



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



2025-3298

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

Investigative Activity: Howland Police Department Incident Report Review
Involves: [REDACTED] (S)
Activity Date: 11/03/2025
Activity Location: BCI – Richfield 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH
Authoring Agent: SA Darien Spann #158

Narrative:

On Monday, November 03, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) received documents from Howland Police Department (HPD). The records which were requested included any reports pertaining to the October 9, 2025, officer-involved critical incident, except for any statements made by the involved officers. On December 9, 2025, the involved [REDACTED] gave consent to review the incident report he completed. SA Darien Spann (SA Spann) reviewed the documents and noted the following:

[REDACTED] reported that he was attending training for the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team (MVCRT), considered synonymous with SWAT. While in training, his team was activated for officer assistance from Youngstown Police Department (YPD) for an incident that occurred on 4134 Rush Blvd., Youngstown, Ohio.

While en route to the scene, it was relayed to the MVCRT officer that an unknown subject shot a YPD officer. When he arrived on scene, he learned from an unnamed citizen that the description of the subject was a male with a gray sweatshirt, with the hood cinched around his head, tightly. A plan was formulated by the MVCRT members to clear 4134 Rush Blvd. [REDACTED] was going to use a breaching pry to force entry into the front door of the structure.

Once inside, [REDACTED] along with other members of the MVCRT began to clear the second floor of the residence. While clearing the second floor, an attic access was located in a bedroom closet. The attic access was opened, and an attempt was made to fly a drone the attic space but was unsuccessful. He then decided to use a mirror and cleared most of the attic using the mirror. [REDACTED] observed two piles of insulation he could not see under or behind.

[REDACTED] was lifted up into the attic space to physically clear the piles of insulation. He cleared the first pile of insulation. He then pulled on the second pile of insulation, but it was stuck. He pulled a second time, and the insulation began to be thrown off by the male subject, Arthur Mitchell. He stated Mitchell was looking in

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██████████ direction with a pistol in his hands. The pistol oriented in ██████████
██████████ direction following with a loud "pop" sound.

██████████ reported that he stumbled backwards and began firing back at Mitchell. As he stumbled backwards, he fell on his right hip and began to crawl towards the attic to retreat. As he was crawling, he heard another muffled "pop." ██████████ then began to fire again towards Mitchell. ██████████ was able to then reach the attic access and was taken outside of the residence to be assessed by medics.

The report for HPD incident # ██████████ was attached to this investigative report. Please refer to the attachment for further details.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. Howland Police Department Incident Report

