicable  
 Unit Left Scene Date/Time: 04/16/2025 11:40:26  
 Patient Arrived at Destination Date/Time: 04/16/2025 11:47:43  
 Destination Patient Transfer of Care Date/Time: 04/16/2025 11:48:00  
 Unit Back in Service Date/Time: 04/16/2025 13:51:05

## General Information

Incident Address:  
 4411 MONTGOMERY RD, NORWOOD,  
 Hamilton County, 45212  
 Type of Service Requested:  
 Emergency Response (Primary Response Area)  
 Unit Transport and Equipment Capability:  
 Ground Transport (ALS Equipped)  
 Dispatch Reason:  
 Psychiatric Problem/Abnormal Behavior/Suicide  
 Attempt  
 EMS Vehicle Unit Number:  
 MG19  
 EMS Unit Call Sign:  
 M282  
 Shift:  
 1

Incident Location Type:  
 Store  
 Response Mode to Scene:  
 Non-Emergent  
 Additional Response Mode Descriptors:  
 No Lights or Sirens  
 Type of Dispatch Delay:  
 None/No Delay  
 Type of Response Delay:  
 None/No Delay  
 Type of Scene Delay:  
 None/No Delay  
 Type of Transport Delay:  
 None/No Delay

Type of Turn Around Delay:  
 None/No Delay  
 Beginning Odometer Reading:  
 On-Scene Odometer Reading:  
 Patient Destination Odometer Reading:  
 3.4  
 Ending Odometer Reading:

First Ems on Scene: Yes

## Crew Members

Crew Member	Certification	State License ID Number	Response Role	Protective Equipment	Injury Exposure Type
Mark Porter	Paramedic	188204			
Andy Schmidt	Paramedic	129484			

## Disposition Information

## Destination

Destination Name:  
 UC Medical Center  
 Destination GPS Location:  
 39.136822, -84.503548

Destination Street Address:  
 3188 BELLEVUE AVE  
 Destination ZIP Code:  
 45219

Destination Country:  
 US

Incident Number: [REDACTED]

EMS Response Number: [REDACTED]

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Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

EMS Care Report

Norwood FD OH

Incident Number: [REDACTED]

Address: 4725 Montgomery Rd, Norwood, Hamilton County, Ohio, 45212

EMS Response Number: [REDACTED]

Incident Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:53:57

Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

Billing

Patient Resides Service Area:  
Not a Resident Within EMS Service Area

Primary Method of Payment:  
Not Recorded

CMS Service Level:  
Not Recorded

Incident Number: NORF [REDACTED]

EMS Response Number [REDACTED]

Patient Care Report Number [REDACTED]

EMS Care Report

Norwood FD OH

Incident Number: [REDACTED]

Address: 4725 Montgomery Rd, Norwood, Hamilton County, Ohio, 45212

EMS Response Number: [REDACTED]

