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Officer-Involved Critical Incident - Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4134 Rush Blvd., Youngstown, OH 44512, Mahoning County

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Involves: Arthur Mitchell (S), [REDACTED] (S), [REDACTED] (V), and Officer Eleazer Gonzalez (V)
Case Title: Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4134 Rush Blvd., Youngstown, OH 44512, Mahoning County
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Investigative Request

On Thursday, October 9, 2025, Captain Jason Simon of the Youngstown Police Department requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) Force Investigations Unit (FIU) 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 October 9, 2025 in the area of 4134 Rush Blvd in Youngstown, OH and resulted in the death of Arthur Mitchell, and the Injury of [REDACTED].

Preface:

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the October 9, 2025 officer-involved shooting in Mahoning 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 Darien Spann (SA Spann) was assigned as the lead FIU case agent. SA Spann received assistance in the investigation from SA Joe Lamping (SA Lamping), SA Ryan Emahiser (SA Emahiser), and SA Jesse Bynum (SA Bynum). BCI Special Agents Larry Hootman (SA Hootman) and Bernard Doran (SA Doran) of the Crime Scene Unit processed the scene of the incident, documenting, preserving, and collecting possible evidence. BCI Computer Forensic Specialist (CFS) Clairice Cowgill of the Cyber Crimes Unit conducted an extraction and analysis of a cellphone recovered from 4134 Rush Blvd. 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 1 officer who discharged his weapon at the involved subject
- Recorded interviews of 7 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 2 civilian witnesses to the incident
- Interviews of family members or associates of the decedent
- Special agent attendance at 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, including criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.
- FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) checks on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine if reported stolen)

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- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) trace on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine ownership history)
- Review of all available body cameras involved in the incident
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting)
- 3D scans / model of incident area
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident
- Review of 911/phone communications related to the incident
- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident
- 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
 3. DNA
- Obtained search warrant and reviewed electronic evidence, to include:
 1. Cellular phone
- 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
- Reviewed medical records of those injured, obtained through court order

Incident Summary/Overview

On October 9, 2025, The Youngstown Police Department (YPD) requested assistance from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) following an officer-involved critical incident at 4134 Rush Blvd., Youngstown, Ohio.

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Figure 1 - Front view of 4134 Rush Blvd.

The incident began with Youngstown Police Department (YPD) [REDACTED] and Gonzalez responding to a call for service at 4134 Rush Blvd., for a burglary. While investigating in the backyard of the residence. Officers came into contact with an unknown subject, later Identified as Arthur Mitchell (Mitchell), who shot [REDACTED] in the arm.



Figure 2 - Arthur Mitchell before shots are fired.



Figure 3 - [REDACTED] sustained injury and recovered his firearm from the ground.

[REDACTED] was shortly after transported to St. Elizabeth Hospital. Other YPD officers began to respond to the area as well as the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team (MVCRT). Once MVCRT arrived on scene, they learned Mitchell might have fled to the inside of the residence located at 4134 Rush Blvd.

The MVCRT then formulated a plan to make entry into the residence and clear it to make sure Mitchell was not inside. When entry was made to the residence, the MVCRT found an attic space entrance in a bedroom on the second floor. MVCRT [REDACTED] physically went into the attic space, where he located Arthur Mitchell hiding under a pile of insulation. [REDACTED] stated as soon as the insulation was uncovered, Mitchell fired. [REDACTED] returned fire as he attempted to exit the

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attic. [REDACTED] then heard another shot fired from Mitchell, and [REDACTED] returned fire once again. [REDACTED] exited the attic. A police robot equipped with a camera later verified that Arthur Mitchell was deceased.



Figure 4 - Photo attic space.

The BCI Crime Scene Unit documented a blood trail made by [REDACTED] injury, Arthur Mitchell and his firearms, as well as any possible defects made by gunfire.



Figure 5 - Bullet defect from the shooting of [REDACTED]

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Figure 6 - Firearms found on Mitchell's person.



