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Officer-Involved Critical Incident - Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1642 Cherry Ln., Findlay, Ohio 45840, Hancock County (L)

To: Sean Abbott, Hancock County Prosecutor
Cc: Charles Moran, Special Agent Supervisor, Ohio BCI
From: Douglas Burke, Special Agent, Ohio BCI
Date: January 12, 2026
Involves: Robert Norton
Case Title: Officer-Involved Critical Incident - 1642 Cherry Ln., Findlay, Ohio 45840, Hancock County (L)
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Crime Scene (CSU): 2025-3447 (505-4036)
Cyber Crime (CCU): 2025-3447 (505-4036)
BCI Laboratory: 25-23655

Investigative Request

On Wednesday, October 22, 2025, Chief James Mathias of the Findlay Police Department (FPD) requested assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Force Investigations Unit (FIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI). The incident reportedly occurred on October 22, 2025, at the house of 1642 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH 45840, Hancock County and resulted in the death of Robert Norton (Robert).

Preface:

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the October 22, 2025, officer-involved shooting in Hancock County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Every fact and detail is not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which this document is derived be read in order to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for the majority of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.

This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.

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Investigative Team

BCI Special Agent Douglas Burke (SA Burke) was assigned as the lead FIU Case Agent. SA Burke received assistance in the investigation from SA John Tingley (SA Tingley), SA Josh Rammel (SA Rammel), Lead Special Agent (LSA) Ryan Emahiser (SA Emahiser), and LSA Joe Goudy (SA Goudy). BCI Crime Scene Special Agents (CSSA) Dave Hammond (CSSA Hammond) and Crime Scene Technician (CST) Emily Miller (CST Miller) of the Crime Scene Unit processed the scene of the incident, documenting, preserving, and collecting possible evidence. BCI Computer Forensic Specialist (CFS) Ryan Pacala of the Cyber Crimes Unit conducted an extraction and analysis of Gray Motorola Moto G 5G XT2417D recovered from 1642 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH 45840. The investigation was supervised by Special Agent Supervisor Charles Moran. Additionally, various personnel from the BCI crime laboratory performed scientific analyses on submitted items of potential physical evidence.

Summary of Process

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during the course of this investigation, by the investigative team, in an effort to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Recorded interviews of the two (2) officers who discharged their weapons
- Recorded interviews of two (2) officers who were involved in the incident, at the scene, or otherwise deemed to potentially have relevant information
- Neighborhood canvass of the area surrounding the scene
- Interviews of civilian witnesses to the incident
- Interviews of first responders or medical personnel
- Interviews of family members or associates of Robert Norton
- Obtained and reviewed post-mortem examination (autopsy) and toxicology reports
- Obtained and reviewed police reports of prior law enforcement contacts with Robert Norton
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on Robert Norton, to include criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.
- Review of all available dash cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available body cameras involved in the incident
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting)

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- 3D scans / model of incident area
- Shooting reconstruction and trajectory analysis
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident
- Review of 911/phone communications related to the incident
- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident
- Review of Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) communications relative to the incident
- Review of the department's reports, photographs, and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement
- Obtained Consent to Search documentation for the subject's phone and performed an analysis of the data present
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
 - Firearm identification testing of involved firearms, casings, and bullets
 - Firearm operability testing
 - DNA
- Obtained consent to analyze electronic evidence, to include:
 1. Cellular phones
 2. Social media and/or email accounts
- Reviewed data obtained from aforementioned items of electronic evidence
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officers involved in the shooting, to include training and disciplinary records (if any)
- Reviewed firearm qualification and training records for involved officers
- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the officer(s) who discharged their weapons
- Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding use of force for prosecutorial review
- Obtained court orders for EMS and Medical Records
- Reviewed medical records of those injured, obtained through court order
- Reviewed EMS records pertaining to their response and the treatment administered

Incident Summary/Overview

On October 22, 2025, Findlay Police Department (FPD) was dispatched to 1642 Cherry Lane (initially 1649 Cherry Lane due to the FPD mapping system pinging the 911 call at 1649 Cherry Lane), Findlay, OH 45840, Hancock County, due to a report of a possible shooting or shooting in progress. An elderly male, later found to be Robert Norton

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(Robert), had called in this alleged shooting incident to have occurred through FPD's 911 Dispatch Center. The phone number associated with the 911 call was (419) 379-5784, which belonged to Robert Norton (Robert). Robert stated to FPD Dispatch, "There had been a shooting. Get somebody out here quick." Dispatch asked what had happened, and Robert responded, "Hurry." Dispatch asked, "What happened? Who's been shot?" Robert then hung up the phone. FPD Dispatch attempted to call Robert's phone back on two (2) separate occasions without success. The phone number associated with the 911 call had been (419) 379-5784 and that number was associated with Robert. The actual duration of the 911 call lasted thirty-four (34) seconds.

FPD [REDACTED] and Ofc. Nick Huber (Huber) responded emergent from FPD to 1649 Cherry Lane due to the 911 call pinged from that location. Upon arrival, [REDACTED] made contact and spoke to a female subject at the front door of 1649 Cherry Lane. Ofc. Huber checked the registration plate on a vehicle in the driveway and the rear of the house at 1649 Cherry Lane, noting everything to be fine. In speaking with the female, [REDACTED] had inquired about a "shooting" and the female indicated everything had been fine with no indication of a "shooting" having or having taken place at that house.

At that time, FPD [REDACTED] had pulled in front of the house at 1642 Cherry Lane in [REDACTED] marked FPD cruiser with his emergency lights still activated. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] briefly conversed and both indicated they needed to check the house at 1642 Cherry Lane. Jogging to the front door of the house at 1642 Cherry Lane on the asphalt driveway, [REDACTED] had noticed the main door to the house standing open with a clear glass pane screen door still closed. This left a clear visible sight to see just inside the front glass screen door to the house.

To the left (west of the driveway) was a curved sidewalk leading up to the open-covered front porch, then to the front glass screen door of 1642 Cherry Lane. [REDACTED] "peeled" off and stepped through the flower bed (landscaping) at an angle to the front door. Upon stepping onto the porch from the landscaping to the right of the front glass screen door, at a slight angle, [REDACTED] noticed the glass screen door slightly open and [REDACTED] yelled, "**Whoa, gun, gun, gun,**" backed up and fired four (4) shots towards where the muzzle of the firearm had been protruding from the slightly opened front glass screen door. After backing up and firing the four (4) shots, [REDACTED] continued to back up to cover located on the southeast corner of the house at 1642 Cherry Lane.

[REDACTED] had taken the curved sidewalk all the way around to where [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had been straight on looking into the front glass screen door. Once straight in line of sight of the front glass screen door, [REDACTED] observed what looked to

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be the **“right side of a figure”** just inside the glass screen door with the subject's (Robert's) right arm “tucked in.”

Immediately, [REDACTED] heard [REDACTED] yelled **“gun, gun, gun”** and [REDACTED] discharged his duty weapon towards the front glass screen door. [REDACTED] said he saw the older gentleman (Robert) just inside the front door, suck the gun back inside the front door, turned, and pointed the gun directly at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] then discharged his duty weapon in the direction of where Robert had been standing inside the front glass screen door, which [REDACTED] believed at the time to be three (3) to four (4) times. At the time of discharging [REDACTED] duty weapon towards Robert, [REDACTED] said he was backing away towards the southwest corner of the house to get a position of cover.

Once cover had been gained, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] waited for other FPD officers to arrive to establish shield teams before approaching the house any further.

Due to his location at the time of the OICI, Ofc. Huber had not observed the direct involvement of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] at the front door of 1642 Cherry Lane. According to Ofc. Huber, Ofc. Huber did overhear [REDACTED] yelled, **“gun, gun, gun,”** then heard the immediate gunfire of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Ofc. Huber immediately radioed to dispatch, **“shots fired, shots fired.”**

After a short period of time, numerous other FPD officers arrived at the scene of 1642 Cherry Lane. FPD officers established two (2) separate shield teams, one (1) shield team on the southwest side of the house and the other shield team on the southeast side of the house. [REDACTED] had been a part of the southwest side shield team, and tactfully approached the front, now broken out glass screen door. [REDACTED] noticed a leg just inside the front screen door, and another FPD Officer noticed a gun on the floor in front of Robert just inside the door.

Ofc. Eric Lehman had been the first (1st) FPD Officer to enter the house, moved the firearm away from Robert's right hand, and placed the firearm (found to be a BB Gun) on a chair away from Robert. Ofc. Lehman checked the location of Robert's gunshot wounds, then began to render life-saving measures to Robert by checking for a pulse and cutting off Robert's white blood-soaked T-shirt with [REDACTED] pocketknife. Numerous other FPD officers entered the house and did a protective sweep of the house at 1642 Cherry Lane and rendered it safe.

