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2024-3052

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 10300 block Silvercreek Road, Doylestown, Ohio 44230, Medina County

**Investigative Activity:** Review of Dispatch Related Information  
**Involves:** Medina County Sheriff's Office (O)  
**Activity Date:** 11/04/2024  
**Activity Location:** BCI - Richfield  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Allison Fletcher #187

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, October 15, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jonathan Lieber (Lieber) received the following items related to the October 5, 2024, officer-involved shooting in Medina County, Ohio:

- Audio recorded phone calls to Wadsworth Police Department (WPD) dispatch
- Audio recorded police radio traffic and data from Medina County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)
- Audio recorded police radio traffic and data from WPD
- Audio recorded fire/EMS radio traffic and data from Wadsworth Fire Department (WFD)
- MCSO Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) report

The documents and recordings were provided by Medina County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Captain Kristopher Conwill. The recorded radio traffic, recorded phone calls, and CAD reports have been stored in the BCI SIU case file as Reference Item C.

On November 15, 2024, SA Lieber received the following additional items:

- Audio Recorded Phone Calls to Wayne County Sheriff's Office (WCSO)
- Audio Recorded police radio traffic and data from Wayne County Sheriff's Office (WCSO)

The documents and recordings were provided by Wayne County Communications Division Assistant Director Betty Riggs. The recorded radio traffic and recorded phone calls have been stored in the BCI SIU case file as Reference Item F.

SA Allison Fletcher (Fletcher) reviewed the files and recordings provided and noted the following:

**Audio Recorded Phone Calls to Wadsworth Police Department**

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There were twenty-three (23) files containing recorded audio of phone calls made to the WPD prior to the officer-involved shooting incident on October 5, 2024. Each recording was titled with the date and time of the phone call. It appeared some of the files provided were duplicate files of the same phone call. All files were reviewed, and a summary of the phone calls that were deemed relevant by the author have been summarized below:

- *381\_Dispatch\_Pos\_\_1\_Ext\_\_3721\_2024\_10\_05\_19\_55\_07\_by\_Source\_Name\_asc*

The recording was 3 minutes and 22 seconds in length. A female contacted dispatch and requested a "well check" for her husband who she had "separated from" had sent a text to her stating he was going to commit suicide. The husband provided the location of "West Lebanon just south of 241 on Oil Rig Trail on curve" in Ohio.

The female caller was unable to provide additional information and seemed confused about the location.

After some discussion about the husband's prior location, it was believed he was possibly in Millersburg, Ohio which was in Wayne County.

- *398\_Dispatch\_Pos\_\_2\_Ext\_\_3723\_2024\_10\_05\_21\_06\_31\_by\_Source\_Name\_asc*

The recording was 8 minutes and 16 seconds, and the time of call was 21:06:31 hours. A Deputy from Wayne County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) contacted WPD to update them with information on the suicidal male. The deputy stated the male (David Septer) had guns on him and he was currently travelling on Wadsworth Road according to a ping on his phone. It was also noted the subject's daughter was at Wadsworth High School for a dance and the original caller was concerned about the daughter's safety. Based on the male's last known location it was believed he was travelling towards the high school.

The deputy also mentioned the male had threatened "suicide by cop" and he would be driving a dark-gray F-150. Personal identifying information for the male was provided by the deputy.

The deputy believed the incident began due to a pending divorce. He also stated the male was a former marine.

The male was said to be off his prescribed medication for five months. The male was last seen wearing an Ohio State t-shirt and shorts.

The male also made statements to his wife that he had a rifle on him, and he was ready to use it on law enforcement if he was caught.

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There were no updated pings by the end of the phone call.

- *407\_Dispatch\_Pos\_\_1\_Ext\_\_3721\_2024\_10\_05\_21\_11\_13\_by\_Source\_Name\_asc*

The recording was 26 seconds, and the time of call was 21:11:13 hours. WPD requested additional officers from an unknown sheriff's office. This was likely when they requested officers from the Medina County Sheriff's Office.

- *465\_Dispatch\_Pos\_\_2\_Ext\_\_3723\_2024\_10\_05\_21\_45\_34\_by\_Source\_Name\_asc*

The recording was 1 minute and 17 seconds, and the time of the call was 21:45:34. The dispatcher called Medina County dispatch and provided the address of the wife's parent's (his in-laws) residence in Seville, Ohio. The address was 33 Milton Street. An updated ping of the male's phone showed him in the area near their residence.

