



Ohio Attorney General's Office
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Investigative Report



2021-0888
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 500 South Cleveland Ave.,
Westerville, Ohio 43081 (L)

Investigative Activity: Information Provided/Obtained, Interview with Witness, Video Review

Involves: Bobbi Jo Burchinal (W), Lilly Elizabeth Henney (W)

Date of Activity: 04/12/2021

Activity Location: Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital – Business – 500 S. Cleveland Ave., Westerville, OH 43081, Franklin County

Author: SA James H Gore, #168

Narrative:

On the evening of April 12, 2021, agents from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) received information from the Westerville Division of Police regarding a potential witness who purportedly had video evidence related to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which took place at Saint Ann's Hospital earlier on the same date. At approximately 2100 hours, BCI Special Agent (SA) James Gore contacted the witness, Bobbi Burchinal via phone. Mrs. Burchinal's 16 year old daughter, Lilly Henney, was present with her during the phone interview.

Mrs. Burchinal advised that she was a patient at Saint Ann's Emergency Department in room 31, at the time of the incident. Burchinal explained that she was transported to the hospital via ambulance from Sharon Woods Boulevard, but she was uncertain of the time because she had undergone a diabetic emergency. Mrs. Burchinal stated that her daughter, Lilly, arrived at the emergency department to pick her up at approximately 1345 hours.

Mrs. Burchinal explained that she and her daughter heard a commotion involving police officers and a subject nearby in the emergency department. Burchinal said it seemed like "forever" that the officers were giving commands for the subject to show his hands, and she could sense that the tension was escalating. Burchinal continued, she feared that violence might erupt, so she barricaded herself and her daughter within her room by placing a medicine cabinet between themselves and the door.

Mrs. Burchinal stated that she took out her phone and positioned it so that she could observe and record any persons approaching her room, though from her vantage point on the floor, she could only observe people's feet.

Burchinal mentioned that she was later contacted via Facebook by Tom Bosco, of Channel

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6 (WSYX – local ABC News). Bosco reportedly mentioned to Burchinal that he heard she had video footage of the incident, and she agreed to supply him with an edited version of what she recorded. Mrs. Burchinal stated she felt compelled to provide the copy to the media at that moment because she wanted the public to know that the officers attempted, at length, to resolve the matter peacefully before using force. Burchinal said her video did not visually capture the action; however, audio of the incident, including the sound of an apparent exchange of gunfire preceded by verbal commands, was recorded. Mrs. Burchinal said she edited the video to redact what transpired after the gunfire, which was a segment in which she was consoling her daughter, and in which an officer was audibly upset. Mrs. Burchinal provided a copy of the unedited video to SA Gore.

On April 13, 2021, it was determined that a copy Burchinal's edited video was posted to the social media platform, Twitter, by Bethany Bruner, a reporter for the Columbus Dispatch newspaper:

https://twitter.com/bethany_bruner/status/1381972031772704771?s=20

Similarly, the video was posted to the Channel 6 (WSYX ABC) and Channel 10 (WBNS CBS) websites:

<https://abc6onyourside.com/news/local/people-inside-mount-carmel-st-anns-deadly-shooting-fear-barricading-themselves-4-12-2021>

<https://www.10tv.com/article/news/woman-recounts-witnessing-shooting-at-mount-carmel-st-anns/530-762f2f84-45e3-4464-b188-f73ac1bd885e>

Copies of related news articles, along with a copy of Mrs. Burchinal's unedited video, were attached to this report for reference.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Burchinal Video

Attachment # 02: Bethany Bruner on Twitter_ _Here's the video. Warning that this video contains content some may consider graphic. Viewer discretion advised.
<https://t.co/P8LSBqsnDt>_ _ Twitter

Attachment # 03: People inside St. Ann's during deadly shooting describe fear, barricading themselves _ WSYX

Attachment # 04: Police_ Suspect shot dead after exchanging gunfire with officers inside St. Ann's ER _ 10tv.com

Attachment # 05: 'We didn't know what it was'_ Patients, workers went into lockdown after shooting at St. Ann's _ 10tv.com

Attachment # 06: 'We were right there'_ Woman recounts witnessing shooting at Mount Carmel St. Ann's _ 10tv.com

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On the video, you can hear loud yelling and an officer saying show me your hands. And keep your hands up. An officer then says "I swear to God dude." There are two shots heard followed by a volley of shots being fired. Shortly after, an alarm starts going off in the hospital.