Figure 7 - Apparent blood trail from [REDACTED]

While on scene of 4134 Rush Blvd., SA Spann received a phone call from Detective Christopher Greene from Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department in North Carolina. Detective Greene advised Mitchell was alleged to be involved in crimes in his department and had outstanding warrants and wanted to verify if Mitchell was the subject that was deceased.

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File No. 25CR432661-590		Law Enforcement Case No. 20251006120904		LID No.	
WARRANT FOR ARREST		CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT			
THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA VS.		STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA		In The General Court Of Justice District Court Division	
Name And Address Of Defendant ARTHUR TYRONE MITCHELL 425 WILCOX STREET 528 CHARLOTTE NC 28203 (704) 430-1981		MECKLENBURG County			
		Spoken Language Court Interpreter Needed For Any Party, Victim, Or Witness? (If Yes, identify person(s) and language(s). Interpreters provided for all court proceedings at no cost.) ☒ No ☐ Yes: (explain)			
		OFFENSE(S) (see AGC-CR-100 Continuation(s) for charging text)			
Count No.	Offense	Offense in Violation Of G.S.	Offense Code		
1	F - ROBBERY WITH DANGEROUS WEAPON	14-87	1222		
2	F - SECOND DEGREE KIDNAPPING	14-39	1028		
3	F - ROBBERY WITH DANGEROUS WEAPON	14-87	1222		
4	F - SECOND DEGREE KIDNAPPING	14-39	1028		
5	F - FELONY CONSPIRACY	14-2.4(A)	9918		
Race B Sex M Date Of Birth 02/28/1997 Age 28					
Name Of Defendant's Employer					
Date Of Offense 10/06/2025					
☐ Misdemeanor Offense Which Requires Fingerprinting Per Fingerprint Plan					
Date Of Arrest & Check Digit No. (as shown on fingerprint card)					
Complainant Name (and address, if Complainant is an officer) Kelly Zagar CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT 601 East Trade St CHARLOTTE NC 28202 MECKLENBURG					
Witness Information					

Figure 8 - Outstanding Warrants from North Carolina.

Decedent

The sole decedent in this investigation was identified as Arthur T. Mitchell. Mitchell, a 28-year-old, black male was pronounced deceased at the scene. On November 17, 2025, SA Spann reviewed Mitchell's past criminal history. SA Spann observed [REDACTED]

Autopsy Report

The autopsy report for the decedent (Arthur Mitchell) was obtained from the Mahoning County Coroner's Office on May 29, 2026, and June 4, 2026. A review of those documents revealed the following information:

The cause of death for Mitchell was determined to be [REDACTED] and the manner of death was listed as [REDACTED]. The toxicology report [REDACTED]

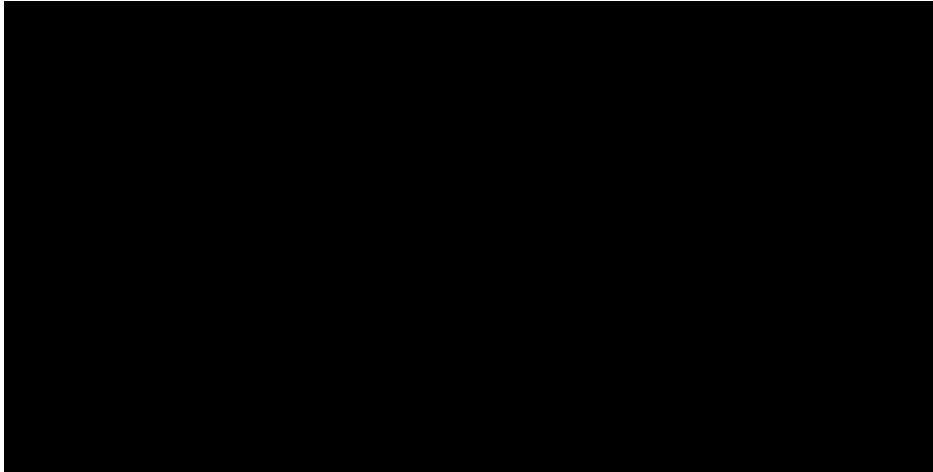
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Physical Evidence

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.

