



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



2024-3294

Investigation - Officer Involved Critical Incident - Portage  
Bike Trail Near North Freedom St., Ravenna, Ohio:

**Investigative Activity:** Ravenna Police Dispatch Review  
**Involves:** Matthew Fries (S)  
**Activity Date:** 10/29/2024  
**Activity Location:** BCI - Richfield  
**Authoring Agent:** Special Agent Joseph Goudy #83

**Narrative:**

On October 29, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Joseph Goudy (Goudy) reviewed the following items related to the October 22, 2024, officer-involved critical incident in Portage County, Ohio:

- Audio Recorded 911 call
- Audio Recorded radio traffic and recordings
- Ravenna Police Department (RPD) Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) report.

The documents and recordings were provided on October 28, 2024, by Ravenna Police Department (RPD) Captain Jason Smallfield. The recorded radio traffic, 911 calls and CAD report have been uploaded to Matrix and attached to this report.

SA Goudy reviewed the files provided and recordings and noted the following:

Audio Recorded 911 call

Below are the 911 calls received by dispatch.

- 911\_1
- 991\_2

911\_1

The first 911 audio file titled "911\_1" with a duration of 2 minutes and 48 seconds, was from a female caller identified as Beth. No further identifying information was given.

When the dispatcher answered the phone, the female, Beth, stated that while she was walking on the hike and bike trail near where the homeless people live, she stated, "We believe somebody was hurt." When the dispatcher asked if she knew what was wrong with the individual, Beth stated that she heard another individual on a bicycle say that

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the male was stabbed. Beth stated, "He's trying to walk towards us too, moaning." When dispatch asked if she saw anyone that may have stabbed the male, she replied, "No." At this point, the dispatcher advised that she has sent officers to the area and hung up the line. Nothing further from this audio file.

991\_2

The second 911 audio file titled, "991\_2" with a duration of 3 minutes and 34 seconds, was from a male caller, identified as Jack Chandler.

This call was transferred from the Portage County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) dispatch center to the Ravenna Police Department dispatcher. The PCSO dispatcher advised they were on the line with a male caller reporting that there was another male stabbed on the freedom trail. The male caller reported that while he was riding his bicycle down the trail another male was walking down the trail yelling for help. The male caller advised that while he was looking him over, it appeared that the male was, "stabbed in the, like, the back of the leg around the buttocks and then his arm...that's where I see blood." The male caller stated that the stabbing victim told him that he lived in the homeless camp nearby and somebody attacked him. The male caller did not see anyone else nearby. Nothing further from this audio file.

Audio Recorded Radio Traffic

Below is the recorded audio file from the RPD dispatch center with a duration of 7 minutes and 10 seconds.

- Radio traffic prior to shooting

Radio traffic prior to shooting

| Unit            | Audio File Time | Description   |
|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| Dispatch        | 00:00           | "I have a possible stabbing...they are going to be on the hike and bike trail, they are going to be east of freedom between freedom and 14...believe possibly stabbed in the arm. My PR was just a passerby, I don't believe, not sure of any other situation or anybody else in the area at the moment." |
| Unknown Officer | 00:38           | "Copy, be en route."  |
| ██████          | 00:42           | "Copy, hike and bike, east or west of freedom, did you say?"  |