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 HOWLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT 169 Niles Cortland Rd NE Warren, OH 44484 330-856-5555		Incident No.		[REDACTED]								
		Call for Service No.										
		Occurred From Date:		10-09-2025	Time: 12:30							
		Occurred To Date:		10-09-2025	Time: 21:00							
INCIDENT PAGE 1		Report Date:		10-22-2025	Time: 13:56							
DETAILS	Location Address		Township		Case Number							
	4134 RUSH BLVD; YOUNGSTOWN OH 44512											
	Location Name		Beat	Sub Beat	Geo Code							
	Response		Weather Conditions		Lighting Conditions							
MUT - MUTUAL AID		NONE - NO ADVERSE CONDITION		CLR - CLEAR								
Agency Status		☐ Arrest(s) Made ☐ Evidence Collected ☐ Gang Related ☐ Photo(s) Taken ☐ Unknown Offender										
Source		Case Clearance		Cleared By	Clearance Date							
R - RADIO		I - INVESTIGATION PENDING		[REDACTED]	10-22-2025							
OFFENSE	Seq	Description	A/C	Location	Bias Motives	Usings	☐ Domestic	Count	# of Premises			
	1	[APD] ASSIST POLICE DEPARTMENT	C	01	U	N		1	1			
OFFENSE	Category	Entry Meth		Entry Locs	Entry Dir.	Exit Locs	Exit Dir.	Methods of Operation	Activities	Weapons		
	NR											
OFFENSE	Seq	Description	A/C	Location	Bias Motives	Usings	☐ Domestic	Count	# of Premises			
OFFENSE	Category	Entry Meth		Entry Locs	Entry Dir.	Exit Locs	Exit Dir.	Methods of Operation	Activities	Weapons		
VICTIM	Seq	Victim Type	Victim (Last, First Middle - Business)		DOB	SSN	DL#/ID#	State				
	Resident Status	Address				Contact Info						
	Occupation	Employer				Employment Address						
	Offense Link	Age (or range)	☐ Unknown	Sex	Race	Ethnicity	Height (or range)	☐ Unknown	Weight (or range)	☐ Unknown		
	Offender Link/Relationship	Injuries	Treated By		Transported To		Hair	Eyes				
	☐ Discovered Crime ☐ Can ID Suspect ☐ Victim Crime Rights Served		Circumstances		Justified Homicide Circumstances							
	LEOKA Assignment	LEOKA Circumstance		LEOKA Other ORI		LEOKA Status						
	State Entry # - Date - By	State Cancellation # - Date - By		NCIC Entry # - Date - By		NCIC Cancellation # - Date - By						
SUSPECT/OFFENDER	Seq	Offender Type	Offender (Last, First Middle)		DOB	SSN	DL#/ID#	State				
	1	OTHER										
	Resident Status	Address				Contact Info						
	Occupation	Employer				Employment Address						
	Place of Birth	Age (or range)	☐ Unknown	Sex	Race	Ethnicity	Height (or range)	☐ Unknown	Weight (or range)	☐ Unknown		
	Offense Links	Injury	Gang Affiliation		Aliases		Clothing Description		Runaway/Missing			
	Scars/Marks/Tattoos/Other	Hair	Eyes	Hair Style	Facial Hair	Complexion	Build	Speech	Handed	Teeth	Glasses	Mental Status
	Treated By	Transported To		Master Name #		Arrest						
	State Entry # - Date - By	State Cancellation # - Date - By		NCIC Entry # - Date - By		NCIC Cancellation # - Date - By						
ADMIN	Assisting Officers		☐ Custody Rel. Death ☐ Ofc. Non-Fatal Shooting ☐ School Related									
	Follow Up Assignment		Assigned		Related Case Number(s)							
	Reported By		Submitted for Review		LEVEL 1 APPROVAL		LEVEL 1 APPROVAL Approved					



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PERSON

VEHICLE

PROPERTY

NARRATIVE

Seq	Person Type	Name (Last, First Middle - Business)		DOB	SSN	DL#/ID#	State
Resident Status		Address			Contact Info		
Occupation		Employer		Employment Address			
Offense Link	Age (or range)	☐ Unknown	Sex	Race	Ethnicity	Height (or range)	☐ Unknown
						Weight (or range)	☐ Unknown
							Hair
							Eyes
Victim Link	Offender Link	Injury			Treated By		Transported To
☐ Discovered Crime		☐ Can ID Suspect		Statement Type			
State Entry # - Date - By		State Cancellation # - Date - By		NCIC Entry # - Date - By		NCIC Cancellation # - Date - By	

Seq	Vehicle Type	Color	Year	Make	Model	Style	State	Registration	Exp. Date
VIN		Value	☐ Unknown	Damage Amount	Classification	Towed By	Tow Reason		
Offense Link	Victim Link	Offender Link	Person Link	Loss Type		Stored At	Other Number		
Ownership Verified By		Verification Method	Owner (Last, First Middle - Business)		Owner Address		Owner Contact Info		
Insurance Company		Insurance Address		Ins. Telephone	Notes/Remarks				
☐ Reg. Current ☐ Doors Locked ☐ Key in Vehicle ☐ Hold Vehicle ☐ Damage ☐ Theft from Vehicle ☐ Evidence ☐ Vehicle is Cargo									
Impound Number		Impound Date	Time	Impound Location					
Recovered Date		Time	Recovered Location			Recovered By	Recovered Agency	Recovered Value	
Released Date		Time	Released Location			Released By	☐ Released Contents		
State Entry # - Date - By		State Cancellation # - Date - By		NCIC Entry # - Date - By		NCIC Cancellation # - Date - By			