Once rendered safe, FPD officers advised Findlay Fire Department (FFD) Firefighters and HANCO EMS Medics to enter the scene and to start rendering life-saving measures to Robert. After a short period of time, Robert was placed into a HANCO EMS Squad, where Robert was transported to Blanchard Valley Medical Center (BVMC) Emergency

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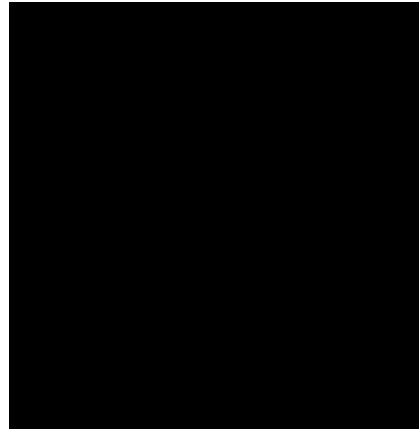


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Department (ER) for further emergency treatment. Subsequently, Robert succumbed from the gunshot wounds.

Decedent

Name: Robert Norton
Date of Birth: March 8, 1935
Social Security Number: [REDACTED]
Home Address: 1642 Cherry Lane,
Findlay, OH 45840, Hancock County



Robert Norton (Robert) had no Computerized Criminal History (CCH). The only court record which pertained to Robert was for speeding in 2017 in the Findlay Municipal Court.

Robert had three (3) previous police encounters with Findlay Police Department (FPD). These encounters were the only encounters with law enforcement, excluding traffic violations and are documented below.

FPD Report #	Date	Type of Incident	Victim/Subject
2004-00004761	05/05/2004	Damage to Property	Victim
2011-00001293	02/07/2011	Fraud	Victim
2016-00004607	05/03/2016	Harassment	Subject

Autopsy Report

The autopsy of the decedent, Robert Norton (Robert) was conducted at the Lucas County Coroner's Office (LCCO), 2595 Arlington Ave., Toledo, OH 43614 on October 23, 2025. SA Burke obtained a copy of the initial autopsy report from the Hancock County Coroner's Office. A review of those documents revealed the following information:

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The cause of death for Robert was determined to be [REDACTED]. The manner of death was ruled [REDACTED]. The toxicology reports are still pending.

Robert had been found to have [REDACTED]

Physical Evidence

The BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) was requested to respond to the scene of the Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) in order to document and preserve any items of potential evidence. Multiple agents responded and processed the scene, to include photographing and mapping the area, as well as the search for, documentation, and collection of items of possible evidence. Detailed crime scene reports were completed with the below information only summarizing some of the more significant findings.

The crime scene was processed by Senior Crime Scene Special Agent (CSSA) Dave Hammond (Hammond) and Crime Scene Technician (CST) Emily Miller (Miller). The scene was photographed as it was found and the digital images were uploaded to the Matrix database by CSSA Hammond. CST Miller then digitally mapped the scene utilizing a Leica 360 scanner and the digital scan data was uploaded to the Axon database.

The examination of the scene began near the front porch area. Findlay Police Department (FPD) had placed several placards in the driveway, open-covered porch area, and front yard. FPD told CSSA Hammond and CST Miller the placards were placed due to several fired cartridges casings being located in the mentioned area and did not want the casings to be lost or moved during scene processing.

In the area of the northeast portion of the open-covered front porch, a total of four (4) Speer .45 caliber auto cartridge casings were placarded and located. This would have been the area where [REDACTED] had discharged his duty weapon, a Glock Model 21, GEN 4 .45 caliber towards the front glass screen door from an angle.

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(Image #1 snippet above, photograph by CSSA Dave Hammond {DMH_7034} of northeast corner of front open-covered porch at 1642 Cherry Lane with four (4) placards associated with four (4) cartridge casings of Speer .45 caliber Auto)

In the area of the curved sidewalk, leading up to the open-covered front porch, then to the front glass screen door, a total of three (3) Speer 9mm Luger cartridge casings were placarded and located. This would have been the area where [REDACTED] had discharged his duty weapon, a Glock Model 45, 9mm, directly towards the front glass screen door.

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(Image #2 snippet above, Photograph by CSSA Dave Hammond {DMH_7050} of curved sidewalk leading to the open-covered porch, then to the front glass screen door at 1642 Cherry Lane with three (3) placards associated with three (3) Speer 9mm Luger cartridge casings.)

Just inside of the front glass screen door, a black firearm (replica of a handgun) had been located on a chair where it had been placed by Ofc. Eric Lehman. This black firearm was later found to be a black ***Daisy PHANTOM BB/Pellet Handgun*** which resembled a compact, composite style handgun with an accessory rail under the barrel. There was a serial number located on the black ***Daisy PHANTOM BB/Pellet Handgun*** of ***24A073129***.

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(Image #4 snippet above, photograph to the left by CSSA Dave Hammond {DMH_7069} at the entrance of the doorway of 1642 Cherry Lane noticing a black firearm placed on a chair inside the house. Image #5 snippet above, photograph to the right by CSSA Dave Hammond {DMH_7084} closer image of firearm on the chair inside the house.)



(Image #6 snippet above, photograph to the left by CSSA Dave Hammond {DMH_7256} a close-up photograph of the Phantom BB Gun located on the chair inside the house. Image #7 snippet above, photograph to the right by CSSA Dave Hammond {DMH_7257} close-up of the end of the muzzle of the firearm which indicated it had been a BB Gun.)

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(Image #8 snippet above, photograph by CSSA Dave Hammond {DMH_7258} a close-up photograph of the magazine removed from Phantom BB Gun loaded with BB's.)

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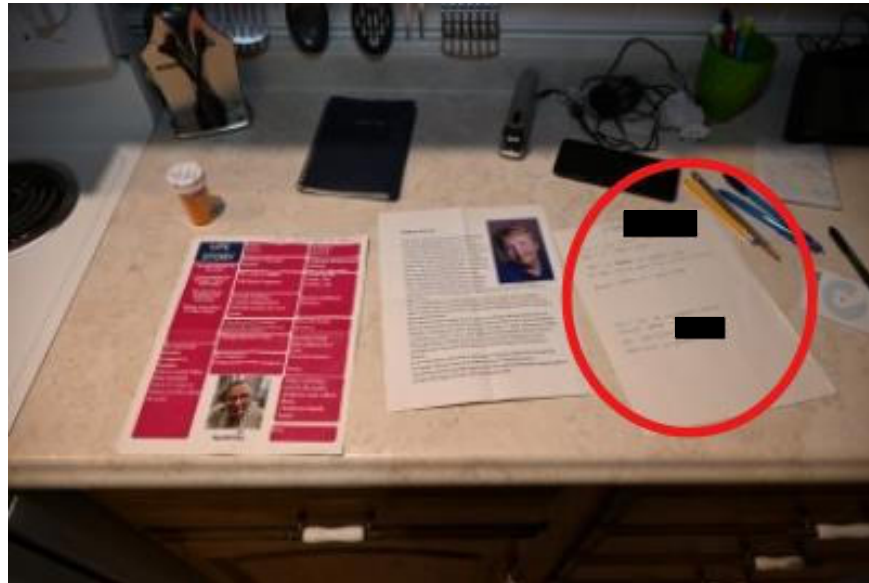


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A suspected suicide note written by Robert had been located on the kitchen counter, next to Robert's late wife, Virginia Norton's (Virginia) obituary.



(Image #9, snippet above, photograph by CSSA Dave Hammond {DMH_7098} of Virginia's Obituary and suspected suicide {to the far right with red circle} note from Robert)

The suicide note read as follows:

**"Lisa (Robert's daughter)-Could not stand one more day in that room
Had to think of some way to get with *Gin* (Virginia) + out of this world-Didn't have my own gun-Take me to Coldren Crates Funeral Home-Call Daughter (with phone number)-Obituary in Courier and Blade"**

For further information regarding physical evidence, please refer to the various crime scene reports and photographs taken.

Lab Reports

Various items of potential evidence were submitted to the BCI Laboratory for analysis. The actual reports should be consulted as the following synopsis does not include many of the details from the full reports. As of January 20, 2025, DNA has not been completed on the PHANTOM BB Gun, which had been in possession of Robert during

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the OICI. Once received, the Lab Report findings will be submitted to the Hancock County Prosecutor, Sean Abbott, who has been made aware of the reports not being completed at this time.

