

**Statement of Deputy Bryan Brooks, Mahoning County Sheriff's Office,  
Regarding Incident on October 9, 2025**

On 10-09-2025 at approximately 1230 hours, I Deputy Bryan Brooks along with other Operators of the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team (SWAT), responded to 4134 Rush Blvd. Youngstown, Ohio 44512 to assist with a critical incident. Upon arriving on scene at 4134 Rush Blvd it was determined that one Youngstown City Police Officer had confronted an armed suspect in the back yard of the residence and had been struck by gunfire in the right arm. The Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team along with other patrol units from the Youngstown City Police Department immediately established a perimeter around 4134 Rush Blvd where the initial shooting had occurred.

At the time MVCRT Operators arrived it was unknown where the gunman had fled. The MVCRT determined that there were several abandon structures on the property of 4134 Rush Blvd. to include a house, a detached garage, and a shed in the backyard of the residence. It was determined that the MVCRT would begin tactically clearing the abandoned structures systematically beginning with the house. At approximately 1400 hours the MVCRT began entry of the residence. I, Deputy Brooks along with other Operators, then approached the front of the residence loudly announcing "police"! Once at the front door of the residence it was determined that the residence was secured. MVCRT operators then called up a breach team and opened the front door manually. MVCRT Operators then attempted to fly an indoor drone into the residence to gain information and see if the suspect had ran into the abandoned structure. Ultimately, the indoor drone failed to maintain flight and had crashed inside the residence. I, Deputy Brooks along with other operators of the MVCRT worked up to the front of the residence and gave additional announcements "police" and that "if anyone was in the residence to make themselves known". MVCRT operators had negative response from anyone inside the residence.

At approximately 1405 hours I, Deputy Brooks along with other Operators, made physical entry into the residence. At approximately 1408 hours I, Deputy Brooks and other Operators had secured the first floor of the house and began clearing the second story of the residence. At approximately 1416 hours the first floor, the second floor and the basement were cleared by Operators of the MVCRT. Other Operators held at the attic for tools and equipment that they needed to gain access and checked the attic. At approximately 1420 hours [REDACTED] Luis Villaplana, Jacob Daley, and Team Leader Chris Staley began making access into the attic of 4134 Rush Blvd. Operators moved the door to the attic using a pry bar, then attempted to fly an indoor drone up into the attic due to it being a confined space. The drone had failed to navigate the attic and was stuck up inside the attic space. Operators then used a mirror with a flashlight to clear around the attic access. Once it was determined that the suspect was not immediately visible around the attic access [REDACTED] then began entering the attic access. [REDACTED] was able to recover the drone as it crashed close to the entrance of the attic. While recovering the drone [REDACTED] noticed some of the attic insulation to look out of

place like it had been tampered with. At that time [REDACTED] held at the attic entrance and relayed the information back to Team leader Staley. Staley then relayed the information to myself as I was another Team Leader inside the residence. I then relayed that information to commander Saluga that they thought that he was possibly in the attic at that time.

At approximately 1426 hours [REDACTED] made full entry into the attic and began to clear the area of insulation he thought may have looked out of place. At this time, I was staged at the bottom of the stairs inside the structure. At approximately 1427 hours I heard a single gunshot come from the attic area. I immediately pushed up to the top of the stairs where I was met by Operators Luis Villaplana, and Team Leader Chris Staley. I radioed shots fired over our internal team radio. They had begun to back out of the room at which time I heard several more gunshots being fired. We began to push back into the room to assist [REDACTED] as it was clear he was in a close quarter gun fight. As I and Operator Villaplana pushed back into the bedroom a round exited the ceiling above us. I saw a bullet hole appear in the ceiling and debris come down as it looked like the round exited traveling between myself and Operator Villaplana. It was at that time [REDACTED] made it down from the attic I told everyone to back out of the room. I backed the team up to the top of the stairs, and we held as we began to assess ourselves for injuries.

[REDACTED] was immediately removed from the residence and taken outside to the armored van so he could be assessed closer for injuries. I then backed the team down from the top of the stairs to the bottom of the stairs where we held to maintain security. It was then I asked everyone to double-check themselves, and if anyone returned fire. The only Operator that had returned fire was [REDACTED] was then taken to Commander Saluga to be debriefed as the team held the bottom of the steps. Once we determined none of us that were inside were injured or struck by gunfire we held and waited.

Commander Saluga then order that gas be deployed into the attic using 40 m.m. munitions launchers. As the gas was deployed into the attic from the exterior perimeter teams, and additional drone was deployed to attempt to see into the attic from inside the residence. This drone had also failed. A drone was then utilized from the exterior of the house that gained entry through a vent that was punched out from the gas deployment. That drone confirmed that the suspect was lying on the one side wall of the attic.

At approximately 1642 hours I, along with Operators Casey Kelly, Luis Villaplana, Jacob Daley, and Team Leader Chris Staley pushed back up the stairs and back into the bedroom where the attic access was located. Myself and Operator Kelly then hand deployed a robot into the attic so they could get a closer look at the suspect and gain intelligence on his condition. After the robot was successfully placed into the attic all Operators backed out of the room and worked back to the top of the stairs.

At approximately 1655 hours Commander Saluga came into the residence to advise the suspect was deceased. At approximately 1708 hours I, along with medics were sent up into the attic to

confirm the suspect was deceased, and to disarm the suspect. The suspect was lying on the floor of the attic with visible gunshot wounds. The suspect still had a Glock pistol in each hand with his finger still in the trigger guard. Photos were taken for evidence purposes of the deceased suspect, before the Glock pistols were removed from him.

Respectfully Submitted,

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