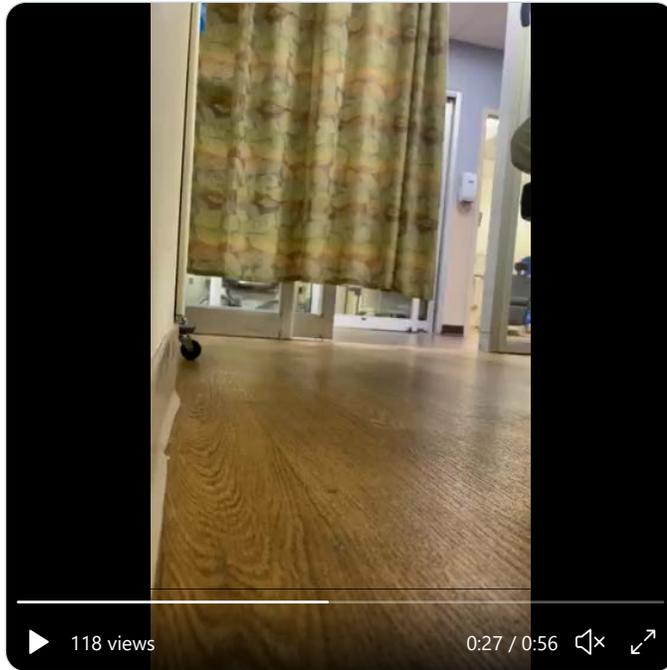
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The woman told me she heard officers yell he has a gun.

She also said that the raw looks of hurt and sadness that she saw on the faces of the officers and hospital personnel will always stay with her.

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BCI will conduct a complete, expert investigation into the incident at St. Ann's per @WestervillePD

In the early hours of this investigation, it is not clear what occurred. An investigation like this averages 400 hours.

We will find the truth, and we will fully reveal it.

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by Haley Nelson
Monday, April 12th 2021



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Department of Criminal Investigation at the scene of a deadly officer-involved shooting at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville on April 12, 2021 (WSYX)

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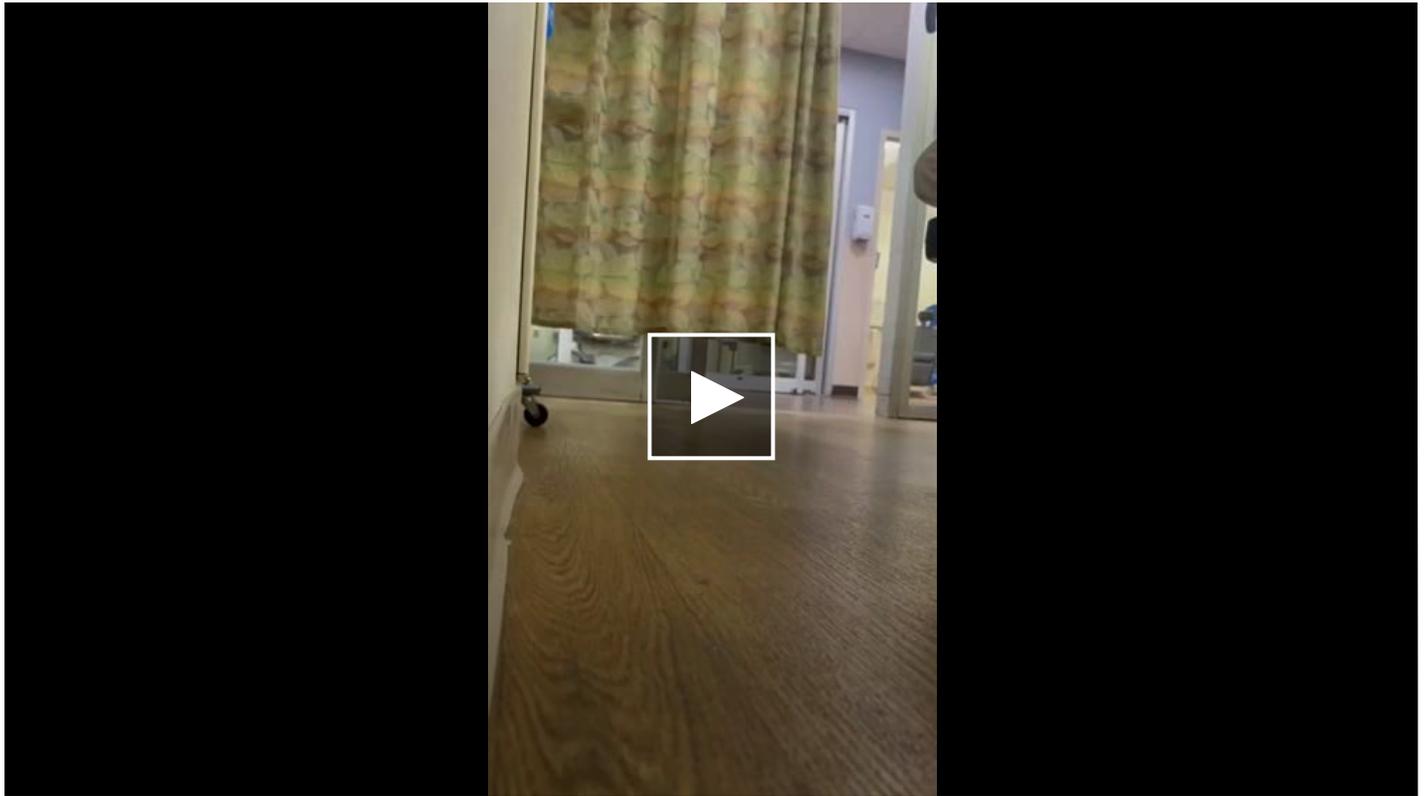