BCI Firearms Section Forensic Scientist Kevin Belcik performed an analysis of the Involved-officers' duty weapons (firearms), as well as the firearm-related evidence collected from the scene and autopsy (casings and projectiles). By comparing evidentiary cartridge casings/projectiles to known standards from each weapon, identifications were able to be made as to which casings/projectiles were fired from each firearm. The following identifications were made:

Item	Lab #	Matrix #	CSU#	Testing
.45 Speer Cartridge Case from Scene	1	001	001	Firearms
.45 Fired Bullet Recovered from Front Door at Scene	2	012	012	Firearms
9mm Speer Luger Cartridge Casing from Scene	3	005	005	Firearms
9mm Fired Recovered from Autopsy Bullet	4	C01	C01	Firearms
[REDACTED] Glock Model 45, 9mm, SN [REDACTED]	5	014	014	Firearms
[REDACTED] Glock Model 21 Gen 4, .45cal, [REDACTED]	6	013	013	Firearms

SA Burke reviewed the laboratory report (image below) and noted the following:

Lab Items #1 and #2 (.45 Speer cartridge casing and .45 fired bullet Recovered from the Door at the Scene) were compared to Lab Item #6 ([REDACTED] firearm, a

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Glock Model 21, GEN 4, SN: [REDACTED] and were found to have been fired by the same.

Lab Items #3 and #4 (9mm Speer Luger Cartridge Casing and 9mm fired bullet from autopsy of Robert Norton) were compared to Lab Item #5 ([REDACTED]) **firearm, a Glock Model 45, 9mm, SN: [REDACTED]** and were found to have been fired by the same.

Findings

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 5 Glock model 45 pistol	N/A	Operable
	Item 3	Source Identification
	One (1) 9mm Luger fired cartridge case	
	Item 4	Source Identification
	One (1) 9mm Luger fired bullet	
Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 6 Glock model 21 Gen 4 pistol	N/A	Operable
	Item 1	Source Identification
	One (1) 45 Auto fired cartridge case	
	Item 2	Source Identification
	One (1) 45 Auto fired bullet	

(Source: BCI Lab Report)

Please see reference to OHIO BCI Laboratory report for further details.

Neighborhood Witnesses Interviews

SA Josh Rammel (Rammel) and SA John Tingley (Tingley) interviewed numerous potential witnesses in the neighborhood of 1642 Cherry Lane shortly after the OICI. Below is a summary of interviews conducted with the potential witnesses:

At 1109 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH, SA Rammel spoke with Alex Mauger (Alex). Alex said that he was walking to his truck, which was parked on Cherry Lane in front of his residence at 1109, when Alex heard six to seven gunshots from down the street. Alex

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advised that he did not see any members of the Findlay Police Department (FPD) or the involved individual Robert Norton. Alex stated that once he heard the gun shots he ran back towards his residence and went inside. Alex said that someone had already posted information about the shooting on Facebook, and that "it was going around" that the shooting was a "suicide by cop".

At 1106 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH, SA Rammel spoke with Janis Foard (Foard). Foard indicated that she did not hear any gunshots but heard multiple sirens responding to the scene. Foard told SA Rammel that she was having work done on her house and did not hear or see anything outside until after the FPD and the Findlay Fire Department (FFD) were already on-scene. Foard also mentioned that the information was already on Facebook, and a recording was made with the individual holding the cell phone behind the FFD firetrucks indicating that the footage was created after the shooting occurred. Foard confirmed that she did not have any cameras that would have footage from the direction of the shooting.

At 1112 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH, SA Rammel spoke with Tom Susdorf (Susdorf). Susdorf told SA Rammel that he "heard the gunshots". Susdorf believed that he heard around two or three gunshots. Susdorf mentioned that he did not hear anything prior to the gun shots, and that it was the sound of the gun shots that led Susdorf to go outside to see what happened. Susdorf stated that he then saw the FPD for the first time down the street and went back inside. Susdorf advised that he did not have any cameras outside.

At 1618 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH, SA Rammel spoke with Jordan Deidrick (Deidrick). Deidrick advised that he was the only person home during the time of the shooting. Deidrick stated that he heard "something" while he was in the bathroom. Deidrick said that he initially thought the gunshots were on his television before eventually realizing that the shots came from outside. Deidrick stated that he heard either two or three gunshots and then heard sirens coming closer. Deidrick advised that he did not see or hear anyone from the FPD or any other command or yelling from down the street. Deidrick confirmed that he does not have any cameras at the residence.

At 1619 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH, SA Rammel spoke with Eddie Wells (Wells). Wells commented that he heard several gunshots, which he initially thought were fireworks. Wells advised that he was in the back of the house in his computer room. Wells stated that he did not know how many gun shots he heard, but he was sure it was "more than four". Wells indicated that he did not hear any yelling or commands from outside before or after the shooting. Wells said he heard sirens before and after the shooting occurred but did not know if the prior sirens were related. Wells mentioned that he went to his mailbox and saw FPD members with their rifles out and the FFD arriving on

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scene. Wells indicated that he does not have any cameras outside of his residence, and he was alone at the residence at this time. Wells commented that he did not think he had any additional information he could provide at this time.

At 1635 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH, SA Rammel spoke with Patrick Langenderfer (Patrick). Prior to the interview, SA Rammel was provided with a complete written statement from the FPD written by Patrick. SA Rammel reviewed the written statement and observed that Patrick saw the police arrive and approach Bob's residence at 1642 Cherry Lane. Patrick advised that he saw two or three FPD officers approach the residence by the front door. Patrick stated that he could not get a clear view, but he could see an individual inside the front door just prior to multiple shots being fired. Patrick wrote that he heard five or six gunshots before the individual in the doorway fell and the FPD began to retreat. Additional FPD units arrived and they "proceeded to inter (enter) the home". At that time, EMS also arrived. When SA Rammel contacted Patrick, he read Patrick's statement and confirmed that what he wrote was correct. Patrick described the event in his written statement and clarified that he heard five or six gunshots. Patrick stated that he did not hear any commands or yelling from the FPD. Patrick also pointed out that a large tree in his front yard, along with a tree in Bob's yard, obstructed his view and Patrick could not tell who was in the door or who fired first. Patrick stated that he thought the "old man" who lived at 1642 was in a nursing home and could not confirm if the guy who was shot was the same individual. Patrick indicated that his wife was also home during the shooting, but she slept through it.

At 1700 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH, SA Rammel and SA Tingley spoke with Sean Oman (Oman). Oman advised that he was working from home during the shooting and heard about six or seven gunshots. Oman said that he could see out of his office window and initially saw police arrive to speak with an individual at 1649 Cherry Lane. Oman said that he heard six or seven gunshots while the FPD was speaking with the individual at 1649 Cherry Lane, but he did not see the shooting because the direction of his window does not show the address at 1642 Cherry Lane. Oman clarified that the two FPD officers he could see were not involved with the shooting. Oman stated that he did not hear any commands or yelling prior to the shooting.

Oman indicated that he does not have any cameras that would show that far towards 1642 Cherry Lane. Oman pulled up footage from his Ring Camera on his front door and reviewed the timeframe around when the shooting occurred. Oman was able to identify footage that began around 1:56pm and sirens could be heard on the footage along with FPD cruisers being visible. SA Rammel and Oman watched the whole footage that began at 1:56pm and there were no legible gunshots, and the shooting

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appeared to have already occurred. The prior footage from Oman's Ring camera was from 12:16pm and was when the mailman arrived.

Oman advised that a friend contacted him at 1:51pm and that he was on the phone call with his friend when the gunshots occurred.

At 1641 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH, SA Rammel and SA Tingley spoke with Todd Jones (Jones). Jones advised that he was not home during the time of the shooting nor was anyone else at his residence. Jones confirmed that he was friends with Bob and Virginia and was contacted on October 21, 2025, by Bob and Virginia's daughter to allow people into the residence at 1642 Cherry Lane for a new water heater to be put in. Jones advised that Virginia just recently passed away within the last two weeks. Jones stated that Bob and Virginia had moved up to Holland, Michigan and that they had not been at their residence at 1642 Cherry Lane for the last five to six months. Jones indicated that he never knew Bob had any firearms. Jones clarified that he had helped Bob and Virginia out over the last few years because of their age.

Jones told SA Rammel that once he got home and saw that Bob's car was in the garage he knew something was wrong because Bob was "not supposed to be there".

On October 27, 2025, at 1649 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH, SA Burke and SA Tingley spoke with Dorothy Weaver (Weaver). SA Burke asked Weaver if she saw or heard anything regarding the OICI. Weaver stated that an officer contacted her and asked if she had reported shots fired. Weaver responded to the officer that she had not heard any shots fired nor had she called regarding shots fired. At that point, the officer began walking over towards other officers who were at 1642 Cherry Lane. Weaver then said that pretty quickly, she heard shots fired. Weaver continued and said that a large tree in her front yard blocked the view of the front door to the residence at 1642 Cherry Lane. However, she did witness an officer moving behind a tree at 1642 Cherry Lane and she then saw that officer fire multiple shots. SA Burke asked Weaver how many shots she had heard, and Weaver responded that she had heard three (3) to six (6) shots. The interview then concluded.

