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2026-0240
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4800 Duvall Rd., Lot
303, Ashville, OH 43103 (L)

Investigative Activity: Family Interview
Involves: Richard Dalton Jr.
Activity Date: 01/28/2026
Activity Location: 4800 Duvall Road, Lot 303, Ashville, OH 43103
Authoring Agent: SA Joshua Welty #173

Narrative:

On Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 1221 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joshua Welty (SA Welty) and SA Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) interviewed Richard Dalton Jr. (Dalton Jr.), relative to the officer-involved critical incident (OICI) which took place on Tuesday, January 20, 2026. The interview took place at 4800 Duvall Road, Lot 303, Ashville, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this individual.

Richard Dalton Jr. is the brother of Chase Dalton (Dalton), homeowner of 4800 Duvall Road, Lot 303, and the father of the young child inside the house when the OICI occurred.

Dalton Jr. explained he had received some texts from [REDACTED] requesting him to come home; indicating it was an emergency. Dalton Jr. then called [REDACTED] and she further shared she was calling the police and that Dalton Jr.'s brother, Dalton, had just raped her. After speaking with [REDACTED], Dalton Jr. contacted his father, Richard Dalton Sr. (Dalton Sr.), and requested that he go to the house. Once he had finished speaking with his father, Dalton Jr. noticed messages from Dalton.

Dalton Jr. permitted SA Holcomb permission to photograph a text message thread between him and Dalton from the day of the OICI. Contained in the thread were messages from Dalton stating the following: *"I don't want a funeral," "Burn me," "I don't want remembered man burn and forget me," "Just act like I never existed that's all I've wanted for a while."*

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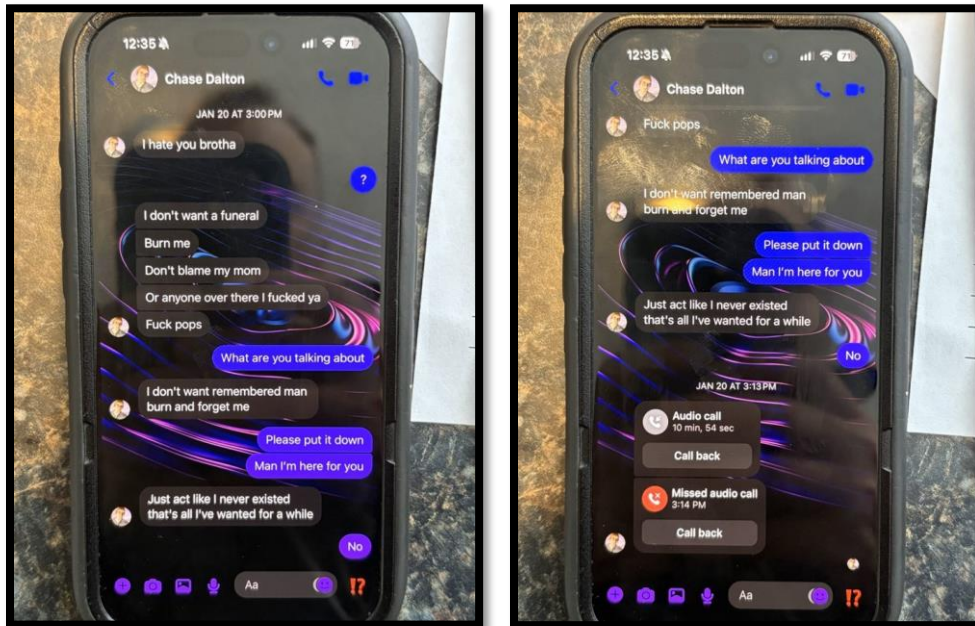


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(Figures 1 and 2 – Text message threads between Dalton and Dalton Jr. (Black and white messages are from Dalton))

Dalton Jr. shared he called Dalton after receiving the messages, to which Dalton answered the phone call. Dalton Jr. explained he asked Dalton what was going on but there was no response from Dalton. Instead, Dalton Jr. heard gunshots and the call ended. According to Dalton Jr., Dalton called him back and they were on the call for what he estimates to be 10 – 15 minutes.