Seq	Property Type	Quantity	Description					
Make / Brand		Model		Color	Serial Number		Classification	
Value		☐ Unknown	Damage Amount	Drug Quantity	Drug Measurement	Drug Type Suspected	Other Number	
Offense Link	Victim Link	Offender Link	Person Link	Vehicle Link	Loss Type		Stored At	
Ownership Verified By		Owner (Last, First Middle - Business)		Owner Address		Owner Contact Info		
Insurance Company		Notes/Remarks					☐ Evidence	☐ Cargo
Impound Date		Time	Impound Location					
Recovered Date		Time	Recovered Location			Recovered By	Recovered Value	
Released Date		Time	Released Location			Released By		
State Entry # - Date - By		State Cancellation # - Date - By		NCIC Entry # - Date - By		NCIC Cancellation # - Date - By		

Seq	Narrative Date	Time	Narrative By	☐ Investigative
1	10-22-2025	14:04	[REDACTED]	

On October 9, 2025, I, [REDACTED] was attending training for Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team (SWAT) when we were activated to assist Youngstown Police Department in an incident that had occurred at 4134 Rush Blvd., Youngstown, OH 44512. Investigation to follow.



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NARRATIVE #2

Seq	Narrative Date	Time	Narrative By	
2	10-22-2025	14:08		☐ Investigative

INVESTIGATIVE

NOT PUBLIC INFORMATION

While en route to 4134 Rush Blvd., it was relayed to responding MVCRT Operators that an unknown male had just shot a Youngstown Police Officer who was responding to a possible burglary in progress. We were advised that they did not have a description of the male but noted that a perimeter was set quickly after using YPD drones.

Upon arrival, MVCRT Operators were being briefed on initial plans to clear several structures related to the incident. While maintaining perimeter security, a female approached and stated that her mother was several houses away and needed assistance. Operator Wharry and I approached the females residence and assisted her to safety outside of the perimeter. The homeowner noted that she had called and was able to provide us with a clothing description of a possibly male wearing a gray hooded sweat shirt that was tied tight around the majority of his face. She was unable to provide any additional details.

MVCRT leaders made a plan to clear the structure where the initial call for service had occurred. I was assigned to be a breacher and was tasked to do so with a breaching pry. The initial shield teams moved up and discovered that the front heavy screen door was secured and required a breach. The breach team (consisting of Operator Wilson and I) were called up and completed a successful breach. All the while, loud and clear announcements were being conducted such as, "Police!" and orders for anyone inside of the residence to, "make themselves known." After several unsuccessful attempts from a drone unit to clear the residence, MVCRT operators entered the structure. Once inside they began calling for more operators due to the the layout of the residence, I entered the residence when called and began assisting Operator Villaplana, Operator Dailey, and Team Leader Chris Staley. Based on the appearance of the inside of the residence it did not appear that anyone was living there or was in the process of moving. Some rooms contained things that were packaged up and other rooms appeared empty.