Family Interview with Scott and Lisa Corbin

On the evening of October 22, 2025, at 1830 hours, SA Burke and LSA Emahiser spoke over the phone with Scott and Lisa Corbin (Scott and Lisa) relative to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which had taken place earlier in the afternoon on this date at 1642 Cherry Lane. The reason the interview took place over the phone was due

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to the Corbin's residing in Holland, Michigan. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about Robert Norton (Robert).

Lisa had been identified as the daughter of Robert, and Scott as the son-in-law of Robert. SA Burke and LSA Emahiser provided the Corbin's with a brief synopsis of the events leading up to the OICI.

It had been learned throughout the initial investigation, Robert had been having a hard time dealing with the recent loss of his wife of seventy (70) years, Virginia Norton (Virginia), on October 1, 2025.

LSA Emahiser explained to Scott and Lisa, Robert had called 911 via phone, which rang into Findlay Police Department (FPD) Dispatch indicating a shooting was taking place or had taken place at 1642 Cherry Lane in Findlay, OH. This led to the multiple responses of FPD officers.

Scott told agents that Robert had been at Resthaven Nursing Home (RNH) in Holland, Michigan since March 2025. Scott and Lisa had moved Robert and Virginia to RNH due to their health and to be closer to family. Once Virginia passed away on October 1st, Robert did not want to be in the nursing home any longer. Scott said Robert had been struggling with depression and Scott had removed firearms from Robert's house in Findlay. Scott told agents that Scott did leave two (2) BB Gun's at Robert's house. Scott said he wished he had removed any sort of firearm from Robert's residence. There were two (2) BB Guns located inside Robert's house. Scott and Lisa said Robert liked his BB Guns and would randomly shoot squirrels from the trees, etc.

Scott said that when Virginia passed away at the beginning of October, the hot water heater broke at the house in Findlay. Robert had threatened to move back to Findlay after the funeral, so Scott did not want Robert without hot water. The hot water heater had been replaced earlier on this same date and Scott knew this due to being in contact with the installers. Scott did not know if Robert ever saw the installers or not. Scott provided SA Burke with the hot water heater installers' name and information so that SA Burke could contact them. According to Scott and Lisa, they had told Robert there was going to be a new hot water heater installed on this date in the morning.

Scott and Lisa started to provide more of a background of Robert. Robert had been institutionalized in the 1980s for depression. According to Scott, Robert had been taking anti-depressant medications. Robert had witnessed Virginia pass away and this was when Robert had started severely fading with his depression. Lisa told SA Burke that prior to Virginia passing away, Virginia had told Lisa, **"I do not know what you are going to do with your dad when I'm gone."**

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Lisa told SA Burke that Robert had told them prior to Virginia's funeral and after the funeral, that Robert did not want to go back to the nursing home because Virginia would not be there.

On Monday, October 13, 2025, Robert had called Scott at work and told him he needed a Band-Aid. Scott told Robert where the Band-Aids were located at Scott's house and did not think anything more about it. When Scott and Lisa returned home from work that same evening, the two walked through the back door and noticed blood all over the place inside their house. Scott asked Robert what had happened and Robert said he had "cut" himself. According to Scott, Robert's right wrist had been all wrapped up.

Scott told SA Burke that Scott continued to find "pools" of blood all over the inside of their house and then Scott walked into the garage to get the car ready to take Robert to be checked at the hospital due to the cut on Robert's wrist. According to Scott, he noticed Robert's trunk lid open to Robert's car, where it appeared as though Robert may have attempted to "asphyxiate" himself. Scott took Robert to the hospital, where Robert ended up with seventeen (17) stitches on his right wrist where the cut was also approximately three (3) inches deep.

While Scott was at the hospital with Robert, Lisa stayed home to clean up the blood from Robert's wrist. Lisa told SA Burke that while cleaning up the blood, she was "electrocuted" by a lamp inside of Scott and Lisa's house. Lisa said she tried to figure out what was going on and noticed where Robert had tried to "re-wire" the lamp to possibly electrocute himself.

Scott told SA Burke that with the "cut" to Robert's right wrist, the attempted asphyxiation, and attempted electrocution to himself, all this information was passed onto the Emergency Room (ER) doctor due to the possibility of a mental health issue. Scott said that the ER doctor felt that since Robert had cut his right wrist and not the left wrist (due to Robert being right-hand dominant), this would not look as if it was a mental health issue but merely an accident. SA Burke did confirm with Scott and Lisa that Robert had been right-handed. According to Scott and Lisa, they attempted to get Robert admitted due to his mental health symptoms Robert had shown. However, the hospital in Holland, Michigan, would not admit Robert. Scott then brought Robert back home after the medical treatment for Robert's wrist had been completed.

On Tuesday, October 14th, Scott and Lisa had a care conference with Resthaven Nursing Home due to Robert's mental health status. Since the hospital would not admit Robert, Lisa said she had filled out paperwork to have her father, Robert, committed but the doctor felt Robert was safe and not harmful to himself. Then the nursing home implemented a wellness plan for Robert. According to Scott and Lisa, Robert did not

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like the plan of action being put in place for him and became verbally abusive. The nursing staff told Scott and Lisa not to contact Robert for a week until Robert got settled in the new parameters in the nursing home. Scott and Lisa told SA Burke that Robert would call Scott and Lisa and leave them messages, but they would not call Robert back. The first day Scott and Lisa were technically allowed to speak with Robert was Tuesday, October 21st. Scott and Lisa said in having their first conversation with Robert, on that Tuesday, Robert was adamant about returning to Findlay. Scott told SA Burke that Robert could drive and did not have any driving restrictions, so Robert could drive anywhere he wanted to, along with coming and going from the nursing home. The last time Scott or Lisa spoke with Robert was Tuesday evening, October 21st.

On Wednesday, October 22nd, Scott and Lisa never heard from Robert, nor did they hear from Resthaven Nursing Home that Robert had left the facility. Scott said in the afternoon, he had heard from Hancock County Adult Protective Services (HCAPS) about a shooting which had taken place at the address which Scott and Lisa provided them about Robert. With Robert being adamant about moving back to Findlay due to him not liking the nursing home arrangements in Holland, Michigan, Scott had spoken with HCAPS about Robert and any assistance HCAPS could provide Robert if Robert had moved back to Findlay.

It should be noted that SA Burke had spoken with HCAPS, and it had been confirmed no plan of action for Robert had been implemented due to Robert not physically living in Findlay, OH, Hancock County at the time of the OICI. Furthermore, if Robert had moved back to Findlay and it had been confirmed Robert had been living back in Findlay, then Scott and Lisa could have potentially worked with HCAPS to assist with oversight of Robert.

Scott said he was concerned that the hot water heater installers may have bothered Robert if they were still there working when Robert arrived home. SA Burke asked Scott if he had been in contact with the installers and Scott said he had been in contact with them during the entire installation. According to Scott, the installers had the hot water heater installed and were out of the house by 12:30 p.m. on October 22nd. Scott stated the installer's name was Josh Inells (Josh) and provided SA Burke with that information.

Scott and Lisa said they wanted the FPD officers to know the family held no animosity towards them and respected their actions. The Corbin's said unfortunately, Robert had been dealing with mental wellness issues which Robert could not overcome.

On Thursday, October 23, 2025, SA Burke spoke further with Scott Corbin (Scott). Scott called to inform SA Burke, Scott and his wife, Lisa Corbin (Lisa) had gone to Robert's

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nursing home room in Holland, Michigan and located Robert's laptop. Scott and Lisa looked at Robert's Google history search on his laptop. According to Scott, Scott and Lisa located relevant searches for suicide that Robert appeared to have researched prior to the OICI which took place at Robert's house in Findlay, OH on October 22, 2025.

Scott took screenshots of the related searches Robert had been looking at on his laptop. On Thursday, October 9, 2025, Robert researched the following:

- How Do You Hire Someone to Kill Yourself
- The Right to Die and Assisted Suicide



(Image #10, snippet above of Google History search from Robert's laptop provided by Scott Corbin)

Scott told SA Burke that on Monday, October 20, 2025, Robert researched the following:

- Taurus G3 Models



(Image #11, snippet above of Google History search from Robert's laptop provided by Scott Corbin)

Scott told SA Burke that all firearms had been removed from Robert's residence since the passing of Robert's wife on October 1, 2025. Scott said the only firearms not removed were two (2) BB Guns.

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Interview of Josh Inells (Hot Water Heater Installer)

On November 5, 2025, SA Burke spoke with Joshua Inells (Joshua). SA Burke explained to Joshua the purpose of wanting to speak with him. Josh confirmed that he was a third (3rd) party contractor (appliance installer) for Lowe's Home Improvement. As per routine, Josh had been ordered to install a new hot water heater at 1642 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH on the morning of October 22, 2025.