Incident Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:53:57

Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

ECG Images

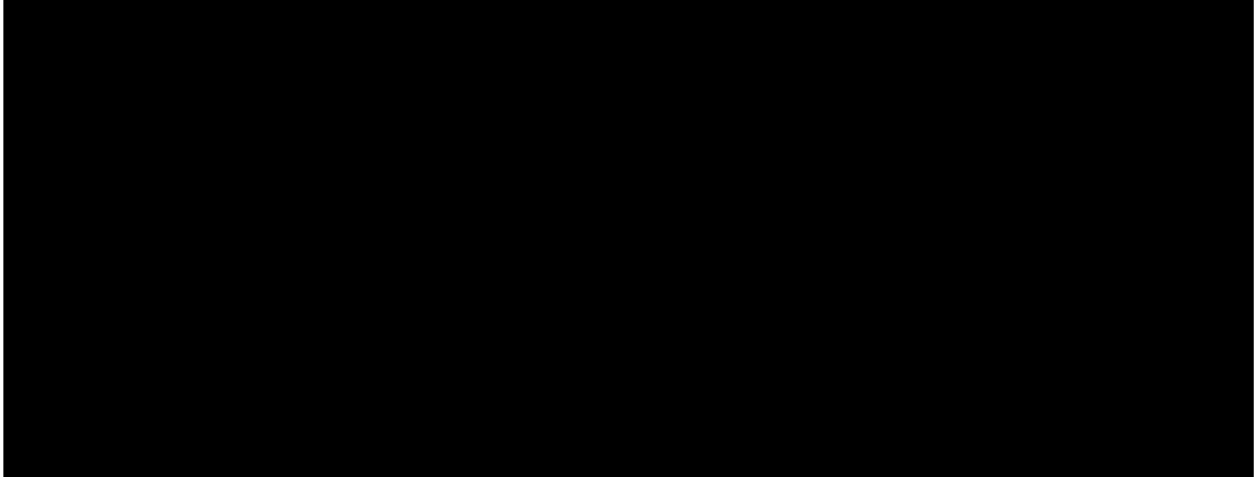
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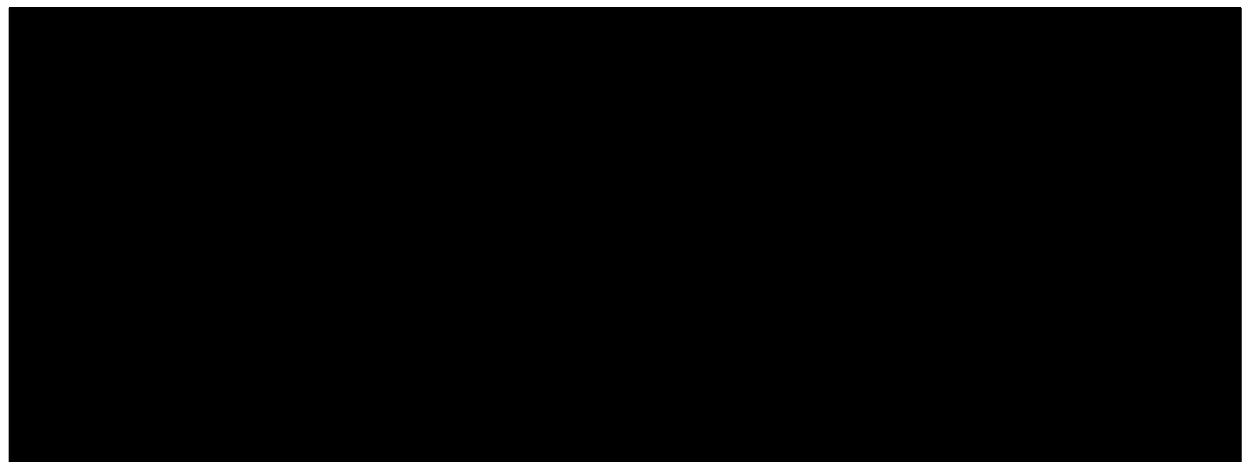
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Date/Time:  
04/16/2025 11:42:43

Date/Time:  
04/16/2025 11:45:43



Crew Member Completing This Report: Andy Schmidt

Incident Number: NORF-[REDACTED]

EMS Response Number: [REDACTED]

Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

**EMS Care Report**

**Norwood FD OH**

**Incident Number:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** 4725 Montgomery Rd, Norwood, Hamilton County, Ohio, 45212

**EMS Response Number:** [REDACTED]

**Incident Date/Time:** 04/16/2025 10:53:57

**Patient Care Report Number:** [REDACTED]

**Incident Number:** [REDACTED]

**EMS Response Number:** [REDACTED]

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**Patient Care Report Number:** [REDACTED]

## **Exhibit 4**

CASE SUMMARY

Name:	Device:	LP15 48828613 NORWOOD MG19	Transmitting Agency:	City of Norwood FD (Norwood, OH)
Patient ID:	Device Configuration:	2LJL5RRB82BBUR		
Incident ID:	Software Revision:	3313494-018, LIFENET® 7.7.0		

2025-04-16 11:45:43 12-Lead 3

ST measurements are measured at the J point and are expressed in mm.