Once inside our team began clearing the second floor of the structure. Once the second floor was cleared, an attic access was located in a bedroom closet. Operator Dailey pointed out an end table that was placed directly under the attic access. It was determined that due to the height of the ceilings, I would breach the access (a small 2'x2' piece of plywood) with the pry while Operator Dailey provided lethal coverage. Once the access was successfully breached, we held our positions and called for the drone operator deploy his FPV drone in the confined space. After several unsuccessful attempts, the drone operator requested we set the drone on the ledge of the attic access. This deployment was also unsuccessful. I requested a mirror and a flash light to safely and effectively clear the attic while limiting operator exposure. A short time later, a mirror was delivered with a flash light mounted. Operator Dailey removed the drone from the attic access. I utilized the mirror and in doing so, was able to view and clear the entirety of the attic space. It appeared that the attic was recently cleared of any storage that was up there. While viewing the attic space, I observed two separate areas where insulation was piled up. I advised Operator Dailey, Operator Villaplana, and Team Lead Staley of the two areas of insulation and advised I wanted to "clear" them before we announce the attic was cleared to move on. One of the areas of insulation was close enough to the attic access that I was able to clear it enough with the mirror without having to physically enter the attic space. I was also able to manipulate the pile with the mirror. However, the other one was at the other end of the residence. It should be noted that piled up insulation in attics is not an uncommon thing to come across while conducting searches. I completed another scan with the mirror and did not observe anything suspicious. I requested Operator Dailey's assistance in lifting me into the attic. Once in the attic, I retrieved my department issued pistol and maintained it at a compressed high ready with the weapons light activated due to how dark it was. I again cleared the pile closest to the access. I began walking across the ceiling joist to the second pile of insulation (approaching at a 45 degree angle). As I reached the second pile, I pulled the first layer of insulation off. I reached for the bottom layer and pulled and it appeared stuck. I attempted to pull the bottom layer again and felt it pull back away from me. Suddenly I observed the insulation being thrown in my direction and under it was a male laying on his back under the insulation and across the ceiling joists. The male appeared to be looking directly to his right and as

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the insulation came up his head oriented in my direction. As his head moved up to me I observed a black pistol across his chest in his left hand. The barrel of the pistol almost immediately lifted directly off his chest and oriented in my direction at which point I observed a bright flash and a loud, "pop." I immediately stumbled back out of fear and suspected that I was struck by the gunfire. I began returning fire with my department issued GLOCK 45 MOS with my right hand to defend the safety of myself and nearby SWAT operators. I fired several shots and fell back to my right hip /back. While still trying to maintain visual on the suspect , I began moving towards the only point of egress to the attic access. After crawling/moving several feet towards the attic access I heard another muffled pop and observed the insulation moving in my direction again. Through the smoke and debris in the air, I observed arm movement under the insulation similar to the first initial contact. I again presented my pistol and engaged the suspect with several more rounds. I reached the proximity of the access and was extracted to the second floor. I advised the nearby operators what had occurred and self extracted to the armored van to be checked by medics for any wounds.

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APPROVALS

☐ Units Notified ☐ Detective Notified ☐ Received By Investigation ☐ Received By Intelligence ☐ Received By Records

☒	Reporting Officer	[REDACTED]	
☐	Submitted By		Submitted On (pending)
☐	LEVEL 1 APPROVAL Approved By		LEVEL 1 APPROVAL Approved On (pending)
☐	Final Approved By		Final Approved On (pending)

