



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



2026-0240
 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4800 Duvall Rd., Lot
 303, Ashville, OH 43103 (L)

Investigative Activity: Typed Statement Received
Involves: [REDACTED]
Activity Date: 02/19/2026
Authoring Agent: SA Joshua Welty, #173

Narrative:

On Thursday, February 19, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joshua Welty (SA Welty) received a typed statement by email from Attorney Jess Franken (Franken) on behalf of [REDACTED]. Prior to receiving the statement, SA Welty was made aware by Attorney Franken they would provide a statement and entertain written follow-up questions.

Preliminary and Demographic Information:

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| Name: [REDACTED] | Rank: [REDACTED]) |
| Badge Number: [REDACTED] | Cruiser/Vehicle Number: Unknown |
| Radio Call Sign: [REDACTED] | Immediate Supervisor: Captain Andrews |
| Radio Channel Utilized: Pickaway County | Mobile Data Terminal: Present |
| Cruiser Description: Black Ford SUV with Sheriff markings | Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions: [REDACTED] (Driver) |
| Assignment: Road Patrol | Normal Shift: [REDACTED] |
| In-Car Camera: Not Present | Spotlight: Present |
| Emergency Lights: Present & Utilized | Siren: Present & Utilized |
| Shift Day of Incident: Unknown | Duty Status: On-Duty |
| Days Off: [REDACTED] | Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: None |
| Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: 7 | Consider Self Well Rested?: Yes |
| Total Length as Officer: Started service as a peace officer on [REDACTED] | Length at Current Agency: Started with Pickaway County S.O. on [REDACTED] |
| Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid): None | Corrective Lenses: No Corrective Lenses |
| Uniform Worn: Pickaway County Sheriff's Office uniform with patches and a badge | Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest: Mace, flashlight, handcuffs, radio, taser |
| Ballistic Vest: External Armor | Body Worn Camera: Present & Used |
| Other Recording Devices: None | Partner: None |

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| Injuries: Unknown | Equipment Damage: Unknown |
| Training or Areas of Specialty: EMT-B, Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), Basic SWAT | OPOTC Certification: Columbus Police Academy [REDACTED]: Certificate date of [REDACTED] |
| Military Experience/Training: None | Use-of-Force Training: January 2025 |
| Prior Shooting Incidents: None | Prior Discipline for Use-of-Force Complaints: None |
| Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident: None | Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview: N/A |
| Alcohol in Past 24 Hours? None | Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident: N/A |

Deputy's Uniform:



(Figure 1-4: [REDACTED]'s uniform during the OICI. (HVR_0001 - HVR_0004.JPG))

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Deputy's Firearm:

Weapon #1 (Figure 5)

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| Make: Glock | Model: 19 |
| Caliber/Gauge: 9 mm | Serial: [REDACTED] |
| Type: Semi-Auto Handgun | Method of Carry: Duty belt |
| Magazine Capacity: 17 | Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 18 |
| Extra Magazines: 2 | Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: - Magazine 1: 3 Magazine 2: 17 |
| Discharged During Incident? Yes | Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary |
| Rounds Remaining After Incident: 18 | Number of Rounds Fired: 14 (estimated) |
| Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed | Ownership: Department Owned |
| Last Qualification Date: 06/24/2025 | Type of Holster, if any: Retention |



(Figure 5: [REDACTED]'s service weapon discharged during the OICI. (AMG_4363.JPG))

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Typed Statement:

██████████ was dispatched to 4800 Duvall Road, Lot 303, Ashville, Ohio, for a rape in progress.

"While on route to the call, Pickaway County 9-1-1 dispatched advised that the suspect was locked out of the trailer and is attempting to break back into the trailer. Dispatch then advised that the suspect was armed and that he had fired round. I arrived on scene a short time later."

"As I was approaching the trailer I observed two Ashville Police Officers posted up near the southwest side of the trailer using tress as cover and had a male white suspect at gun point. The suspect was standing on the west side of the trailer on the porch with a phone in his left hand and a silver and black handgun in his right hand down at his side. I approached the south side of the trailer and used the one and two side of the trailer as cover."