SA Burke asked Josh if he recalled who his point of contact would have been for this installation. Josh said he thought it to be a Scott Corbin (Scott) but he knew Scott did not live at this house. According to Josh, he had been in constant contact with Scott during the installation to the point where Josh had finished up the installation in the late morning of October 22, 2025, and left the house. Scott had been notified that the installation was completed.

Shortly after Josh left the house on Cherry Lane, Josh said he received a call from Scott asking if Josh could return to the house and turn off the pilot light (gas) to the hot water heater. Josh told SA Burke he returned to the house on Cherry Lane at Scott's request, went into the house, and turned off the pilot light to the hot water heater. SA Burke asked Josh if he knew what approximate time this would have been and Josh said around 12:30p.m., the early afternoon of October 22, 2025. SA Burke asked Josh how long this process would have taken Josh, and Josh said it only took a couple of minutes, Josh added he had been in and out of the house on Cherry Lane within five (5) minutes. During the interview with Scott on the evening of October 22, 2025, Scott had confirmed Josh turned off the pilot light to the hot water heater around 12:30p.m.

SA Burke asked Josh if, during the times he had been at 1642 Cherry Lane on October 22, 2025, had there been an elderly man by the name of Robert Norton (Robert) at the house. Josh said there was no one there who had lived at the house, during both trips. Josh told SA Burke that the hot water heater had been installed in the garage, there was one (1) car in the garage, and his contact person had been Scott.

Involved Officer Interviews

The following paragraphs are extremely abbreviated versions of each officer's account of his or her actions pertaining to this incident and/or discharging their weapon. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of each interview.

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Interview of Findlay Police Department (FPD) Officer [REDACTED]
Unit # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that during his normal working shift of [REDACTED] in his standardized marked FPD uniform of the day, [REDACTED] had been on routine patrol on the afternoon of October 22, 2025, at approximately 1347, in his marked FPD cruiser when [REDACTED] had been dispatched to 1642 Cherry Lane for a shooting. [REDACTED] had been advised by dispatch, an elderly male had called 911 and stated there had been a **"shooting, asked to hurry up, and then hung up the phone."** According to [REDACTED], dispatch told the responding officers [REDACTED] and Ofc. Nick Huber) that the 911 cell phone "ping" had been coming from 1649 Cherry Lane and the caller had not been answering the phone on attempted call backs. [REDACTED] said he responded in emergency response due to the nature of the call.

[REDACTED] arrived in his marked FPD cruiser and inadvertently parked right in front of the address of 1642 Cherry Lane at approximately 1351 hours. According to [REDACTED] exited his vehicle and noticed the main door to the house at 1642 Cherry Lane had been open, but the front glass screen door was shut. [REDACTED] could see into the house due to the front glass screen door being visible to see through. However, at that particular time, he did not see anyone standing in the doorway. [REDACTED] noted that 1642 Cherry Lane was a single-story ranch with an open-covered porch.

At that point, O [REDACTED] had been approaching [REDACTED] from 1649 Cherry Lane. Between the two (2) officers, it was determined 1642 Cherry Lane needed to be checked and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] started "jogging" up the asphalt driveway towards the front glass screen door. [REDACTED] had been in front of [REDACTED] upon the initial approach. As [REDACTED] got closer to the front screen door of the house, [REDACTED] unholstered his duty weapon a, Glock 21, GEN 4 .45 caliber pistol.

To the left of the driveway, as [REDACTED] approached the front glass screen door, was a curved sidewalk. [REDACTED] took the sidewalk for a short distance, then went through the flowerbed (landscaping) onto the open-covered porch to the right of the door at a slight angle. According to [REDACTED], once on the porch, right of the front glass screen door, the screen door partially opened and **"the muzzle of a black firearm poked out and pointed right at my chest" (25:42).**

[REDACTED] noted the firearm appeared to have some sort of rail system on it for a flashlight or something to that effect, then [REDACTED] noticed he could **"see down**

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the barrel like there was another barrel inside a barrel and thought what the fuck" (26:03).

At that time, [REDACTED] yelled, ***"Whoa, gun, gun, gun!" (26:13)*** and backed away from the front glass screen door and fired approximately four (4) shots towards the area where the individual (Robert) would have been. [REDACTED] said he continued to back-up and heard [REDACTED] discharge his duty issued weapon towards the front glass screen door.

At that point, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] continued to back up, gain distance, and get cover behind trees on the property until other FPD officers arrived. After discharging his firearm, [REDACTED] said he did not know if he had struck anyone inside the house or not.

Rather than approach the house immediately after discharging their weapons, it had been decided (by talking loudly outside) amongst [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], they would wait for other FPD officers to respond. Shortly, thereafter other FPD officers responded to 1642 Cherry Lane, shield teams had been established to approach, check for subject(s), clear the house, and deem it safe. [REDACTED] said he had been removed from the scene once the shield teams started moving to the front glass screen door of the house. [REDACTED] said he never at any point entered the residence or rendered first aid to anyone inside the house. [REDACTED] was then removed from the scene and responded back to FPD.

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if he had reviewed his Body Worn Camera (BWC) prior to the in-person interview on this date. [REDACTED] said he had reviewed his BWC approximately four (4) to five (5) times to make sure [REDACTED] times were correct as the OICI event evolved when [REDACTED] typed his Incident Report (IR).

SA Emahiser asked [REDACTED] if this was standard procedure to review any BWC footage on any incident which a FPD Officer would be involved with and [REDACTED] said that would be correct.

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if there was anything else [REDACTED] wanted to add. [REDACTED] stated that he did not notice any markings on the end of the muzzle of the firearm to indicate it was not a real firearm, ***"it was black and pointed right at my chest" (25:42).***

[REDACTED] told SA Burke that he feared for his safety and the other officers on scene.

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if he ever heard Robert, who pointed the firearm at [REDACTED] make any comments towards [REDACTED] or the other officers on scene. [REDACTED]

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██████████ said Robert never made any comments towards him, nor did ██████████ really observe Robert in the doorway of the glass screen door due to ██████████ angle of the door. ██████████ added there had not been much time to “figure things out,” other than respond quickly due to their possibly being a shooting.

SA Burke asked ██████████, when he noticed the front glass screen door open, and the muzzle of the firearm protruding out the glass door, did ██████████ order Robert to drop the firearm at any point. ██████████ said, “**he did not because there was no time to do so.**” SA Burke asked ██████████, to his knowledge, did Robert ever fire the firearm towards ██████████. ██████████ said Robert pointed the firearm at him but never fired the firearm to ██████████ knowledge.

SA Burke asked ██████████ if ██████████ felt he followed within the guidelines of FPD’s Use of Force Policy and ██████████ said he did one hundred (100) percent. ██████████ said he felt in fear of his life and others when he observed the muzzle of the firearm protrude from the opening of the glass screen door. SA Burke asked ██████████ how far he felt the distance was when he discharged his firearm towards the front glass screen door. ██████████ said he felt the distance had been five (5) feet or less.

SA Burke asked ██████████ about the time from when ██████████ and ██████████ had discharged their firearms until other FPD officers arrived and approached the house, if ██████████ heard anyone or any commotion inside the house. ██████████ said he did not hear anything inside the house during that time. ██████████ again said he never saw Robert inside the front glass screen door, just the muzzle of the firearm.

██████████ had no other relevant information which pertained to the OICI and the interview concluded.

Interview of Findlay Police Department (FPD) ██████████

██████████ Unit # ██████████

██████████ stated during his normal working shift of ██████████, in his standardized marked FPD uniform of the day, ██████████ had been on station at FPD on the afternoon of October 22, 2025. At approximately 1347, ██████████ and ██████████ had been dispatched to 1642 Cherry Lane on the report of a “shooting or shooting in progress.” Dispatch had stated that an elderly male had called 911 and stated there had been a shooting. Furthermore, dispatch advised the male caller had “hung up” and would not answer on call backs.

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██████████ indicated that dispatch had been telling the responding officers (██████████, ██████████, and Ofc. Huber) the 911 call had been "pinging" at 1649 Cherry Lane. ██████████ and Ofc. Nick Huber (Huber) initially responded to 1649 Cherry Lane. Upon arrival at 1649 Cherry Lane, ██████████ and Ofc. Huber were the first (1st) two (2) officers on scene within that area. ██████████ instructed Ofc. Huber to go check a license plate on a vehicle in the driveway of 1649 Cherry Lane, then check the rear of the residence while ██████████ checked the front door. ██████████ contacted a female at the front door. The female looked "shocked" and indicated there had been no issues and nothing which had resembled a shooting.

At that moment, ██████████ looked across the street to 1642 Cherry Lane and noticed the main door open to the house, but the front glass screen door had been shut. ██████████ had just arrived on scene in his marked FPD Cruiser and parked right in front of 1642 Cherry Lane, with his emergency lights still activated.