Between October 9, 2025 and October 10, 2025, Crime Scene Special Agent Edward Lulla and Special Agent Chad Doran conducted the crime scene processing at 4134 Rush Blvd., Youngstown, Ohio 44512. CSU agents began documenting the environment using digital photography and a 3D scanner. The scene was secured and processed in coordination with other BCI agents. Evidence collected included firearms, blood samples, cartridge casings, and a cellphone.

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Figure 9 - Shed in the backyard



Figure 10 - Casings and Cellphone at the back of the shed.



Figure 11 - Ballistic Impact at the back of the shed.



Figure 12 - Bloodstain on North side of shed.



Figure 13 - 9mm Glock Model 19 - Gen5 / SER# BUBP497

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Figure 14 - Deceased Arthur Mitchell with firearms found on his person.

Lab Analysis

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.

Firearms Analysis

The BCI Firearms Section performed an analysis of the officers' firearms, as well as the firearm-related evidence collected from the scene, 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 #5: One (1) Glock pistol (model 19)	N/A	Operable
	Item #1: One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #6: One (1) Glock pistol (model 19 Gen5)	N/A	Inoperable / Rendered Operable
	Items #2, 7 & 9: A total of three (3) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification
	Item #17: One (1) fired bullet	Source Identification

Figure 15

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Figure 16

Figure 15 shows the results from the firearms found on Mitchell's person in the attic of 4134 Rush Blvd., item #5 and item #6. Items #1, #2, #7, and #9 are cartridge casings found and collected at the scene, both in the attic and on the north side of the backyard shed. These casings were positively matched to Mitchell's firearms.

Figure 16 is an image of Mitchell's cellphone as well as 2 cartridge casings, that were found on the north side of shed. The north side of the shed is determined to be the location where Mitchell was likely standing when [REDACTED] was shot.

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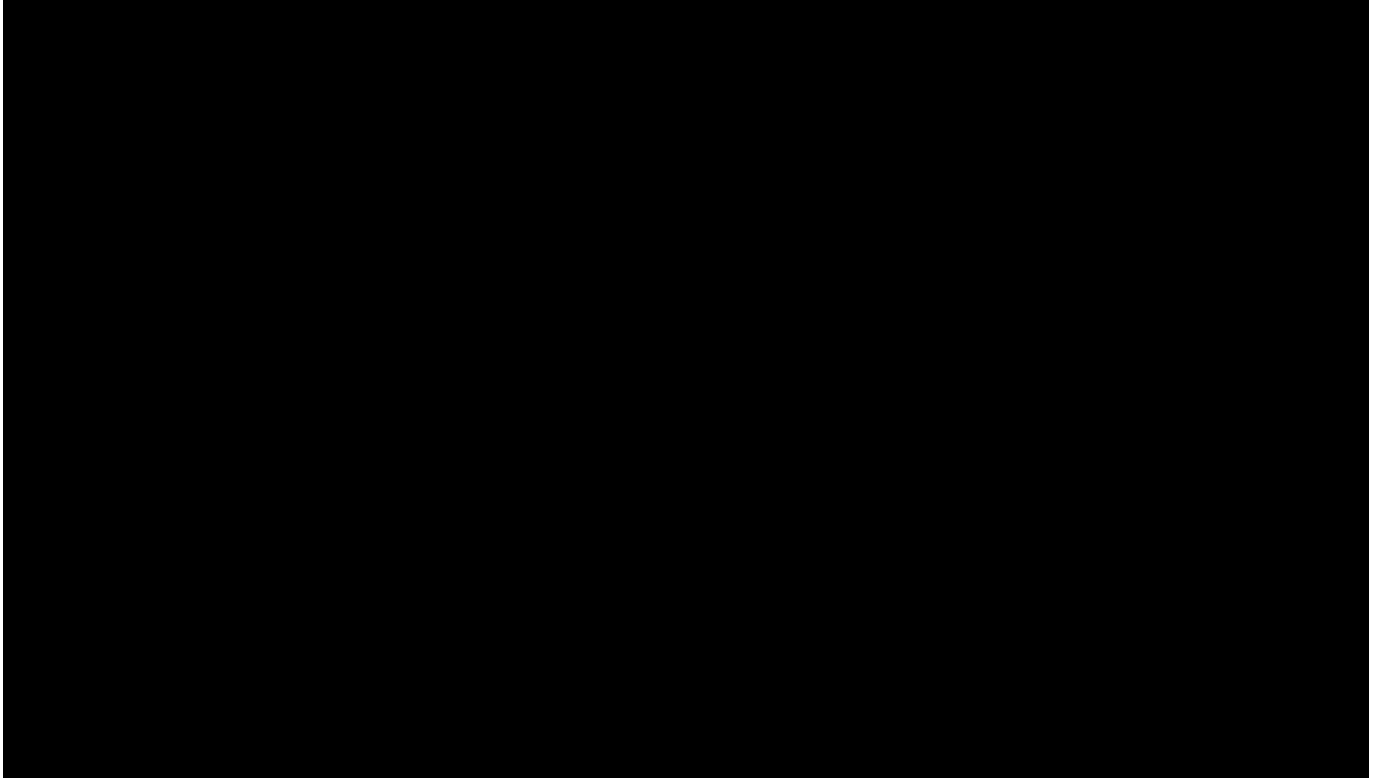
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NIBIN