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INSIDE MOUNT CARMEL ST. ANN'S HOSPITAL MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The suspect is dead and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) is investigating.

ABC 6/FOX 28 spoke to the woman who took this video about the moments before she pressed record.



WARNING: Viewer discretion advised. Video courtesy of Bobbi Jo Burchinal. The video taken in the emergency room area has audio of shouting and the ensuing gunfight between officers and a suspect at Mount Carmel St. Ann's on April 12, 2021. (WSYX.)





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"Before the video officers did spend several minutes trying to get him to listen to their directives," she said over the phone. "...I could be wrong, but it sounded like to me like he shot off a couple rounds himself and that's when all the rest of the shooting happened."

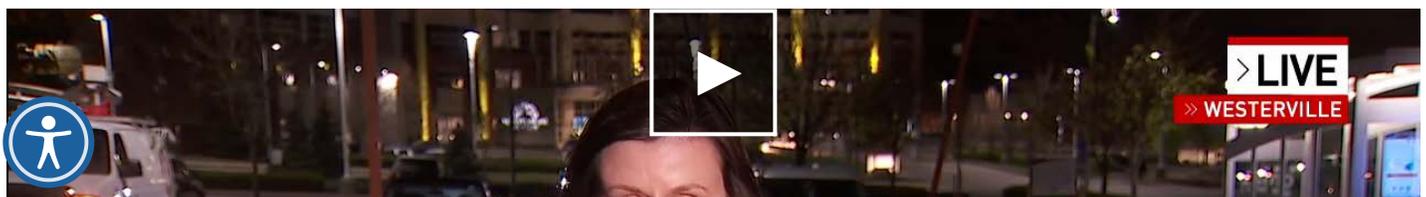
She was in the ER with her daughter and says this happened just outside their room.

"Unfortunately for us we were also at the Polaris Mall for the first time that this happened a few weeks ago so we didn't expect it there either," she said. "...today Columbus Police, Mount Carmel security, Westerville Police they saved my daughter."

MORE: 1 dead after suspect, police exchange gunfire at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital

Police responded to a man passed out in a vehicle, he was taken by medics to St. Ann's.

They say they discovered he had warrants out for domestic violence and a weapons charge.





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"During the transfer of custody an altercation ensued, which resulted in the discharge of firearms from CPD and St. Ann's security officers," said Westerville Chief Charles Chandler.

Hospital security is armed, with 4 of their officers and 2 CPD officers involved. It's unclear how many total fired.

Police aren't revealing much more about the exchange as BCI investigates, but say an extra gun was found at the scene.

 **Haley Nelson**  @HaleyWSYX6 · Apr 12, 2021 

BREAKING: Columbus Police confirm a shooting at St. Ann's hospital, I'm told including St. Ann's officers. Will share more details @wsyx6 @fox28columbus

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Here's a look at the scene outside St. Ann's. Big police presence right now.






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"They started barricading the doors and I just started praying and saying this isn't real and screaming, not screaming, but kind of shaking and trying to breath and trying to calm down," said Kara Powell.

For people who were inside the hospital, the minutes barricaded in the building were terrifying.

"The first thing I was thinking was, 'we were in here and our daughter, she's on the bus today,' and I was like, 'I got to get out of here. Who is going to get her? She's not going to know when we are going to die in here,'" she said.



A group of protesters gathered in Westerville following a fatal officer-involved shooting at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital. April 12, 2021. (WSYX)



... else was injured. Police aren't saying if the man was checked for a weapon or at what point he was armed.