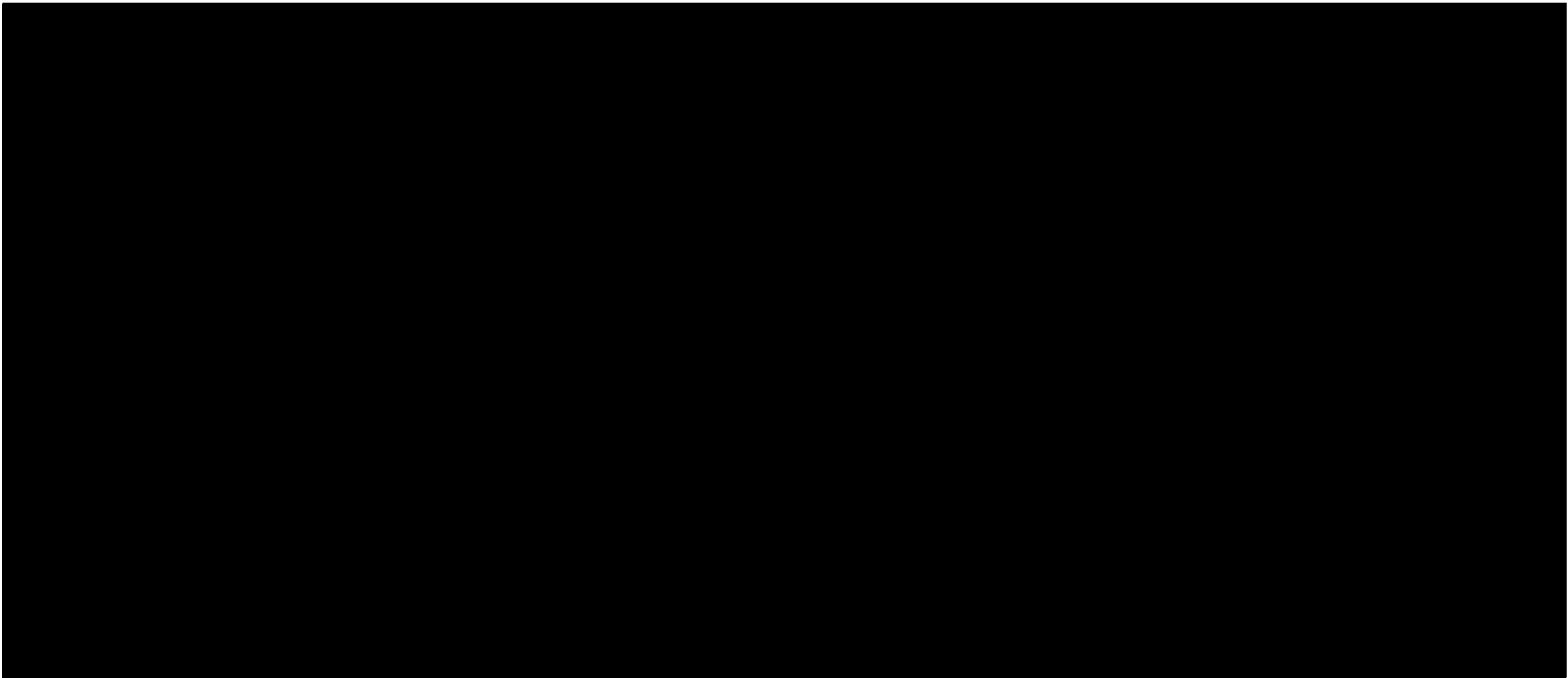


## **Exhibit 5**

CASE SUMMARY

Name:	Device:	LP15 48828613 NORWOOD MG19	Transmitting Agency:	City of Norwood FD (Norwood, OH)
Patient ID:	Device Configuration:	2LJL5RRB82BBUR		
Incident ID:	Software Revision:	3313494-018, LIFENET® 7.7.0		

2025-04-16 11:42:43 12-Lead 2



I	II	III	aVR	aVL	aVF	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6
ST measurements are measured at the J point and are expressed in mm.											