At the time of the analysis, no NIBIN lead was generated. Below is the information obtained from the BCI NIBIN Analysis.



DNA

DNA swab samples were taken from firearms from the scene as well as casings. The conclusion from the lab report shows the swabs taken of the trigger, grip, magazine, and some of the cartridges contained a DNA profile consistent with Arthur Mitchell.

Use of Force Policy

On October 30, 2025, SA Joe Lamping reviewed the use of force policy for Howland Police Department [REDACTED] (employing agency). This policy was in effect at the time of the officer-involved critical incident involving Arthur Mitchell. The policy references the escalation of force, to include verbal force, physical force, immediate force, and deadly force.

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The deadly force section outlined the use of deadly force in defense of human life. This specific section states "Deadly force may be used by employees when they reasonably believe that the action is in defense of human life, including the employee's own life."

Dispatch-Related Information

On November 24, 2025, SA Spann reviewed dispatch records and communications related to the officer involved critical incident that occurred on October 9, 2025. The records were provided by Youngstown Police Department (YPD) and included Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) logs, radio traffic recordings and 911 calls.

The CAD records documented the timeline of the shots fired in the attic of 4134 Rush Blvd., Youngstown, Ohio and when Arthur Mitchell was assumed to be dead. Radio traffic recordings captured the description of the subject, the call to initiate YPD to respond to a burglary, as well as [REDACTED] stating he was shot. The report included timestamps and file references for each audio recording. The materials were saved to Axon Justice under Reference Item F.

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]
On October 21, 2025, SA Darien Spann and SA Joe Lamping interviewed [REDACTED] of the Howland Police Department (HPD) as well as a member of the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team (MVCRT). The interview was conducted at Youngstown City Hall [REDACTED] was accompanied by his legal counsel and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form willingly.

[REDACTED] was part of the MVCRT to make entry into 4134 Rush Blvd., after arriving to the scene to assist after learning of a Youngstown Police Department Officer being shot. While clearing the residence, [REDACTED] found an attic access in a bedroom. After using different alternative methods of clearing the attic, [REDACTED] physically went into the attic. In the attic were two piles of insulation. He lifted the first pile and found nothing. When he lifted the second pile, he realized it was

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stuck in place. He attempted another time to lift the insulation, and Arthur Mitchell removed the insulation, revealing himself.

Mitchell was described as lying on the ground holding a gun that was positioned on himself. Mitchell then trained his eyes as well as the gun on [REDACTED], as demonstrated by [REDACTED] below:



Figure 15 - [REDACTED] demonstration of Arthur Mitchell's positioning.

