



**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: Witness Officer Interview - Eleazer Gonzalez
Involves: Officer Eleazer Gonzalez (W)
Activity Date: 10/21/2025
Activity Location: Youngstown City Hall – 26 South Phelps Street,
Youngstown, OH 44503
Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Lamping #184

Narrative:

On Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 1108 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Darien Spann (SA Spann) and SA Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) interviewed Youngstown Police Department (YPD) Officer Eleazer Gonzalez (Officer Gonzalez), who was accompanied by his attorney, Dan Leffler, from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA). The interview took place at the Youngstown Law Library located inside of Youngstown City Hall. The interview was audio and video-recorded.

Officer Gonzalez was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the October 9, 2025, officer-involved shooting which occurred at 4134 Rush Boulevard, Youngstown, Ohio. Reportedly, Officer Gonzalez did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this officer.

Officer Gonzalez stated that his radio call sign on October 9, 2025, was 206. He has been employed by YPD for about one and a half years. He has been a police officer for a total of one and a half years. Officer Gonzalez was one of the initial officers to respond to a possible burglary/prowler call at 4134 Rush Boulevard. He had left the scene prior to the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team entering the residence and the subsequent shooting that took place. Officer Gonzalez provided the following details about the initial response to the call for service:

Officer Gonzalez recalled being dispatched to an address on Rush Boulevard, but he could not recall the exact house number. He stated that he arrived on scene first because the call was in his beat. He exited his vehicle and checked the area. [REDACTED] arrived a short time later. While Officers Gonzalez and

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██████████ were checking the front of the residence, a neighbor yelled over to inform them that they had seen a person leaving behind the residence.

Officer Gonzalez stated that another officer arrived, and he requested that they check for the male that allegedly left the scene. ██████████ and Gonzalez then checked the garage and shed. Officer Gonzalez noted that when he checked the inside of the shed, he noticed that there were new items. He said that he found that odd as the residence appeared to be abandoned.

Officer Gonzalez recalled ██████████ checking the rear of the shed. When he made his way around the corner, ██████████ yelled, "GUN!" Shortly after, Officer Gonzalez said that ██████████ was shot in the arm. Officer Gonzalez said that he had his firearm out and then tripped. When he tripped, he said he had his finger on the trigger, and he had a negligent discharge which resulted in a malfunction. He reported that he did not know that the gun had a malfunction until he went to clear the rear of the shed and his gun wouldn't work.

Officer Gonzalez reported that ██████████ got back up and ran down the driveway. While he was running down the driveway, the involved individual reportedly fired an additional two rounds at ██████████. Officer Gonzalez reported that he attempted to clear the malfunction in his firearm multiple times without success. He then ran down the driveway, and while doing so, he believed that the involved subject shot at him one time.

Officer Megan Fiedler (Officer Fiedler) arrived on scene after ██████████ had been shot. Officer Gonzalez stated that he instructed Officer Fiedler to place a tourniquet on ██████████, which she did. Officer Gonzalez stated ██████████ was taken to the hospital and that when other officers arrived he was also sent to the hospital.

SA Lamping asked Officer Gonzalez if he ever saw the involved subject behind the shed. He stated that he did not, and that he had no idea where the involved subject was until he reviewed the body-worn camera video of the incident.

SA Lamping inquired further about the negligent discharge. Officer Gonzalez was certain that his finger was on the trigger, and he caused the discharge of the weapon when he fell. He also explained that his weapon was inoperable due to the malfunction from the time he fell until he had run down the driveway towards the street.

SA Lamping asked Officer Gonzalez how long he remained on scene after the shooting occurred. He said that he was on scene for a total of ten to fifteen minutes, and that when the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team arrived, they relieved him of duties on

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the perimeter of the scene. Shortly after, Lieutenant Butler instructed Officer Gonzalez to clear the scene.

The interview concluded at approximately 1116 hours.

The interview was audio and video-recorded, and the recordings were stored on Axon Justice as part of Reference Item E Officer Interviews, where they can be reviewed in their entirety.

References:

Reference Item E Officer Interviews; stored on Axon Justice

Attachments:

None

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