- *496\_Dispatch\_Pos\_\_1\_Ext\_\_3721\_2024\_10\_05\_22\_06\_15\_by\_Source\_Name\_asc*

The recording was 20 seconds, and the time of the call was 22:06:15. Medina County dispatch called and stated MCSO deputies located the vehicle on "Silvercreek south of Silver Crest" and were about to conduct a traffic stop.

- *500\_Dispatch\_Pos\_\_2\_Ext\_\_3723\_2024\_10\_05\_22\_07\_27\_by\_Source\_Name\_asc*

The recording was 2 minutes and 23 seconds, and the time of call was 22:07:27. WPD dispatch contacted Wayne county dispatch to update them on the location of the vehicle. During the phone conversation, radio traffic could be heard in the background and an officer could be heard stating "shots fired, shots fired." The dispatcher reiterated the information.

- *507\_Dispatch\_Pos\_\_2\_Ext\_\_3723\_2024\_10\_05\_22\_09\_51\_by\_Source\_Name\_asc*

The recording was 19 seconds, and the time of the call was 22:09:51. Someone called into dispatch to request a squad to the location of the shooting incident. The address provided was 10340 Silvercreek Road.

The remainder of the files contained recorded audio of dispatchers contacting Medina County dispatch and other involved personnel prior to the shooting incident. Information exchanged included staging locations, response of personnel, and periodic updates on ping locations for Septer.

Audio Recorded Police Radio Traffic – Medina County Sheriff's Office

Two files were provided containing radio traffic relevant to the officer-involved shooting. The file titled *100524\_2113\_2230\_S\_O\_Radio\_Traffic* included 177

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recorded radio transmissions. They were numbered 000 through 176 and each recording was titled with the date and time of the transmissions. A text document titled *100524\_2113\_2230\_S\_O\_Radio\_Traffic-CDR*, was provided with the recordings and contained identifying data for each of the recorded radio transmissions. Each of the radio transmissions and data were reviewed. The table below contains the radio data and content of the radio traffic for the transmissions believed to be most relevant to the actual shooting incident.

Transmission #	Date & Time	Duration	Radio Channel	Officer Name
109	Start: 2024-10-05 22:04:05	Dur: 00:04	SO_DISP	Unknown Deputy
I got a gray Ford that just passed me, turned around [unintelligible].				
110	Start: 2024-10-05 22:04:29	Dur: 00:	SO_DISP	Unknown Deputy
He is southbound passing Circle K. I don't have a 7 yet.				
115	Start: 2024-10-05 22:05:23	Dur: 00:09	SO_DISP	Unknown Deputy
KHN9669, I got it in front of me. Southbound on Silvercreek passing Robin Drive.				
120	Start: 2024-10-05 22:06:14	Dur: 00:06	SO_DISP	Unknown Deputy
Passing public storage, 660 Silvercreek, coming up to Johnson.				
133	Start: 2024-10-05 22:08:03	Dur: 00:08	SO_DISP	Unknown Deputy
Alright 40 [unintelligible] traffic stop, Silvercreek and Madison Trail. High-risk stop, high-risk stop.				
137	Start: 2024-10-05 22:08:30	Dur: 00:03	SO_DISP	Unknown Deputy
I think we're stopping [sirens in the background].				
138	Start: 2024-10-05 22:08:58	Dur: 00:02	SO_DISP	Unknown Deputy
Shots fired, Shots fired!				

Radio transmissions 000-108 contained radio traffic from numerous officers who were responding to the area of Wadsworth High School to assist in locating David Septer

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(Septer). The radio traffic included the coordination of responding units and updates on ping locations for Septer's phone.

Radio transmissions 139-176 contained radio traffic pertaining to the request of emergency medical services and the management of the critical incident after the shooting incident occurred.

Audio Recorded Police Radio Traffic – Wadsworth Police Department

The radio traffic provided included 50 recorded radio transmissions. They were numbered 00 through 49 and each recording was titled with the date and time of the transmission. Two text documents were provided with the recordings and contained identifying data for each of the recorded radio transmissions. The radio transmissions and data were reviewed. The table below contains the radio data and content of the radio traffic for the transmissions believed to be most relevant to the actual shooting incident.

Transmission #	Date & Time	Duration	Radio Channel	Officer Name
4	Start: 2024-10-05 21:09:09	Dur: 00:33	Police Main	Unknown Officer
[Unintelligible] he retrieved several firearms from his parents' house earlier today. The names going to be David Septer... It's going to be a dark-gray 4-door Ford pick-up truck, unknown exact make or model. It's going to be a newer model truck.				
6	Start: 2024-10-05 21:11:15	Dur: 00:56	Police Main	Dispatch
MCSOs enroute, per Wayne County he has a rifle maybe a handgun, 24A history, and he last advised he is ready to use them on law enforcement. He has been off his meds for five months.				