## **Exhibit 6**

CASE SUMMARY

Name:	Device:	LP15 48828613 NORWOOD MG19	Transmitting Agency:	City of Norwood FD (Norwood, OH)
Patient ID:	Device Configuration:	2LJL5RRB82BBUR		
Incident ID:	Software Revision:	3313494-018, LIFENET® 7.7.0		

2025-04-16 11:40:05 12-Lead 1

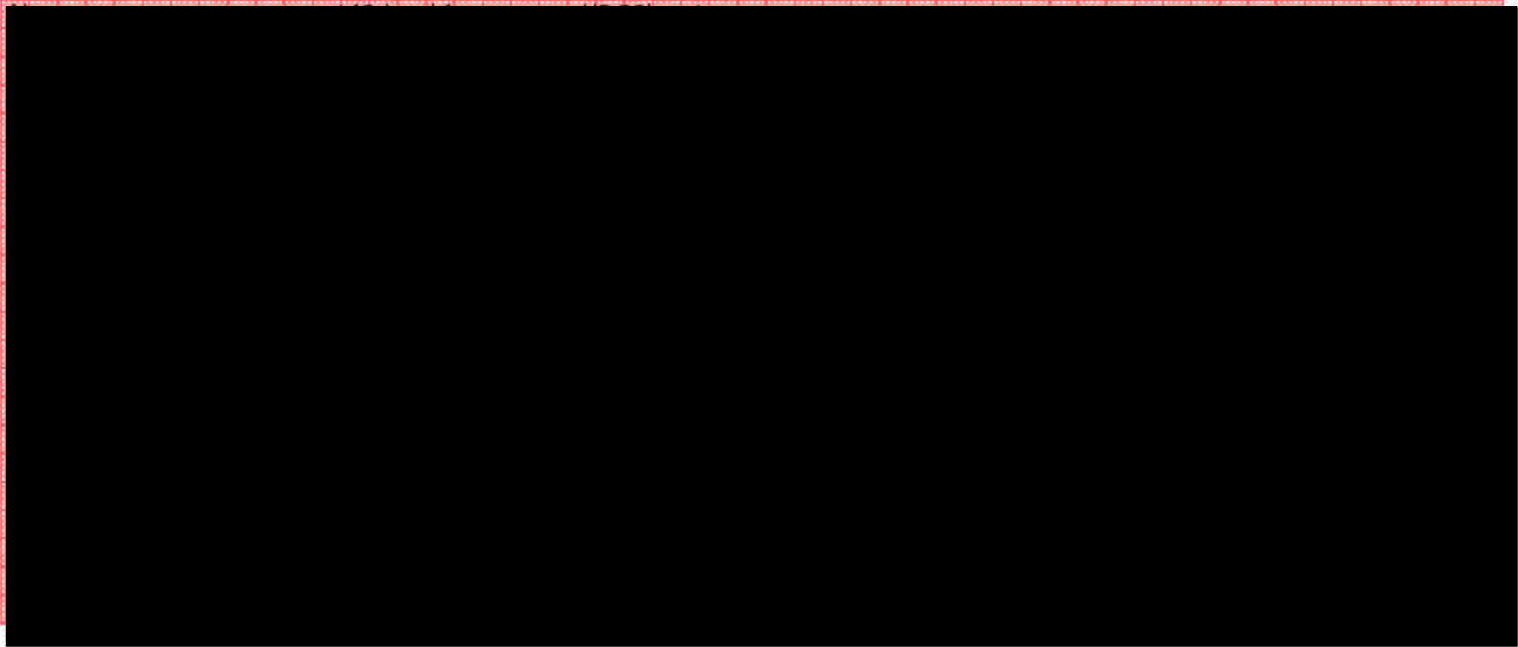


I	II	III	aVR	aVL	aVF	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6
ST measurements are measured at the J point and are expressed in mm.											