Mitchell then fired a shot at [REDACTED] returned fire and began to retreat by stepping backwards but fell. He then began to crawl to the attic access but then heard another gunshot. [REDACTED] once again returned fire and was able to exit the attic. [REDACTED] stated that in this specific situation there was no other option but to use deadly force and affirmed the accuracy of his statement. [REDACTED] also described how he saw a muzzle flash from Mitchell's firearm and how Mitchell was actively trying to shoot him. The interview concluded at approximately 1048 hours.

Officer Eleazer Gonzalez

On October 21, 2025, SA Darien Spann and SA Joe Lamping interviewed Officer Eleazer Gonzalez (Gonzalez) of Youngstown Police Department (YPD). The interview was conducted at Youngstown City Hall. Officer Gonzalez was accompanied by his counsel. Officer Gonzalez was one of the YPD Officers who responded to a burglary call for service with [REDACTED] at 4134 Rush Blvd., Youngstown, Ohio and witnessed the shooting of [REDACTED]

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Officer Gonzalez was the first to arrive at 4134 Rush Blvd., [REDACTED] arrived shortly after. Officer Gonzalez and [REDACTED] began checking the garage and shed located behind the residence. While checking the shed he recalled [REDACTED] yelling "Gun!" and they retreated to a side of the shed. Shortly after, Officer Gonzalez said that [REDACTED] was shot in the arm. Officer Gonzalez said that he had his firearm out and then tripped. When he tripped, he said he had his finger on the trigger, and his gun went off as he was falling, which resulted in a malfunction. He reported that he did not know that the gun had a malfunction until he went to clear the rear side of the shed and his gun wouldn't work. Officer Gonzalez reported that [REDACTED] got back up and ran down the driveway. While he was running down the driveway, the involved individual reportedly fired an additional two rounds at [REDACTED]. Officer Gonzalez reported that he attempted to clear the malfunction in his firearm multiple times without success. He then ran down the driveway, and while doing so, he believed that the involved subject shot at him one time.

Officer Gonzalez directed the next officer to arrive, Officer Fiedler, to apply a tourniquet on [REDACTED] arm. Officer Gonzalez was eventually sent to the hospital along with [REDACTED]

The interview was concluded at approximately 1116 hours.

[Officer Megan Fiedler](#)

On October 21, 2025, SA Darien Spann and SA Joe Lamping interviewed Officer Megan Fiedler (Fiedler) of Youngstown Police Department (YPD). The interview was conducted at Youngstown City Hall; Officer Fiedler was accompanied by her counsel at the time of interview.

Officer Fiedler responded to 4134 Rush Blvd., regarding a burglary and she arrived minutes after [REDACTED] and Officer Gonzalez. As she exited her vehicle and began walking to the backyard, she heard [REDACTED] yell "Gun!" followed by six to seven gunshots. Officer Fiedler stated she went towards the sound of gunfire by the shed but did not see any subject. She then heard [REDACTED] advise he was shot and she placed a tourniquet on his arm with the gunshot wound. [REDACTED] was transported to the hospital, and Officer Fiedler remained on scene to fly a drone around the residence to get a location for the shooter. Officer Fiedler affirmed her accuracy of her statement and the interview ended at approximately 1309 hours.

[Officer Luis Villaplana](#)

On October 21, 2025, SA Darien Spann and SA Joe Lamping interviewed Officer Luis Villaplana (Villaplana) of The Youngstown Police Department (YPD) as well as a member of the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team (MVCRT). The interview was conducted at

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Youngstown City Hall, Officer Villaplana was accompanied by her counsel at the time of interview.

Officer Villaplana responded with the MVCRT to the scene of 4134 Rush Blvd., Youngstown, Ohio 44512 to assist after learning of a Youngstown Police Department Officer being shot. Officer Villaplana cleared the residence with the MVCRT and found the attic access on the second floor. He set a drone in the access for a visual of the attic space. At that point, [REDACTED] decided to enter the attic to clear it. Officer Villaplana stated that he then left the room and went into the hallway to talk to Sergeant Staley and another officer.