██████████ told dispatch that he and ██████████ were then heading to 1642 Cherry Lane, believing that was going to be the location of the possible "shooting" incident. ██████████ and ██████████ jogged up the asphalt driveway of 1642 Cherry Lane towards the front glass screen door. According to ██████████, there was a curved sidewalk to the left of the driveway which ██████████ had taken a few steps on, then went through a flowerbed, then onto the open-covered porch at an angle to the right of the front glass screen door. ██████████ said he stayed on the sidewalk the entire time as the sidewalk curved and ultimately led ██████████ to be facing the front glass screen door straight on.

Once facing straight to the door, ██████████ stated he could see the "shoulder and leg" of a person (Robert) standing in the doorway and noted that Robert's "right elbow was bent almost to 90 degrees and tucked into his chest/abdomen. At that moment, ██████████ noticed the front glass screen door start to slightly open and heard ██████████ yell, "gun, gun, gun." ██████████ said he had been approximately fifteen (15) to twenty (20) feet away from the front glass screen door and noticed Robert to have a black handgun in his right hand pointing it directly at ██████████.

██████████ said he unholstered and drew his duty issued Glock Model 45, .9mm firearm and discharged his firearm approximately three (3) times moving to his left away from the front glass screen door. ██████████ stated he observed the glass "shatter" from glass screen door and Robert fell backwards onto the floor just inside the doorway. ██████████ continued to move to his left until he had been able to gain cover and radioed to dispatch, "shot fired."

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According to [REDACTED], Ofc. Huber did not get to the area where [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] discharged their duty weapons due to Ofc. Huber still making his way to 1642 Cherry Lane from 1649 Cherry Lane. Rather than approach the house right away after discharging [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]'s duty weapons, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] waited for other FPD officers to arrive at 1642 Cherry Lane. [REDACTED] said he made numerous verbal attempts to contact Robert. However, [REDACTED] never received any response from Robert.

After numerous other FPD officers had arrived at 1642 Cherry Lane, two (2) shield teams had been established to approach the front door. [REDACTED]'s shield team started to move in a U-Shaped formation towards the front now broken out glass screen door. While approaching the front glass screen door, [REDACTED] stated he was able to see Robert lying just inside the door along with the black handgun lying next to Robert's right hand.

FPD officers approached the rest of the way to the front broken glass screen door, broke out the rest of the glass and made entry into the house to do a protective sweep and deem the house secure. [REDACTED] noted that one (1) of the FPD officers (Ofc. Eric Lehman) had picked up the handgun and moved the handgun away from Robert.

At that time, Ofc. Lehman started to assess Robert's injuries, then started to render life saving measures to Robert, while [REDACTED] assisted. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] used his pocketknife to cut Robert's blood-soaked t-shirt off Robert. Ofc. Lehman then begun Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on Robert as Findlay Fire Department (FFD) members and HANCO EMS Members entered the scene. [REDACTED] was then removed from the scene and responded back to FPD.

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if he had reviewed his Body Worn Camera (BWC) prior to the in-person interview on this date. [REDACTED] said he had reviewed his BWC approximately a half dozen, six (6) times after the OICI on October 22, 2025. [REDACTED] stated that he viewed his BWC of the OICI as the event evolved when [REDACTED] typed his Incident Report (IR).

SA Emahiser asked [REDACTED] if this was standard procedure to review any BWC footage on any incident which a FPD Officer would be involved with and [REDACTED] said that was correct.

[REDACTED] recalled and told SA Burke,

And within just milliseconds I was able to get a clear look at older gentleman standing inside the door. And he sucked the gun back inside the door and still had it tucked to his body, but it was pointing directly at me at

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that point. I seen a clear black handgun. Um so I drew my duty weapon at that time. Um, you know, presented it. Fired three shots, three to four shots at, at that time (19:23).

██████████ told SA Burke that, when ██████████ had been assisting Ofc. Lehman rendering life saving measures to Robert, he could observe ***“three (3) gunshot wounds to Robert’s person, one (1) in the chest, one (1) in the abdomen area, and one (1) in the pelvic area”*** (22:04).

SA Burke asked ██████████ if, during the time he and ██████████ had approached the house at 1642 Cherry Lane, did Robert make any comments towards ██████████ or ██████████. ██████████ said he never heard anything from Robert at any point during this event. SA Burke asked ██████████ if he at any point ordered Robert to drop the firearm. ██████████ said he did not, adding, ***“everything happened too fast.”*** SA Burke asked ██████████ if Robert ever fired the firearm Robert had in his hand towards ██████████ or ██████████. ██████████ said no weapon had been fired towards himself or ██████████ other than the firearm being pointed at ██████████.

SA Burke asked ██████████ if ██████████ felt he acted within the guidelines of the FPD Use of Force Policy. ██████████ stated he did with the firearm being pointed ***“directly at ██████████”*** ██████████ added, ██████████ felt in fear of his safety and others around.

██████████ stated that on the initial approach to the front glass screen door, Robert’s focus had been on ██████████, due to ██████████’s belief that Robert had seen ██████████ first and Robert was pointing the firearm towards ██████████ initially. Once ██████████ discharged his duty weapon and backed out of Robert’s sight, ██████████ stated that he believed Robert observed ██████████ and at that point, Robert pointed the firearm in his right hand directly towards ██████████. ██████████ then discharged his duty weapon at Robert, striking Robert.

SA Emahiser asked ██████████ what was his initial purpose of going up to the house at 1642 Cherry Lane. ██████████ stated that he noticed the main door had been open as though someone was inviting us inside the house. ██████████ said the way the actual call had been called into dispatch, ██████████ stated, ***“my brain initially thought that this was somebody that was taking their own life and they were calling in so they would not be found at a later time”*** (25:47), adding ██████████ had dealt with similar calls like this before. ██████████ said he felt,

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himself and the other FPD officers were going to walk into a ***“completed suicide”*** (26:24).

According to [REDACTED]:

he was on high alert due to the nature of the call, but if you want my first initial thought, that's what I thought was it as going to be someone trying to get us out there to find them because they were killing themselves (26:30)

and had been [REDACTED]'s true initial thought responding to 1642 Cherry Lane.

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] had heard any other “commotion” inside the house during this event and [REDACTED] said he never heard anything being said by Robert or any other noises which had come from the inside of the house.

[REDACTED] had no other relevant information which pertained to the OICI and the interview concluded.

Witness Officer Interviews

Interview of Findlay Police Department (FPD) Officer (Ofc.) Nick Huber (Huber), Unit #865:

Ofc. Huber stated he had been on his normal routine shift of the day, in his standardized marked FPD uniform of the day, marked FPD Cruiser on the afternoon of October 22, 2025. Ofc. Huber said that he and [REDACTED] had been dispatched to a “possible shooting or shooting in progress” at 1642 Cherry Lane. However, the Global Positioning System (GPS) and the 911 call had been pinging from 1649 Cherry Lane. Ofc. Huber and [REDACTED] then responded to 1649 Cherry Lane. Being the first (1st) two (2) officers on scene, [REDACTED] told Ofc. Huber to check a vehicle in the driveway of 1649 Cherry Lane, along with the back of the house to see if anything looked out of the ordinary. [REDACTED] went to the front door of 1649 Cherry Lane to attempt to contact someone.

Ofc. Huber checked the vehicle and the rear of the residence, everything checked normally. Ofc. Huber had been walking back around to the front of the house where [REDACTED] had been checking but then noticed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] “jogging” across Cherry Lane to another residence across the street, 1642 Cherry Lane. Ofc. Huber said that as he was in the middle of the street (Cherry Lane) “jogging” towards 1642 Cherry Lane to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]'s

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location, Ofc. Huber heard [REDACTED] yell, **“gun, gun, gun.”** According to Ofc. Huber, he then heard, **“shots ring out.”**

After the shots rang out, Ofc. Huber immediately looked for cover, as Ofc. Huber observed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] back away from the front door of the house at 1642 Cherry Lane. Ofc. Huber stated that he eventually made it to the area where [REDACTED] had retreated to (southeast corner of the house at 1642 Cherry Lane), to keep an eye on everyone and make sure no one exited the house.

SA Emahiser asked Ofc. Huber, when he heard, **“gun, gun, gun,”** being yelled by [REDACTED] during that immediate time, could Ofc. Huber see the front door or a gun. Ofc. Huber said all he could see was the front door screen door, which had been glass had now broken out upon the gunfire. Ofc. Huber could not see or make any gun out as he had been too far away during that time. According to Ofc. Huber, he could not tell if anyone had been standing in the doorway, due to Ofc. Huber's angle to the front door as the shots were fired.