## **Exhibit 7**

12-Lead 1

Name:	Device:	IP15 40028513 NORWOOD MG19	Transmitting Agency:	City of Norwood PD (Norwood, OH)
Patient ID:	Device Configuration:	21JLS40028513R		
Incident ID:	Software Version:	3313494018, UFBNET® 7.7.0		

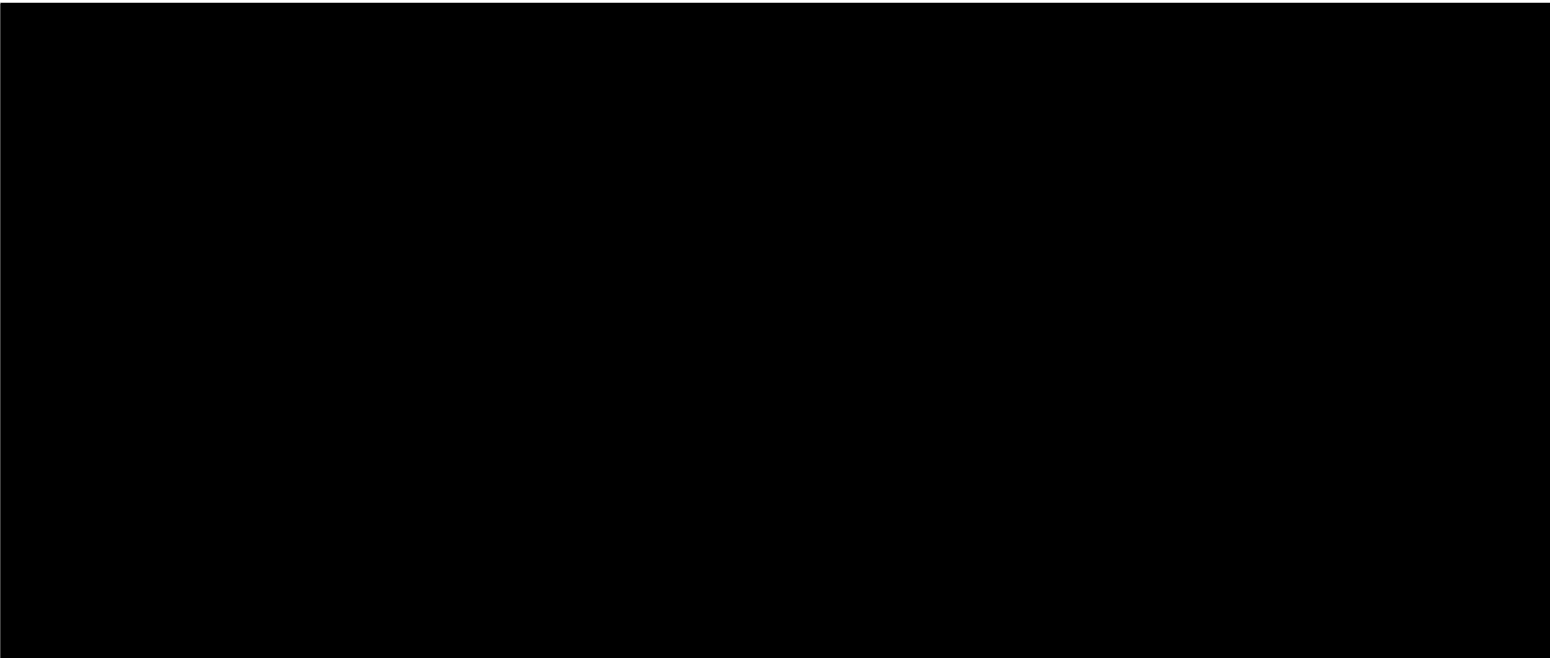


I	II	III	aVR	aVL	aVF	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6
ST measurements are measured at the J point and are expressed in mm.											