While he was in the hallway, he heard a single gunshot at first, then a large volley of gunfire. Officer Villaplana stated that when he went into the room a bullet came through the ceiling and traveled past his head. Officer Villaplana did not return fire because he did not know where [REDACTED] was in the attic. He then egressed out of the room and held the scene from the first floor until a plan was in place. Officer Villaplana affirmed the accuracy of his statement.

The interview concluded at approximately 0934 hours.

[Deputy Tyrone Hyshaw](#)

On October 27, 2025, SA Spann and SA Lamping interviewed Deputy Tyrone Hyshaw (Hyshaw) of the Mahoning County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). The interview was conducted at BCI located at 760 Boardman Canfield Road, Suite 2, Youngstown Ohio. Deputy Hyshaw was accompanied by his counsel.

Deputy Hyshaw responded to 4134 Rush Blvd., Youngstown Ohio, to offer his assistance, with him being a negotiator for the MCSO SWAT team. Deputy Hyshaw stated that while on scene an unknown female made contact with another officer who claimed to know Mitchell. She stated that Mitchell sent his mother a song and apologized to her, but she wasn't sure why he was apologizing. Mitchell's mother stated that Mitchell has had mental health issues since he was a child. She also stated Mitchell was currently in trouble in North Carolina in relation to an officer involved shooting. Deputy Hyshaw affirmed the accuracy of his statements, and the interview ended at approximately 1037 hours.

[Sergeant Christopher Staley](#)

On October 27, 2025, SA Spann and SA Lamping interviewed Sergeant Christopher Staley (Staley) of the Youngstown Police Department (YPD) as well as a member of the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team (MVCRT). The interview was conducted at BCI

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located at 760 Boardman Canfield Road, Suite 2, Youngstown Ohio. Sergeant Staley was accompanied by his counsel.

Sergeant Staley responded with the MVCRT to the scene of 4134 Rush Blvd., Youngstown, Ohio 44512 to assist after learning of a Youngstown Police Department Officer being shot. Sergeant Staley was involved in entering the residence and was advised of the attic access on the second floor. A drone was attempted and failed to fly in the attic area forcing an officer to use a mirror and flashlight to visibly clear the attic area. Once it was determined the subject was not immediately visible, [REDACTED] physically entered the attic. While [REDACTED] was in the attic Sergeant Staley stated:

"I heard a single gunshot come from the attic area. This was immediately followed by a volley of several more gunshots. At this time, team leader Brooks rushed up the stairs and assist us with evacuating from the attic and the second floor. We stopped on the landing and ensured the entire team was together. Once we confirmed we had the entire team and assessed each other for any injuries, the determination was made to make our way back to the first-floor kitchen. Due to team leader Brooks reporting that gunshots had come from the attic to the second floor toward us. Commander Saluga then ordered the gas be deployed into the attic using 40-millimeter munition launchers." (08:12 Minute Marker)

A police robot was then deployed to assess the status of Arthur Mitchell, which confirmed he was not moving and suspected to be deceased. The interview was concluded at approximately 1025 hours.

Deputy Bryan Brooks

On October 27, 2025, SA Spann and SA Lamping interviewed Deputy Bryan Brooks (Brooks) of the Mahoning County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). He is also assigned to the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team (MVCRT). The interview was conducted at BCI located at 760 Boardman Canfield Road, Suite 2, Youngstown Ohio. Deputy Brooks was accompanied by his counsel.

Deputy Brooks responded with the MVCRT to the scene of 4134 Rush Blvd., Youngstown, Ohio 44512 to assist after learning of a Youngstown Police Department Officer being shot. Deputy Brooks and the MVCRT cleared the residence, Deputy Brooks cleared the first floor then stayed by the stairs as the other half of the team cleared the second floor. He was advised that an attic access was located in a bedroom on the second floor. [REDACTED] was the officer who physically cleared the

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attic space. Deputy Brooks was positioned at the bottom of the stairs of the residence and not in the bedroom.