Ofc. Huber stayed in the area near [REDACTED] until other FPD officers arrived on scene. Upon other FPD officers arriving on scene, two (2) shield teams had been established. As the shield teams approached the front glass screen door, the door had been opened by another FPD Officer and Ofc. Huber entered the house and **“pushed past the body,”** lying just inside the front door to clear the rest of the house. SA Burke asked Ofc. Huber if anyone else had been located inside of the house while clearing the house and rendering it safe and Ofc. Huber said, **“no.”**

SA Burke asked Ofc. Huber if he ever heard [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] say, **“drop the weapon or drop the gun,”** prior to hearing [REDACTED] yell, **“gun, gun, gun.”** Ofc. Huber said he never heard this from either officer. SA Burke asked Ofc. Huber, during the incident, if he ever heard the subject inside the residence, later determined to be Robert Norton (Robert), make any comment before, during, or after the OICI. Ofc. Huber said he did not.

SA Burke asked Ofc. Huber if he at any time during the OICI use any lethal force. Ofc. Huber said he did not. SA Burke asked Ofc. Huber if he ever used any sort of less lethal force during the OICI. Ofc. Huber said he did not.

Ofc. Huber had no other relevant information and the interview concluded.



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Interview of Findlay Police Department (FPD) Officer (Ofc.) Eric Lehman (Lehman), Unit #1233:

Ofc. Lehman stated he had been preparing (normal shift had not started yet, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]) for his normal shift of the day, dressing in his standardized marked FPD uniform of the day, marked FPD Cruiser on the afternoon of October 22, 2025. Due to still preparing for Ofc. Lehman's shift of the day, Ofc. Lehman heard about the nature of the call other FPD officers had been responding too and got into a marked FPD Cruiser and responded to 1642 Cherry Lane. Ofc. Hernandez rode with Ofc. Lehman to 1642 Cherry Lane as a two (2) man unit.

Upon Ofc. Lehman's arrival at 1642 Cherry Lane, he observed a shield team on the southwest side of the house, so Ofc. Lehman went to the southeast side of the house where another shield team had been established and included himself with that team. As the two (2) shield teams approached the front door, Ofc. Lehman put on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which consisted of rubber gloves.

Once at the front door, another FPD "knocked out the rest of the glass" of the now broken front glass screen door. Ofc. Lehman said he then opened the front glass screen door which the glass had been broken out of and noticed, **"a male (Robert) laying on the floor just inside the front door."** Being the first law enforcement officer inside of the house after shots had been fired, Ofc. Lehman noticed a firearm lying on the floor next to Robert's right hand, picked up the firearm, and placed the firearm on a chair away from Robert.

Ofc. Lehman said he immediately started to access, then rendered first aid to Robert. The rest of the officers associated with the shield teams went past Ofc. Lehman to "clear" (complete a protective sweep) of the house to make sure no other subjects or victims were inside. Ofc. Lehman said he had briefly administered Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) to Robert before other medical personnel were permitted into the house to make sure the house was safe to be entered. Once the house had been deemed safe by FPD officers, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Members were advised to come inside and had taken over first aid being administered to Robert.

SA Burke confirmed with Ofc. Lehman that the actual OICI had taken place prior to he and Ofc. Hernandez's arrival at 1642 Cherry Lane. Ofc. Lehman said that was correct. SA Burke asked Ofc. Lehman if he ever used any sort of lethal force during this event and Ofc. Lehman said he did not.

SA Emahiser asked Ofc. Lehman if Robert had made any comments during the time Ofc. Lehman had been rendering first aid to Robert. Ofc. Lehman said the male subject did not make any comments and had been unconscious the entire time Ofc. Lehman

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had been treating or in contact with Robert. Ofc. Lehman added, he could find no pulse and the stomach had been rising and lowering very slightly.

Ofc. Lehman had no other relevant information and the interview concluded.

Dispatch-Related Information

911 Call to Findlay Police Department Dispatch:

Findlay Police Department (FPD) dispatch received a 911 phone call at 1347 hours from a suspected elderly male subject who indicated there had been a shooting at 1642 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH. The male said, "Get somebody out here quick." Dispatch repeated, "1649 Cherry Lane, and the male responded, "1642." Dispatch asked, "There had been a shooting and asked what happened?" The male responded, "Hurry." Dispatch asked again, "Why has there had been a shooting, can you tell me what happened?" There is a pause, then the male responded, "There, quick and police, quick." Dispatch again asked, "What happened, who's been shot?" The male then hung up the phone. Dispatch attempted to call back, and the male caller did not answer the phone on two (2) attempted call backs. The actual duration of the 911 call lasted thirty-four (34) seconds. The phone number associated with the 911 call was (419) 379-5784 which was associated with Robert Norton.

Radio Traffic Recordings:

- **13:47:40**-FPD Units dispatched to 1642 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH in reference to a possible shooting/shooting in progress.
- **13:48:29**-Dispatch advised male caller, disconnected, no answer on call back.
- **13:49:45**-Dispatch advised address showing 1649 Cherry Lane (Correct Address was 1642 Cherry Lane).
- **13:50:18**-Responding Units requested HANCO EMS to stage, due to nature of the call.
- **13:51:17**-Dispatch to responding units, phone number showing to a 71-year-old
- **13:51:18**-Officer [REDACTED] and Ofc. Nicholas Huber (Huber) on scene going to 1649 Cherry Lane before 1642 Cherry Lane.
- **13:51:56** [REDACTED] contacted female at 1649 Cherry Lane, no issues, did not report a shooting incident.
- **13:52:05** [REDACTED] started towards 1642 Cherry Lane with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who was just arriving on scene at 1642 Cherry Lane.
- **13:52:06** [REDACTED] on scene at 1642 Cherry Lane.
- **13:52:27**-Ofc. Huber first radio to dispatch "shots fired, shots fired."

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- **14:00:04**-Ofc. Eric Lehman (Lehman) first officer to enter house, moved firearm away from Robert Norton (Robert), started rendering aide, once residence was cleared by other officers, advised medics to enter scene.

Video Recordings

The following information is only a summary of Body Worn Camera (BWC) reviews which were provided by Findlay Police Department.

BWC Review:



(Image #12, snippet above from [REDACTED]'s BWC, glass screen door slightly opened with black muzzle protruding and pointing towards [REDACTED])

- **13:52:20**, Front glass screen door slightly opened, muzzle of a gun protruded slightly opened glass screen door pointing at [REDACTED].

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(Image #13, snippet above from [REDACTED]'s BWC, backing away from front glass screen door with black muzzle still protruding the door threshold, [REDACTED] starts to discharge his duty weapon)

- 13:52:22, [REDACTED] backed away from glass screen door yelling, "whoa, gun, gun, gun," first (1st) of four (4) rounds discharged from [REDACTED]'s office issued duty weapon (Glock Model 21, GEN 4, .45cal) towards Robert's direction.

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BWC Review:



(Image #13, snippet above from [REDACTED]'s BWC, [REDACTED] (firearm unholstered) approaching front glass screen door through landscaping. [REDACTED] approached from curved sidewalk behind [REDACTED])

- 13:52:18, [REDACTED] (firearm unholstered) approached front glass screen door through landscaping at 1642 Cheery Lane. [REDACTED] approached on the curved sidewalk behind [REDACTED].

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(Image #14, snippet above from [REDACTED]'s BWC, [REDACTED] initially noticed the front glass screen door start to partially open with black muzzle of a firearm protruding.)

- 13:52:21, [REDACTED]'s BWC, [REDACTED] initially noticed the front glass screen door opening with black muzzle protruding.

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(Image #15, snippet above from [REDACTED] s BWC, [REDACTED] unholstered his firearm, pointing towards Robert who presented an active threat towards [REDACTED])

- 15:52:21, [REDACTED] unholstered his firearm, [REDACTED] pointed his duty weapon towards Robert's direction, who presented an active threat towards [REDACTED] due to having a black firearm in Robert's right hand.

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(Image #16, snippet above from [REDACTED]'s BWC, [REDACTED] discharged first (1st) of three (3) total rounds from [REDACTED]'s issued duty weapon (Glock Model 45 .9mm) towards Robert. The circle indicates the weapon in Robert's right hand and the arrow, pointed where the first (1st) round discharged from [REDACTED]'s duty weapon, struck and penetrated the front glass screen door at 1642 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH)

- 13:52:22, [REDACTED] discharged his first (1st) of three (3) total rounds from his office issued duty weapon (Glock Model 45 .9mm) towards Robert.

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(Image #17, snippet above from [REDACTED]'s BWC, Robert falling to the floor just inside the front glass screen door after [REDACTED] discharged three (3) rounds from his duty weapon.)

- 13:52:23, Robert fell to the floor just inside the glass screen door after [REDACTED] discharged three (3) rounds from [REDACTED]'s issued duty weapon.