## **Exhibit 8**

12-Lead Z

Name:	Device:	IP15 40028513 NORWOOD MG19	Transmitting Agency:	City of Norwood PD (Norwood, OH)
Patient ID:	Device Configuration:	25 JUL 2008 2881 JR		
Incident ID:	Software Revision:	331349401 B, UFBNET® 7.7.0		



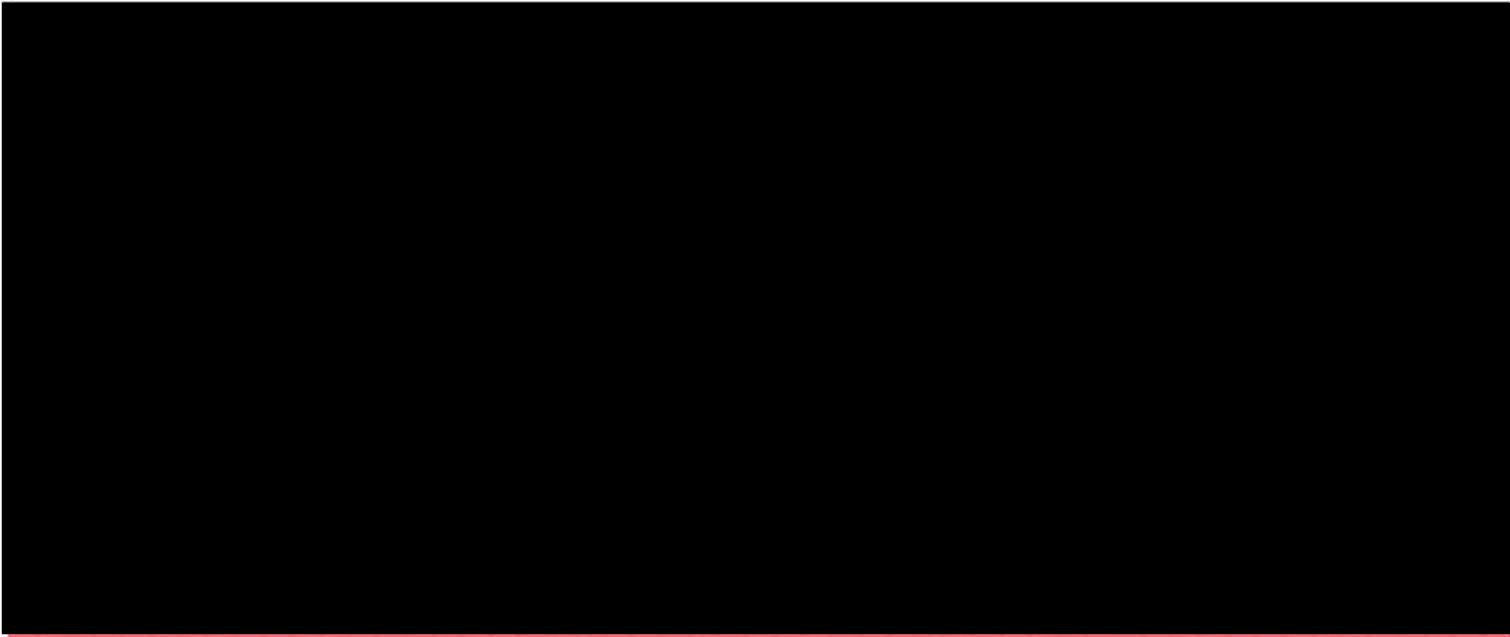
I	II	III	aVR	aVL	aVF	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6
[Redacted ECG trace data]											
ST measurements are measured at the J point and are expressed in mm.											



## **Exhibit 9**

12-Lead 3

Name:	Device:	IP15 40028513 NQWWOOD MG19	Transmitting Agency:	City of Norwood PD (Norwood, OH)
Patient ID:	Device Configuration:	25 JUL 2008 2881 JR		
Incident ID:	Software Revision:	331349401 B, UFBNET@ 7.7.0		



I	II	III	aVR	aVL	aVF	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6
ST measurements are measured at the J point and are expressed in mm.											