Deputy Brooks then heard a single gunshot followed by several gunshots and he began moving upstairs. Deputy Brooks then went inside the bedroom where he observed a bullet coming through the ceiling. As he was walking in the bedroom, [REDACTED] was exiting the attic and was then escorted outside to be assessed for injuries. Deputy Brooks then retreated downstairs where he remained to hold security. Officers on the outside of the house deployed gas in the attic. Deputy Brooks and the rest of the officers on the inside of the residence deployed a robot in the attic to obtain a better visual of the subject. The officers inside were then advised that the subject appeared to be deceased. Deputy Brooks affirmed the accuracy of his statement and the interview concluded at approximately 1050 hours.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] through his Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association attorney, declined to provide a statement to BCI about the incident due to medical appointments and trauma related to the event.

Video Recordings

On December 2, 2025 SA Spann reviewed footage from Youngstown Police Department, as well as cellphone footage from the witness Geneva Carter. The most relevant video observed is from the BWC footage from YPD [REDACTED] and Officer Eleazer Gonzalez.

At 12:45 hours, Officer Gonzalez and [REDACTED] are observed investigating the backyard shed of 4134 Rush Blvd., Youngstown, Ohio. When [REDACTED] yelled, "Gun!" Both Officers retreat to the opposite side of the shed. [REDACTED] was looking down the back side of the shed, when a subject wearing a light-colored hood appeared and shot one time at [REDACTED]. After the gunshot, [REDACTED] began to scream and fell to the ground. [REDACTED] got up from the ground, and it is clear [REDACTED] was injured from the blood that can be seen coming from his right arm.

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Figure 16 - [REDACTED] is struck by gunfire, retrieving his firearm from the ground.

Several other officers' BWC files were reviewed but found to contain no relevant footage. All files were stored in Axon Justice as Reference Item G BWC Footage and Reference Item D Video Footage.

Conclusion

The investigation into the officer-involved critical incident that occurred on October 9, 2025, at 4134 Rush Blvd. in Youngstown, Ohio, has been completed following a thorough review of all available evidence. Based on the physical evidence recovered; crime scene documentation; dispatch records; reviewed documents; witness and involved-officer interviews; body-worn camera recordings; laboratory findings; and autopsy information, investigation 2025-3298 supports the following facts, information, and conclusions: The subject, Arthur T. Mitchell died as a result of gunfire fired from [REDACTED] due to Mitchell first shooting at [REDACTED] in the attic of 4134 Rush Blvd.

The incident began with a concerned citizen calling Youngstown Police Department after seeing Mitchell with his hood over his head in front of 4134 Rush Blvd., thinking he was burglarizing the residence. YPD officers Gonzalez and [REDACTED] responded to the area, and while investigating Mitchell shot [REDACTED] and fled inside the residence and hid in the attic. Two cartridge casings were discovered and collected on the north side of the shed, which is believed to be Mitchell's firing location. The casings were tested and confirmed to have come from Mitchell's firearm. Once the radio traffic began about an officer being shot, [REDACTED] responded with the rest of the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team.

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██████████ was a part of the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team that made entry into 4134 Rush Blvd. While clearing the residence ██████████ discovered an attic access in a bedroom closet. ██████████ could not visually and completely clear the attic resulting in ██████████ physically entering the attic. He attempted to lift a pile of insulation and discovered Arthur Mitchell under it, holding a handgun. Mitchell then fired one time and ██████████ returned fire. As ██████████ attempted to exit the attic, he heard another gunshot and fired several more times. ██████████ was escorted out of the residence for medical attention. After several hours of attempting to get Mitchell to surrender, a police robot was put in the attic. Through the robot it was determined that Mitchell was deceased and was observed holding 2 handguns. Several cartridge casings were discovered and collected from the attic of 4134 Rush Blvd., two of the cartridge casings were tested and confirmed to have been fired from Mitchell's firearms.

Contact Information

The preceding information comprises only a portion of facts and circumstances collected during the investigation of the officer-involved critical incident. For further review of specific information or documentation collected during the investigation, please refer to the individual reports and documents from which this summary was derived. Any questions regarding the content or context of the information contained in this document can be directed to the attention of Special Agent Darien Spann. SA Spann can be reached via email at Darien.Spann@OhioAGO.gov or by telephone, at (330) 212-0655.

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