SUMMARY

Howland Police Department

Action - Response Report

[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		AGE	SEX	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
1) DATE 10/09/2025		2) TIME 1427 hours		3) LOCATION 4134 Rush Blvd, Youngstown, OH 44512		4) INCIDENT # [REDACTED]	
5) SUBJECT'S NAME Arthur Tyrone Mitchell		6) DATE OF BIRTH / AGE 02/28/1997 28		7) HEIGHT	8) WEIGHT LBS	9) PHONE NUMBER () -	
10) REASON THE USE OF FORCE WAS NECESSARY (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)							
☒ TO EFFECT AN ARREST ☒ TO DEFEND SELF ☐ PREVENT ESCAPE ☒ TO DEFEND ANOTHER OFFICER / PERSON ☐ PROTECTIVE CUSTODY / SUBJECT SAFETY ☐ OTHER: ☐ TO DISPATCH AN ANIMAL							
11) LIST MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE(S) AT TIME OF FORCE USED: Felonious Assault (x2)							
12) WAS SUBJECT INJURED? ☒ YES ☐ NO DESCRIBE INJURIES: Gunshot wounds		13) WAS REPORTING OFFICER INJURED? ☒ YES ☐ NO DESCRIBE INJURIES: Abrasions and lacerations (arms legs and hands)		14) MEDICAL TREATMENT PROVIDED TO/BY: MVCRT Medics		15) PHOTOS TAKEN BY: BCI	
16) # SUBJECTS THAT RESISTED: 1		17) # OFFICERS PRESENT: 1		18) SUPERVISOR NOTIFIED 415		TIME / BY WHOM 1445 [REDACTED]	
19) AT THE TIME OF ARREST, THE SUBJECT WAS: ☐ SUSPECTED TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ☐ MENTALLY IMPAIRED / EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED ☐ UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ☒ OTHER: <u>Homicidal</u>							
20) OFFICER'S PERCEPTION OF INDIVIDUAL'S ACTIONS (USE NARRATIVE TO DESCRIBE PERCEIVED THREAT(S) POSTED BY INDIVIDUAL)							
☐ <u>PASSIVE RESISTANCE</u> : (Dead weight or non-compliance to Officer's lawful verbal direction, but offering no actively resistive movement) ☐ <u>ACTIVE OR ESCAPE RESISTANCE</u> : (Actions such as pushing, pulling, evasive arm movement, flailing, flight, muscle tension, etc. to avoid control. Does not include attempts to harm the Officer.) ☐ <u>ASSAULTIVE / HIGH RISK</u> : (Agitated, combative state, physically assaultive actions and / or behavior that poses threat of injury to another (e.g., punching, kicking, clenching of fist, etc.) ☒ <u>LIFE THREATENING / SERIOUS BODILY INJURY</u> : (Actions that may result in death or serious bodily injury.)							
21) OFFICER'S RESPONSE OPTIONS(S) (PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS IN ATTACHED NARRATIVE REPORT (S)):							
☒ <u>PRESENCE</u> : ☒ FULL UNIFORM ☐ PARTIAL UNIFORM ☐ PLAIN CLOTHES <u>SWAT gear/uniform</u> NOTE: Officers not in full uniform describe means of visual police identification (e.g., raid vest or jacket, displayed badge/ID, etc.) ☐ <u>VERBAL COMANDS</u> : (Describe details in Narrative Report): ☐ <u>COMPLIANCE TECHNIQUES</u> : (Describe details in Narrative Report): (Force used to gain control - restraint, come-alongs, takedowns - use of hands, arms, feet, legs) ☐ <u>CHEMICAL SPRAY / CHEMICAL AGENT</u> : (Describe details in Narrative Report): Number of Burst: _____ Duration of Burst: _____ Distance from Subject: _____ Impact Location: _____ Time between application / decontamination: _____ ☐ <u>IMPACT WEAPON / TEMP. INCAPACITATION</u> : (Describe details in Narrative Report): ☐ <u>ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE</u> : (Describe details in Narrative Report): ☐ Laser Only ☐ Spark Check ☐ Drive Stun ☐ Probe Deployment Impact Location _____ Number of Cycles _____ Taser Unit #: _____ Serial #: _____ Cartridge Serial #: _____ Distance from Subject: _____ ☐ <u>POINT A FIREARM</u> : (Describe details in Narrative Report): ☒ <u>DEADLY FORCE</u> : (Describe details in Narrative Report): ☐ OTHER: _____							
22) RESTRAINT METHOD USED: ☐ HAND or FLEX CUFFS ☐ LEG RESTRAINTS ☐ BODY GUARD ☐ SPIT SHIELD ☐ NONE ☐ OTHER _____							
23) OFFICERS PRESENT AT SCENE DURING FORCE APPLICATION: [REDACTED]				24) SHIFT SUPERVISOR(S): SWAT command			
25) OTHER WITNESS(ES) / PERSON(S) PRESENT AT SCENE: Dep. Dailey				26) SHIFT OFFICER(S): MVCRT			
27) AUDIO-VISUAL EVIDENCE: ☐ YES ☒ NO (If NO, explain):				28) SUPERVISOR(S) WHO RESPONDED TO SCENE: 402 415			
29) WITNESS(ES) OR PERSON(S) WITH KNOWLEDGE:		ADDRESS:			PHONE NUMBER:		
1)					() -		
2)					() -		
3)					() -		
4)					() -		
OFFICER SIGNATURE: [REDACTED]		DATE: 10/22/25		SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE [Signature] 402		DATE: 10/28/2025	
REVISED 03/17/2016							

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