All other radio transmissions contained radio traffic of WPD coordinating the lockdown of the high school for the safety of students, the check of the surrounding area for Septer, and response to assist MCSO after the shooting incident occurred.

Audio Recorded Fire/EMS Radio Traffic – Wadsworth Fire Department

The radio traffic provided contained 14 recorded radio transmissions. They were numbered 00 through 13 and each recording was titled with the date and time of the transmission. Two text documents containing duplicate data were provided with the

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recordings. They contained identifying data for each of the recorded radio transmissions and the data.

Each of the radio transmissions were reviewed. They contained radio traffic relevant to the emergency response of Wadsworth fire and EMS personnel after the shooting incident. The response location was 10340 Silvercreek Road.

Audio Recorded Phone Calls to Wayne County Sheriff's Office

- *Wayne County Dispatch 20-24-11627*

The recording was 11 minutes and 8 seconds, and the time was 20:03:53 hours. A female dispatcher answered the phone and a female responded by stating she received a text from her husband indicating he wanted to commit suicide. The husband (Septer) provided the female caller with a location of "West Lebanon, just south of 241, on Oil Rig Trail, on curve."

The second recorded phone call was a continuation of the first. The dispatcher was attempting to verify the location of Septer. The female caller then read the text messages she received by Septer. She also indicated Septer has threatened suicide multiple times in the past and he was on probation.

The female caller stated she received the text from Septer at 1921 hours on October 5, 2024. Septer also called her multiple times. She finally answered the phone and spoke to him at 1953 hours.

Septer had allegedly been off his prescribed medication for the last five months. The female caller also indicated Septer had never been "this specific" in his previous threats of suicide.

The female caller stated she would send Septer a text to let him know "police were on their way" to him.

During the recording, Septer called the female caller.

At 20:18:10 hours the female called back and said her husband (Septer) "has weapons" and he made statements that he was "ready for them" when referring to police response. The call ended.

- *Wayne County Dispatch 20-24-11627 phone*

The recording was 24 minutes and 58 seconds, and the recording contained multiple phone calls.

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The first recorded phone call was at 20:10:41 hours. The dispatcher began speaking about a suicidal male at "430" (incomplete address). The call relayed the initial information given by Septer's wife. New information learned included Septer mentioned wanting "someone else to find him" rather than his family.

The second phone call was likely Septer's wife providing updated information on texts she received from her husband (Septer). She also provided personal identifying information to the dispatcher.

The remainder of the phone calls included identifying information for Septer and updated information on his whereabouts.

At 20:50:20 a phone call was made to Verizon Wireless to request a ping on Septer's cellphone.

The remainder of the phone calls include duplicate information and information being exchanged between agencies.

- *Wayne County Dispatch 20-24-11627 phone II*

The recording was 23 minutes and 27 seconds, and the recording contained multiple phone calls involving Wayne County dispatchers. Phone calls were made to various involved agencies including Medina County Sheriff's Office and Wadsworth Police Department. The information being exchanged included information about the involved subject, David Septer, and updated locations of the phone pings being conducted.

Many of the phone calls were duplicated files provided by the other associated agencies.

The recording concluded with a phone call to Verizon Wireless to cancel the ping on Septer's phone. The case number associated with the cellphone ping request was [REDACTED].

Audio Recorded Police Radio Traffic - Wayne County Sheriff's Office

Two files were provided that included recorded radio traffic transmissions for the WCSO.

The first file provided was titled Wayne County Dispatch 20-24-11627 RADIO TRAFFIC I and was 5 minutes and 40 seconds. Radio transmissions included information for the initial dispatch of the suicidal male call for service. Information about Septer was relayed to officers.

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The second file provided was titled Wayne County Dispatch 20-24-11627 RADIO TRAFFIC II and was 3 minutes and 8 seconds. None of the radio traffic was relevant to the officer-involved shooting incident.

Medina County Sheriff's Office CAD Reports

Two CAD reports were provided by the MCSO with the first one detailing the initial call for service and the second one detailing the traffic stop and officer-involved shooting incident. Each report contained the dispatch, en route and arrival times of the officers/deputies who responded to the incident.

- CFS # SO-24104120

The call was initiated at 21:11:22 hours and the call type was entered as "assist other agency." David Septer and his registered vehicle were listed in the call details.

- CFS # [REDACTED]

The call was initiated at 22:08:31 hours and the call type was entered as "traffic stop."

**References:**

Reference Item C – Radio Traffic and CAD

Reference Item F – Wayne County Communications Division radio traffic and phone calls

**Attachments:**

None

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