During the call, Dalton Jr. explained he could hear police in the background. He heard the police telling Dalton to put down the gun. Dalton Jr. made specific reference to Dalton saying, “I don’t know, I haven’t decided if I wanna shoot myself or if I want you to do it.” Dalton Jr. then heard an officer reply, “we don’t want to shoot you,” which was then followed by Dalton saying, “that one definitely looks like he wants to shoot me.”

Dalton Jr. further explained he tried to talk Dalton into putting down the gun, or at least to not point it at anyone. He shared Dalton eventually stopped talking to him on the phone but left the line open. Dalton Jr. asked how they got to this situation, to which he stated Dalton replied, “I raped [REDACTED] that is how we got here.”

While on the phone, Dalton Jr. had been driving to the Duvall Road location. Once he arrived, he began walking from the entrance of the park to Lot 303. While approaching,

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he shared that law enforcement ordered him to stop, to which Dalton Jr. did. From his location, Dalton Jr. explained he could see law enforcement going from the side of the house towards the trees. He said one officer had turned around and he heard one officer start shooting and then everyone started shooting. SA Holcomb asked Dalton Jr. how many gunshots he heard, to which he estimated it to be three shots per officer, but did not know how many officers shot.

SA Holcomb asked Dalton Jr. if he knew Dalton to own firearms, to which he replied, "I did not." He went on to further explain he knew Dalton had one that Dalton Sr. had got him, but when he asked Dalton Sr. about the firearm it was learned it was in his safe. Dalton Jr. shared there was an occurrence, about a month ago, Dalton had left a firearm in his vehicle. It had been left in the passenger door and Dalton came back to get the firearm and apologized for leaving it. Dalton Jr. described the gun as being a silver handgun. Dalton Jr. went on to share that he remembered discovering a receipt of purchase for a Taurus GSX handgun.

While talking to Dalton Jr., he informed agents that the Hellcat handgun that was collected was his firearm. He had the gun stored in his bedroom and Dalton was aware of the gun and its location. *(Note: A copy of the search warrant and inventory was left at lot 303, and present on the counter when speaking with Dalton Jr.)*

SA Holcomb asked whether Dalton had made any suicidal comments, and Dalton Jr. replied, "not to me," "zero red flags or things that stuck out." He further explained there had been no comments made, nor had he seen anything. Dalton had been at his place as he described, "on and off nonstop with me the last like month and a half."

Dalton Jr. confirmed Dalton had spent the evening at Lot 303 on January 19th. SA Holcomb asked if he could describe Dalton's demeanor. He described the evening as being perfectly fine. They had watched movies and played Mario Kart, made dinner, and nothing was out of the ordinary. The following morning, Tuesday, January 20th, Dalton Jr. noticed Dalton was still on the couch. He knew Dalton had Sundays and Mondays off at work but should have reported to work at 3:00 AM on Tuesday. Since he saw Dalton still on the couch, he questioned why he was not at work. He shared that Dalton told him he had called off because he was not feeling well.

Dalton Jr. was then asked about the relationship between Dalton and [REDACTED]. He explained there was no relationship between the two. Dalton had asked him about asking [REDACTED] out. He shared at first the two were "hitting it off," but over time [REDACTED] became uncomfortable. Dalton Jr. shared that on one occasion Dalton had drank too much alcohol and made comments towards [REDACTED] leading to her