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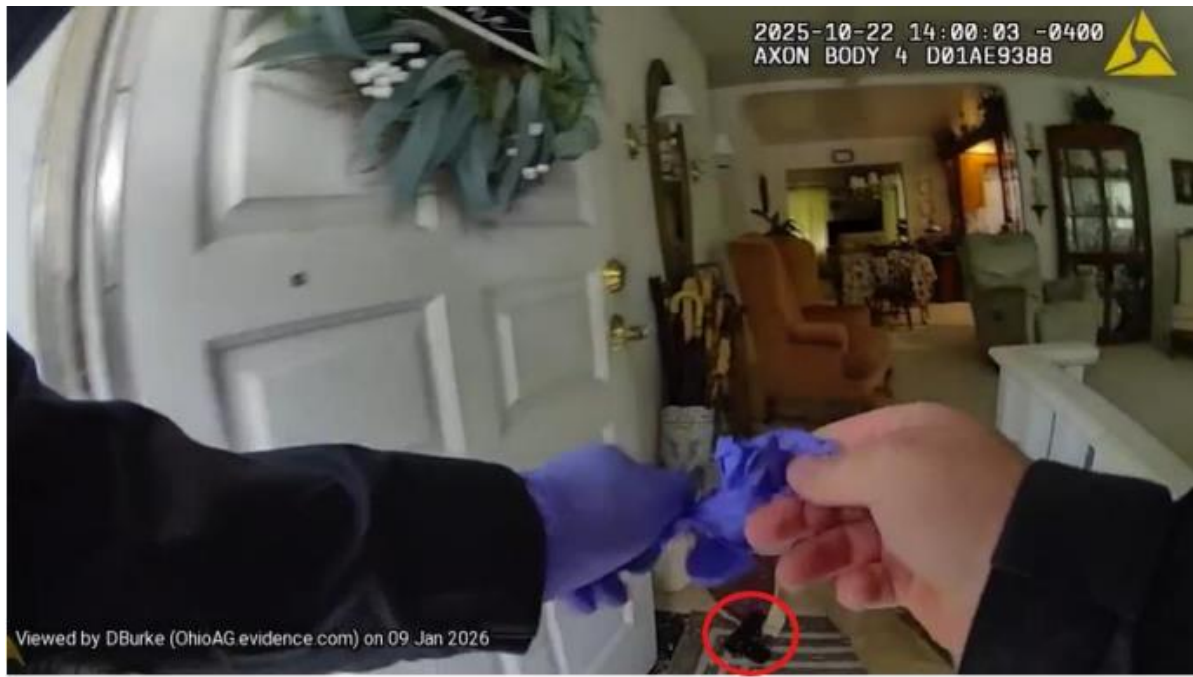


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Ofc. Lehman BWC Review:



(Image #18, snippet above from Ofc. Lehman BWC, entering front glass screen door with black firearm lying next to Robert's right hand on the ground)

- **14:00:03**, Ofc. Lehman entered front glass screen door, noticed black firearm lying on floor next to Robert's right hand.

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(Image #19, snippet above from Ofc. Lehman's BWC, picked up and removed black firearm away from Robert, put onto a chair)

- **14:00:04**, Ofc. Lehman reached down to pick up black firearm up lying next to Robert's right hand and placed it on a chair away from Robert.

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Conclusion

On Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 13:47 hours, Findlay Police Department (FPD) dispatch received a 911 phone call from a male subject who indicated there had been a shooting at 1642 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH. The male said, "Get somebody out here quick." Dispatch repeated, "1649 Cherry Lane, and the male responded, "1642." Dispatch asked, "There had been a shooting and asked what happened?" The male responded, "Hurry." Dispatch asked again, "Why has there had been a shooting? Can you tell me what happened?" There is a pause, then the male responded, "There, quick and police, quick." Dispatch again asked, "What happened? Who's been shot?" The male then hung up the phone and never answered the phone on two (2) separate callbacks from FPD Dispatch.

FPD [REDACTED] Ofc. Nick Huber (Huber), and [REDACTED] had been dispatched to this area with [REDACTED] and Ofc. Huber arrived first (1st) and checked 1649 Cherry Lane initially due to the 911 call pinging from that house. [REDACTED] contacted a female at the house (1649 Cherry Lane) finding everything to be fine. At that moment, [REDACTED] had arrived and parked his marked FPD Cruiser with his emergency lights still activated in front of the house at 1642 Cherry Lane.

[REDACTED] exited his cruiser and briefly conversed with [REDACTED], both indicating that 1642 Cherry Lane needed to be checked. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] noted that the main door to the house at 1642 Cherry Lane had been open with the front glass screen door being closed. The front glass screen door had been a clear pane of glass which prevented any obstructions from seeing inside.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] jogged up the asphalt driveway of 1642 Cherry Lane towards the front glass screen door. A curved sidewalk to the west of the driveway, [REDACTED] had taken the sidewalk, through the flowerbed (landscaping), stepped onto the open-covered porch at an angle to the right of the front glass screen door. Upon stepping onto the porch, the front glass screen door slightly opened, and the muzzle of a black firearm poked out and pointed right at [REDACTED]'s chest. Approximately five (5) feet away, [REDACTED] yelled, "**whoa, gun, gun, gun,**" backed up, and fired four (4) shots towards the area where the individual (Robert) would have been until [REDACTED] was able to gain cover.

[REDACTED] took the curved sidewalk to the point to where [REDACTED] was straight on from the front glass screen door. [REDACTED] stated that he observed the right shoulder and leg of Robert standing in the door. [REDACTED] also noted that Robert's right elbow was bent almost ninety (90) degrees and tucked into his

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chest/abdomen. The door partially opened and he heard [REDACTED] yell, “**gun, gun, gun**” and [REDACTED] discharged his duty weapon towards the front glass screen door.

Robert then turned and pointed the black handgun Robert had in his right hand directly towards [REDACTED]. Approximately fifteen (15) to twenty (20) feet away, [REDACTED] unholstered, drew his duty weapon, and fired approximately three (3) rounds, while backing up to his left, towards the front glass screen door where Robert had been standing just inside the door. The glass in the front screen door shattered and [REDACTED] observed Robert fall to the ground inside the front glass screen door. Furthermore, the black handgun had later been found to be a **Daisy PHANTOM BB/Pellet Handgun** which resembled a realistic looking, compact, composite style handgun with an accessory rail under the barrel.

Ofc. Huber had made it to [REDACTED]'s location (southeast corner of the house) right after [REDACTED] discharged his firearm. Ofc. Huber said he had only heard the gunfire from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Ofc. Huber, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] had radioed to dispatch that shots had been fired. It had been decided amongst the on-scene officers, rather than approach the house, they were going to wait for other officers to arrive before anyone approached the house.

Once numerous other FPD officers arrived, two (2) shield teams, one(1) from the southwest corner and one (1) from the southeast corner of 1642 Cherry Lane were established to approach the front glass screen door of the house. The front glass screen door was now broken, due to being struck by gunfire. The shield team, which approached from the southwest part of the house, moved close to the front glass screen door and [REDACTED] noticed Robert lying on the floor with a black handgun lying next to him.

FPD officers approached the broken front glass screen door and finished breaking the glass out of the door. Ofc. Lehman had been the first (1st) officer to open the screen door and enter the house, as the rest of the FPD officers entered the house and conducted a protective sweep to deem the house safe from any other subjects or victim(s). With rubber gloves on, Ofc. Lehman had picked up the black handgun and placed it onto a chair inside the house away from Robert. Ofc. Lehman stayed with Robert, did a quick assessment of Robert noticing three (3) gunshot wounds to Robert's, lower chest, abdomen, and groin. Ofc. Lehman continued to render life saving measures which included CPR to Robert, until Findlay Fire Department Members and HANCO EMS Members entered the scene and took over medical assistance.

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Shortly thereafter, Robert had been transported to Blanchard Valley Medical Center (BVMC) by HANCO EMS Squad where Robert succumbed to his gunshot wounds.

While processing the crime scene CSSA Hammond and CST Miller, located a suspected suicide note from Robert on the kitchen countertop. The firearm/handgun found to be in Robert's possession at the time of the OICI was found to be a black ***Daisy PHANTOM BB/Pellet Handgun*** of ***24A073129***.

SA Burke had numerous conversations with Robert's daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Scott Corbin. It had been learned Robert's wife, Virginia Norton (Virginia) had recently passed away on October 1, 2025, and had been having a very difficult time with her passing and had dealt with depression. Robert and Virginia had been together for seventy (70) years. On October 13, 2025, Robert attempted suicide by cutting his wrist, electrocution, and asphyxiation in Holland, Michigan, where Robert had been staying.

Due to Robert's gunshot wounds, Robert never made any comments in the presence of any officers or medical personnel during medical treatment. Furthermore, Robert never made any comments towards the responding FPD officers when they encountered Robert.

With the information (three suicide attempts) and evidence gathered (suicide note left in the house) during this investigation, it was apparent Robert was struggling with the very recent loss of his wife, Virginia, and was likely suicidal.

Contact Information

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