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| Dispatch        | 00:49 | "[REDACTED], I'm sorry, I think I cut you off."   |
| [REDACTED]      | 00:55 | "What was the 39 again please?"   |
| Dispatch        | 00:58 | "they're gonna be, hike and bike, uh. just east of north freedom street, I believe. My PR did not see anybody else in the area. Apparently, he was possibly stabbed in the buttocks and the arm, got the 29 started." |
| [REDACTED]      | 01:15 | "Copy"  |
| [REDACTED]      | 01:18 | "[REDACTED] copies"   |
| Dispatch        | 01:24 | "My PR is advising that the perp, the vic reported that the perp would be below 14 on hike and bike."   |
| 424             | 01:39 | "24 to [REDACTED] I'm gonna respond until we figure it all out."  |
| [REDACTED]      | 01:46 | "Copy."   |
| Dispatch        | 02:29 | "The victim is gonna be almost to freedom street at this point, almost freedom. There's going to be a bicyclist trying to flag you down."   |
| 426             | 02:48 | "26 UNINTELLIGIBLE"   |
| [REDACTED]      | 03:28 | "[REDACTED]s out with 26."  |
| Dispatch        | 03:35 | "1107."   |
| 426             | 04:25 | "26 400"  |
| Dispatch        | 04:29 | "26, go ahead."   |
| 426             | 04:32 | "Does have a stab wound to the arm, advise one on, on his butt. I believe I see a male coming down the bike trail now."   |
| Dispatch        | 04:49 | "Copy."   |
| Unknown Officer | 04:58 | "Is the female supposed to be the suspect?"   |
| [REDACTED]      | 05:01 | "We got one walking up here."   |
| 424             | 05:20 | "24 and [REDACTED] are 74"  |
| Dispatch        | 05:24 | "1109."   |
| 426             | 05:36 | "He's approaching, looks like he has a knife or sword of some kind."  |
| [REDACTED]      | 05:50 | "Got a hatchet."  |
| 424             | 06:00 | "UNINTELLIGIBLE"  |
| 424             | 06:40 | "4, shots fired, shots fired!"  |
| Dispatch        | 06:42 | "Copy, shots fired."  |
| Unknown Officer | 06:58 | "UNINTELLIGIBLE."   |
| Dispatch        | 07:01 | "Go ahead."   |
| Unknown Officer | 07:04 | "Alright, we are gonna need a UNINTELLIGIBLE down here, and another squad."   |
| Dispatch        | 07:09 | "Squad 712 gonna be en route, UNINTELLIGIBLE."  |

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Ravenna Police Department CAD Report

The RPD CAD Report documented times and personnel assigned to the call. The report contained the dispatch, en route, and arrival times of the officers who responded to the incident. The call was initiated on October 22, 2024, at 11:03:19 AM. The call type was entered as a "stabbing." The CAD Report has been attached to this report for additional details.

MDT Records

The MDT records provided by the Ravenna Police Department did not contain any information of evidentiary value.

For further information, please refer to the attached audio files and documents regarding this matter.

**References:**

1. None

**Attachments:**

1. 911\_1
2. 991\_2
3. Radio Traffic Prior to shooting
4. [REDACTED] CAD Report
5. MDT Chat Log

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# Ravenna City Police Department

## Call Summary Report

Printed on 10/28/2024

CallID [REDACTED] Date Taken 10/22/2024 Time Taken 11:03:19 Method Received E-911  
Call Dispo: Closed

Code 54 Type STABBING Citation  
Street Info 0 FREEDOM ST/HIKE & BIKE TRAIL Apt PNum [REDACTED]  
Location FREEDOM ST/BIKE & BIKE TRAIL FNum [REDACTED]  
City/State/Zip Ravenna OH 44266 ENum  
County Portage Entry ID clellandj

## Caller Information

Caller Name BETH  
Caller Address 0 Apt Caller City  
Caller Phone [REDACTED]