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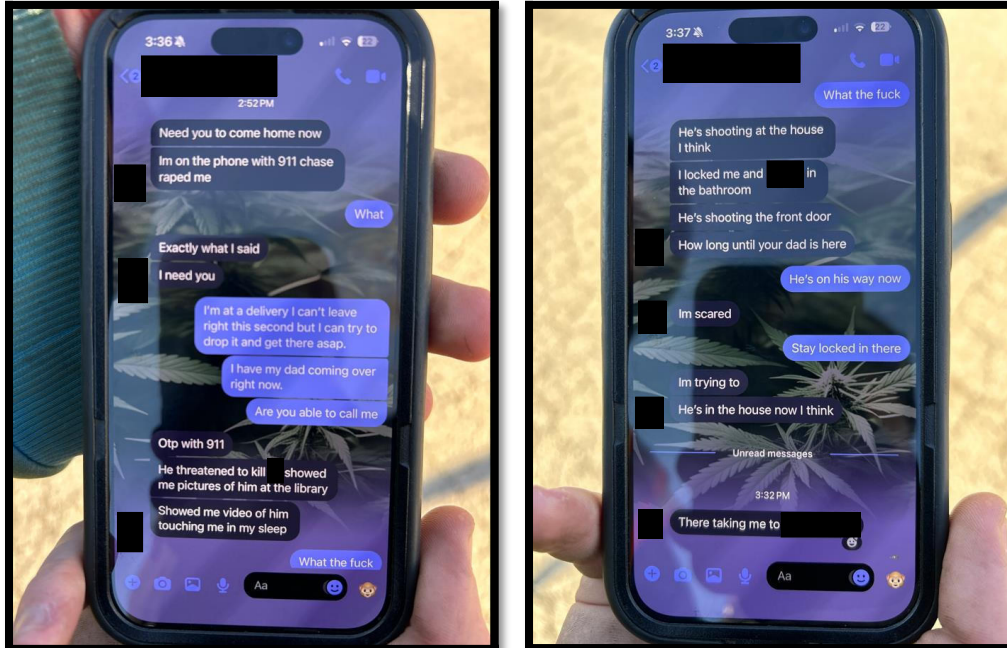
becoming uncomfortable. After this, Dalton Jr. told Dalton he would need to take a step back and not make her uncomfortable.

SA Holcomb asked Dalton Jr. if [REDACTED] had spoken with him about what had happened. He indicated he had spoken with her. She had shared information about what had happened but did not wish to share that. He did explain he suggested that [REDACTED] might want to find a trauma counselor.

The interview concluded at approximately 1251 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The recording is saved and uploaded to evidence.com.

On Tuesday, February 3, 2026, SA Welty received two photographs from the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office (PCSO). These photographs capture a message thread between Dalton Jr. and [REDACTED], as contained on [REDACTED] cellular device. The photographs were obtained by a PCSO detective on the day of the OICI, before [REDACTED] left the scene.



(Figures 3 and 4 – Text message thread between Richard Dalton Jr. and [REDACTED] (Black and white messages are [REDACTED] blue is Dalton Jr.))

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References:

Reference Item A: 2026-01-28: Interview of Richard Dalton Jr. (2026-0240).MP3
(Evidence.com)

Attachments:

Attachment # 1: Richard Dalton Jr Text Message 1

Attachment # 2: Richard Dalton Jr Text Message 2

Attachment # 3: [REDACTED] Text Message 1

Attachment # 4: [REDACTED] Text Message 2

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12:35

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Chase Dalton

JAN 20 AT 3:00 PM

I hate you brotha

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I don't want a funeral

Burn me

Don't blame my mom

Or anyone over there I fucked ya

Fuck pops

What are you talking about

I don't want remembered man
burn and forget me

Please put it down

Man I'm here for you

Just act like I never existed
that's all I've wanted for a while

No



Aa



12:35

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No

JAN 20 AT 3:13 PM



Audio call
10 min, 54 sec

Call back



Missed audio call
3:14 PM

Call back



Aa



3:36

Signal strength, Wi-Fi, and battery icons



[Redacted]



2:52 PM

Need you to come home now

Im on the phone with 911 chase
raped me

What

Exactly what I said

I need you

I'm at a delivery I can't leave
right this second but I can try to
drop it and get there asap.

I have my dad coming over
right now.

Are you able to call me

Otp with 911

He threatened to kill [Redacted] showed
me pictures of him at the library

Showed me video of him
touching me in my sleep

What the fuck



Aa



3:37

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What the fuck

He's shooting at the house
I think

I locked me and [redacted] in
the bathroom

He's shooting the front door

[redacted] How long until your dad is here

He's on his way now

[redacted] Im scared

Stay locked in there

Im trying to

[redacted] He's in the house now I think

Unread messages

3:32 PM

[redacted] There taking me to [redacted]



Aa

