



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



2025-3711

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1363 State Route 534
NW, Braceville Township, OH 44470, Trumbull County

Investigative Activity: Case Opening and Initial Response

Involves: Braceville Police Department (O), Trumbull County
Sheriff's Office (O), John Adams (S), [REDACTED] (S),
[REDACTED] (S), [REDACTED] (S),
[REDACTED] (S), Tiffany Brinker (W), Jason Brinker
(W), Trisha Reeder (W), Todd Garland (W)

Activity Date: 11/14/2025

Activity Location: 1363 State Route 534 Northwest, Braceville Township,
OH 44470

Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Lamping #184

Narrative:

On Friday, November 14, 2025, at approximately 1715 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Major Douglas Bobvynik of the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident which occurred at 1363 State Route 534 Northwest, Braceville Township Ohio. BCI Special Agent Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) responded to assist, arriving at approximately 2015 hours. Also responding from BCI were Special Agents Dan Boerner, Jesse Bynum, John Saraya, and Jared Prill. Additionally, BCI Crime Scene Agents Chad Doran and Ed Lulla were requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence.

The shooting incident involved a subject, John Adams, members of the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office, and a member of the Braceville Police Department (BPD). The incident resulted in Adams' death.

While on scene SA Lamping conducted a neighborhood canvass. The incident occurred in a sparsely populated rural area, and as a result only two residences were involved in the neighborhood canvass, 1406 State Route 534 and a residence immediately north of 1406 State Route 534, that appeared to be on the same parcel. The resident at 1406 State Route 534 explained that they could not see the incident from their location. The second residence on the same parcel did not have a readily displayed address, and

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nobody appeared to be at the residence when SA Lamping attempted to raise an occupant.

SA Lamping and SA Boerner also identified and interviewed four civilian witnesses on scene: Tiffany Brinker, Jason Brinker, Trisha Reeder, and Todd Garland. Each interview was documented in its own investigative report.

A copy of the request for assistance letters from the TCSO and BPD are attached to this investigative report.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. Braceville Police Department RFA
2. Trumbull County Sheriff's Office RFA

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BRACEVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TO: BCI
FROM: BRACEVILLE TWP.PD
REFERENCE: OIS 11/14/2025

This department is formally requesting that BCI investigate the officer involved shooting that occurred on 11/14/2025 and involved one of our officers.

INTERIM CHIEF D. FAY #2401

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

11/20/2025
DATE



Trumbull County Sheriff's Office

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Date: November 18, 2025

Trumbull County Sheriff's Office
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Warren, OH 44481

Office of the Ohio Attorney General
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
1560 St Rt 56 SW,
London, OH 43140

Re: Request for BCI Assistance — Officer-Involved Shooting (November 14, 2025)

Dear Director and Members of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification,

Pursuant to our commitment to transparency, accountability, and an impartial fact-finding process, I, Michael G. Wilson, Sheriff of Trumbull County, formally request the assistance of the Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation to conduct an independent investigation into an Officer-Involved Shooting (O.I.S.) that occurred in Trumbull County on November 14, 2025.

The incident involved three (3) Trumbull County Sheriff's Office deputies and one (1) officer from the Braceville Police Department. Given the seriousness of the event and the need to ensure public confidence and fairness for all parties — including the family of the deceased — we believe an independent, thorough, and transparent investigation by BCI is appropriate and necessary.

Requested scope of BCI assistance:

- 1) Lead and conduct the criminal and evidentiary investigation related to the shooting.
- 2) Collect and process physical evidence, forensic testing, and scene documentation.
- 3) Interview witnesses, involved officers, and available personnel in accordance with BCI protocols.

- 4) Coordinate with our office to obtain relevant records, body-worn and in-car camera footage, dispatch recordings, and other pertinent materials.
- 5) Provide a final investigative report and findings to the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office and the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

The Trumbull County Sheriff's Office will fully cooperate with BCI investigators. We will preserve the scene and evidence, secure and make available all relevant recordings and reports, facilitate access to the personnel involved, and assist with logistical needs as requested by your team.

My office's primary contact for this matter is Major Douglas Bobovnyik, who can be reached at (330) 550-1802 and douglas.bobovnyik@co.trumbull.oh.us. I am available to discuss any aspects of this request at your convenience.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request and for assisting in ensuring a complete, impartial, and transparent investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sheriff Michael G. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael G. Wilson
Trumbull County Sheriff