## Comments

(10/22/2024 11:03:43 By: clellandj) MALE POSSIBLE STABBED. PR WAS ON THE HIKE & BIKE AND SOMEONE SAID THEY NEEDED HELP. SHE DID NOT SEE ANYONE ELSE IN THE AREA, SHE LEFT THE AREA OUT OF SAFETY. SHER HEARD ANOTHER BIKER STATE SOMETHING ABOUT BEING STABBED.  
(10/22/2024 11:04:26 By: angela.hager) 2ND 911 CALL - MALE STABBED IN UPPER LEG/BUTTOCKS AND ARM FROM THE AREA OF THE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT - WALKING DOWN THE TRAIL AWAY FROM 14 TOWARD FREEDOM - PR DID NOT SEE ANYONE ELSE THAT APPEARED TO BE FLEEING THE AREA  
(10/22/2024 11:05:59 By: angela.hager) VIC ADVISED 2ND PR THAT THE PERP IS BELOW 14 ON THE HIKE & BKE TRAIL  
(10/22/2024 11:06:45 By: angela.hager) 2ND PR JACK JAMMER [REDACTED]  
(10/22/2024 11:09:04 By: angela.hager) SINGLE STAB TO THE ARM  
(10/22/2024 11:10:09 By: angela.hager) 426 - MALE HAS A KNIFE/SWORD - [REDACTED] HE HAS HATCHET  
(10/22/2024 11:10:44 By: angela.hager) 424 - SHOTS FIRED  
(10/22/2024 11:11:21 By: angela.hager) 432 - K9 UNITS ENR FROM COPLEY // 10 AND 2ND SQUAD REQ  
(10/22/2024 11:11:40 By: angela.hager) DB ENR  
(10/22/2024 11:12:26 By: angela.hager) 100 ENR  
(10/22/2024 11:21:06 By: clellandj) 2311-TRANSPORTED TO UH PORTAGE +27  
(10/22/2024 11:22:49 By: angela.hager) 2ND GENERAL ALARM FOR STATION FILL  
(10/22/2024 11:32:37 By: clellandj) 425 & 432 ARE ON SCENE  
(10/22/2024 11:36:34 By: angela.hager) 404 PROSECUTER OSC  
(10/22/2024 11:38:18 By: angela.hager) 429 - WILL BE TRANSPORTING [REDACTED] TO UH  
(10/22/2024 11:38:53 By: angela.hager) 404 - 83 WITH [REDACTED] TO UH  
(10/22/2024 11:40:59 By: angela.hager) 429 - OUT AT UH  
(10/22/2024 11:41:54 By: angela.hager) BLUE SKY BEE SUPPLY LTD - 930 N FREEDOM ST  
(10/22/2024 12:07:39 By: angela.hager) 424 AND 426 WILL BE ENR TO UH // 403 - HAVE ANOTHER UNIT COME DOWN TO 423, HAVE ANOTHER LOCATION FOR POSSIBILITY OF STABBING - 425 WILL BE ENR  
(10/22/2024 12:08:27 By: angela.hager) 423 - 401 403 - 50 YARDS NORTH OF THE 14 BRIDGE  
(10/22/2024 12:20:43 By: angela.hager) 424/426 WILL BE OUT AT UH  
(10/22/2024 12:30:03 By: clellandj) 425-BCI IS ON SCENE  
(10/22/2024 12:35:37 By: clellandj) POST 67 WILL BE CLOSING THE ENTRANCE TO BIKE & HIKE AT PECK  
(10/22/2024 12:55:28 By: angela.hager) 101 OSC  
(10/22/2024 13:53:07 By: angela.hager) 429 - [REDACTED] & 424 ALL CLEAR FROM UH  
(10/22/2024 14:14:43 By: angela.hager) 2312 - OUT OF SERVICE, ON THE AIR  
(10/22/2024 14:50:22 By: angela.hager) 423 - ENR 25 WITH BCI AGENT  
(10/22/2024 14:55:10 By: angela.hager) 423 - 25

CallID [REDACTED] Date Taken 10/22/2024 Time Taken 11:03:19 Method Received E-911

Call Dispo: Closed

## Call Numbers

| <u>Time Stamp</u> | <u>Number Type</u> | <u>Call Number</u> | <u>Number Reason</u> | <u>Created By</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 10/22/24 11:03:19 | PNUM               | [REDACTED]         | RAVENNA CITY         | clellandj         |
| 10/22/24 00:00:00 | FNUM               | [REDACTED]         | RAVENNA CITY         | SERVER            |
| 10/22/24 11:30:32 | FNUM               | [REDACTED]         | RAVENNA CITY         | angela.hager      |