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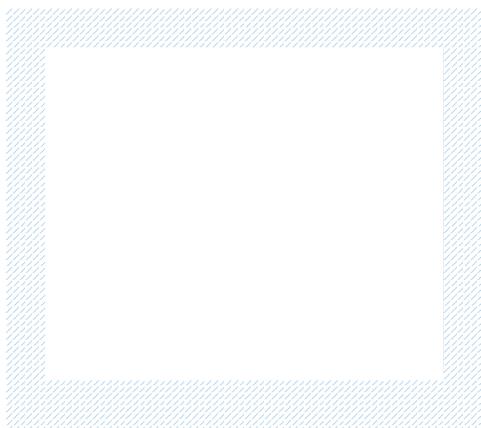
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WESTERVILLE, Ohio — A man was killed after an exchange of gunfire with police and hospital security inside Mount Carmel St. Ann's Monday afternoon.

The shooting happened inside the emergency room at the hospital around 2:15 p.m., according to Westerville police.

Westerville police said the suspect, who was at the hospital being treated for a medical issue, had warrants out for domestic violence weapons charges.



As Westerville police were transferring custody, there was an altercation which led to Columbus police officers and St. Ann's security officers firing their weapons, according to a joint statement from Westerville Police, Columbus Police and Mount Carmel St Ann's.

Staff in the emergency room rendered first aid to the man but he died at the scene.

It's unclear what led to the altercation inside the ER and how the suspect obtained the firearm, police said.

A gun was found at the scene, according to the joint statement.

No other injuries occurred inside the hospital as a result of the shooting.

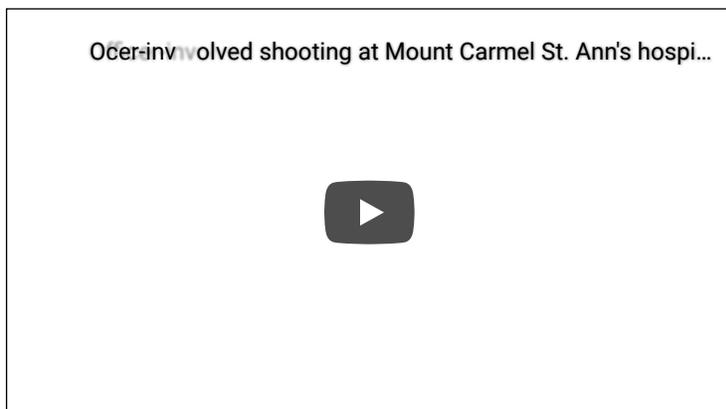
Westerville police said the building is secure and the hospital is accepting patients.

The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation is handling the investigation.

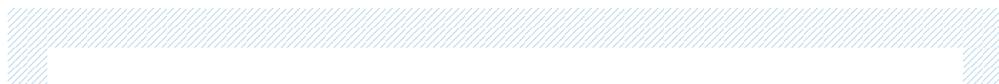
"In the early hours of this investigation, it is not clear what occurred. I appeal to everyone to let us gather the facts and complete the record. That cannot happen overnight. An investigation like this takes an average of 400 hours," Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost said.

"People are upset. They're angry right now. We get that. We understand that. We're not trying to talk about or place blame because we weren't there, so we don't have those facts. But we have the basic facts about what happened here," said Columbus Division of Police Sgt. James Fuqua.

Anyone with information on the shooting is asked to call BCI at 855-224-6446.



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A man was killed after an exchange of gunfire with police and hospital security.



Author: Angela Reighard
Published: 11:10 PM EDT April 12, 2021
Updated: 11:10 PM EDT April 12, 2021



WESTERVILLE, Ohio — People inside of a Westerville hospital went into lockdown when shots were fired.

It happened Monday around 2:15 p.m. inside the emergency room at Mount Carmel St. Ann's.

A man was killed after an [exchange of gunfire](#) with police and hospital security. Westerville police said the suspect, who was at the hospital being treated for a medical issue, had warrants out for domestic violence weapons charges.

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No other injuries occurred inside the hospital because of the shooting.

Ned Abernathy told 10TV his wife is a patient at the hospital. He was there when the shooting happened.

"The fire alarm went off and we thought it was a drill. The nurses were running around looking and we didn't know what it was," he said. "When I looked out the window, I counted 13 police cars or firemen out there too and then we knew something was wrong."

Abernathy said they went into lockdown, but at the time, didn't know why.

"We found out on the news before the nurses knew on the floor what was going on," he said.