## Unit Times

| <u>Unit Id</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Disp</u> | <u>Enroute</u> | <u>Onscene</u> | <u>TO HOSPIT</u> | <u>AT HOSPIT</u> | <u>CLEARED I</u> | <u>DISP/OS</u> | <u>Cleared</u> |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2311           | 10/22/24    | 11:05:59    | 11:06:09       | 11:09:13       | 11:20:56         | 11:24:02         | 11:42:48         |                | 11:55:16       |
| 2312           | 10/22/24    | 11:06:20    | 11:06:52       | 11:09:32       |                  |                  | 14:14:11         |                | 14:34:55       |
| 2326           | 10/22/24    | 11:12:59    | 11:13:06       |                |                  |                  | 11:48:52         |                | 11:49:50       |
| 401            | 10/22/24    | 11:12:08    |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                | 17:15:58       |
| 403            | 10/22/24    | 11:20:58    |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                | 17:15:58       |
| 404            | 10/22/24    | 11:12:11    |                | 11:14:39       |                  |                  |                  |                | 17:15:58       |
| [REDACTED]     | 10/22/24    | 11:09:30    |                | 11:09:32       |                  |                  |                  |                | 15:05:57       |
| [REDACTED]     |             |             |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                |                |
| 417            | 10/22/24    | 11:12:33    |                | 11:14:26       |                  |                  |                  |                | 15:12:29       |
| Lincoln        |             |             |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                |                |
| [REDACTED]     | 10/22/24    | 11:06:36    |                | 11:07:13       |                  |                  |                  |                | 15:06:12       |
| [REDACTED]     |             |             |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                |                |
| 421            | 10/22/24    | 11:25:43    |                | 11:33:31       |                  |                  |                  |                | 17:08:10       |
| 423            | 10/22/24    | 11:12:04    |                | 11:14:32       |                  |                  |                  |                | 14:51:49       |
| 424            | 10/22/24    | 11:06:06    |                | 11:09:24       |                  |                  |                  |                | 15:06:31       |
| Meyers         |             |             |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                |                |
| 426            | 10/22/24    | 11:07:43    |                | 11:06:46       |                  |                  |                  |                | 15:05:07       |
| Twigg          |             |             |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                |                |
| 428            | 10/22/24    | 11:25:29    |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                | 17:13:54       |
| 429            | 10/22/24    | 11:33:16    |                | 11:33:22       |                  |                  |                  |                | 17:07:51       |
| Wise           |             |             |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                |                |
| RCFD           | 10/22/24    | 11:04:49    |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                | 11:06:24       |

## Call MNI

| <u>EntryCode</u> | <u>Lname</u> | <u>Fname</u> | <u>MI</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>DOB</u> | <u>Address</u>           | <u>Lic Num</u> |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| COM              |              | BETH         |           |              | 01/01/00   |                          | [REDACTED]     |
| SUB              | CHANDLER     | JACK         | AF        |              | 03/18/67   | 450 WARWICK ST           | [REDACTED]     |
| WIT              | LAMARCA      | GERARD       |           |              | 10/16/57   | 3605 STATE ROUTE 82      | [REDACTED]     |
| VIC              | BURGHY       | LARRY        | JL        |              | 10/18/71   | 215 GATES ST             | [REDACTED]     |
| SUB              | BULMAN       | JOSEPH       | EL        |              | 12/06/86   | 1307 LAWRENCE CT APT 202 | [REDACTED]     |
| SUB              | KOTECKI      | JESSICA      | RC        |              | 10/20/87   | 1044 FRONEK DR           | [REDACTED]     |
| SUB              | FRIES        | MATTHEW      | JA        |              | 10/31/80   | Homeless                 | [REDACTED]     |

| EntryDate/Time        | From Client          | To Client        | Client Data                     |
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