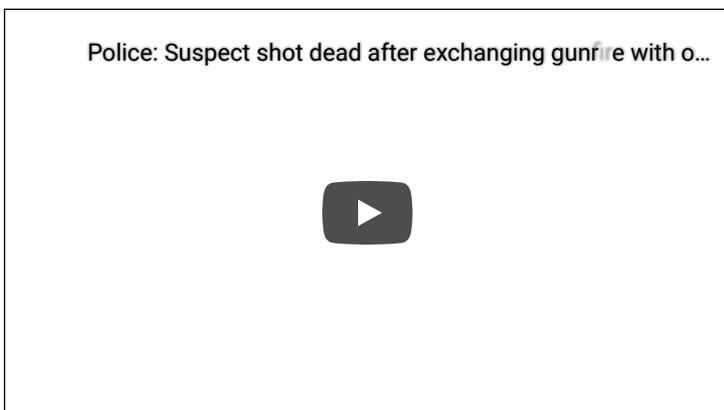
Mary Ryon was also there. When she learned about the shooting, it scared her.

"I've heard a lot of people say, 'You should feel safe in the hospital. This shouldn't happen here.' It was kind of scary to know you are in the emergency room to get help and someone could be there with a gun."

It's unclear what led to the altercation inside the ER and how the suspect obtained the firearm, police said.

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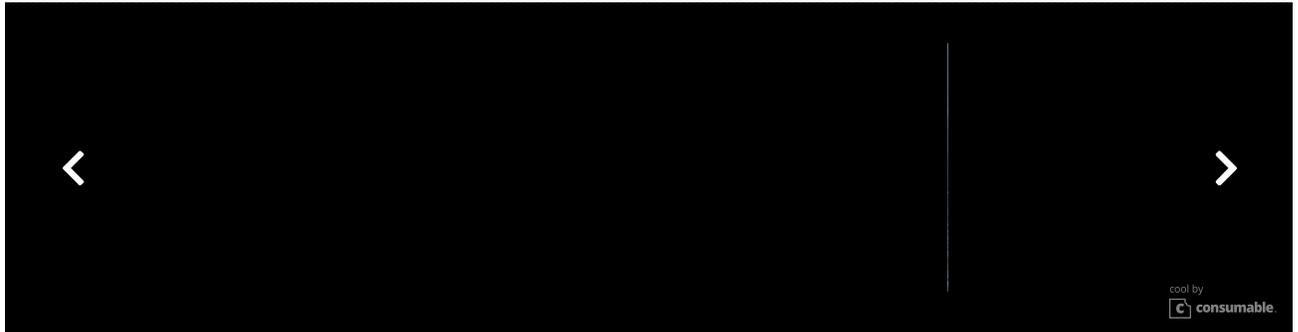
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A woman and her daughter were inside the hospital when they heard the shots go off.



Author: Lacey Crisp

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WESTERVILLE, Ohio — For the patients inside Mount Carmel St. Ann's in Westerville, Monday was a terrifying time... not knowing exactly what was happening, or if they would make it out safely.

A man was killed after an exchange of gunfire with police and hospital security.

The shooting happened inside the emergency room at the hospital around 2:15 p.m., according to Westerville police.

Officers said the suspect, 27-year-old Miles Jackson, was at the hospital being treated for a medical issue and had warrants out for domestic violence weapons charges.

"Out of nowhere you hear this loud clap. Then you hear a male yell 'he's got a gun,' then you hear two more loud claps. Then you hear all the rest of them," said a witness.

She shot video from inside St. Ann's hospital during the incident and has asked 10TV not to identify her out of fear for her safety.

She says she and her daughter were in the emergency room when they heard shouting, then gunfire. She and her daughter hid behind a medical cart to try to protect themselves.

She explains they were too close to get out, but heard officers giving commands.

"They tried so hard to de-escalate the situation. They tried so hard to get him to follow directives. They tried so hard to have things end differently," she explained.

She set up her camera so she could see what was happening, without being seen, then decided to record.

"I just had this feeling if something went very bad and we didn't make it, or I didn't make it, I wanted video of who did what to tell the story for the officers," she said.

She says she was relieved when they realized they were safe, but says her heart breaks for the officers, and medical staff involved, and the man who was killed.

"The looks on their faces and the tears in the eyes, and the adrenaline that you could see coursing through them and the nurses and the PAs and doctors. No one wanted this situation to end this way," she said.

Thankful for making it out alive to talk about what happened, the two decided to make baskets for the officers and hospital staff to let them know how much they are appreciated.



"Had they not done what they did, we were right there. There's a chance we wouldn't be here today, and because they did what they did. I'm so sorry for his family. I still have a daughter. I still get to watch her go to her first prom next week," she said, voice quivering.

The woman and her daughter were also at Polaris Mall on March 3rd when there was a shooting there. They ran after people screamed someone had a gun and started shooting. She says it has been an emotional few weeks.

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