"From cover, ██████████ and myself attempted to make a connection with the suspect, but all we got was his name, it was either Jace or Chace. ██████████ and myself gave several commands to the suspect to drop the gun, while still trying to get him to talk with us. Despite the multiple commands to drop his weapon, the suspect did not comply. During the interaction with the suspect, he was texting someone on his phone. At one point when ██████████ told him to drop the gun, the suspect asked if he was allowed to shoot himself and when ██████████ told him no and to just drop the gun he asked if he (law enforcement) could shoot him in the head. The suspect then called someone and I don't know if they answered the call or it went to voice mail, but the suspect said something along the lines of, 'I don't know if you say my texts, but I just raped the nanny.'"

"I have had prior calls for service at this trailer that did not involve this suspect, but I knew there was a back door, so I radioed for someone to attempt to get the victim and the children out of the trailer using the back door. While I have responded to calls for service at this trailer, I have not had any interactions with the suspect prior to this incident."

"Around that time Sheriff M. Hafey arrived on scene and was with me at the one and two side of the trailer. A short time later a male while ran onto scene claiming to be the suspects brother and Sheriff Hafey left to stop him. I once again commanded the suspect to drop the gun, but he did not comply. The suspect then raised and aimed the handgun in the direction of where ██████████ and myself were standing and fired at least one shot. I was in fear for my life and the lives of everyone around me. I fired

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several shots, striking the suspect several times, continuing to shoot until the threat was stopped. As a law enforcement officer, I am trained to shoot until the threat is neutralized."

"I used lethal force because I do not believe that there was any less lethal force that I could have used that would be effective in stopping the immediate and direct threat that the suspect posed to myself and others by his actions in point and firing his gun towards myself and [REDACTED]. My actions in firing my firearm, as described above, was consistent with my training and experience as a law enforcement officer."

"Immediately following the shooting [REDACTED] and myself along with other Officers approached the suspect. As I was approaching, I observed the black and silver handgun on the ground near the porch along with another handgun on the porch."

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all information contained in the written statement. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information. It is suggested that the full written statement be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information.

The typed statement was attached to this report. Please see the attachment and references (Evidence.com) for further details.

References:

Reference Item C: Scene 2- Involved Officers (Evidence.com)

Reference Item C: Scene 1- 4800 Duvall Rd Lot 303 (Evidence.com)

Attachments:

Attachment # 1: [REDACTED] Statement to BCI - OIS.012026

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Statement of [REDACTED] Pickaway County Sheriff's Office
Regarding Incident on January 20, 2026

I. Background:

I began my full-time employment with the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy on [REDACTED]. I completed my Basic Police Officer Training at the Columbus Police Academy, I graduated on [REDACTED]. After graduating from the Academy I completed four months with the Columbus Police Department prior to starting at the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office.

I graduated from high school in [REDACTED] from the Ohio Virtual Academy. I am also a certified EMT-B. I have no prior military experience.

My current supervisor is Captain Tracy Andrews. My regularly assigned work hours are from [REDACTED]. My regularly assigned workdays are [REDACTED], and my days off are [REDACTED]. On the day of the incident, I was working overtime on my day off. The day prior was [REDACTED]. I was well rested on the day of the incident having slept at least 7 hours the night before.

I do not wear prescription eyeglasses, contacts, or hearing aids. I am under no physical disability. I take no prescription medications. I was not under the influence of alcohol or drugs, prescription or otherwise, on the date of the incident.

As a law enforcement officer, I have never received any discipline related to use of force. I have never been the subject of any Internal Affairs investigation related to use of force. In my law enforcement career, I have never before used lethal force prior to this incident. There have been some instances where I have used less than lethal force, all such instances were reviewed and cleared without issue.

I am familiar with the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office Use of Force Policies, as I receive monthly Lexipol trainings. I am up to date and compliant with the monthly Lexipol trainings.

On the date of the incident, I used a Glock 19 9mm, issued to me by the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office, with a Streamlight TLR-1 gun light attachment on this firearm. I carry three (3) magazines for this weapon, each consisting of seventeen (17) rounds of ammunition. I keep one (1) round of ammunition in the chamber of the weapon. I last qualified for this weapon on November 11th, 2025.

On my duty belt, I carry the following: a department issued holster on my right hip for my sidearm with a personal tourniquet holster and issued tourniquet. On my back right hip I carry a department issued glove pouch. On my left front I carry a mace holster with department issued Sabre Red mace. On my left hip I carry a double magazine holster with two Glock 17 magazines. On the left back I carry my department issued Streamlight Stinger DS LED HL flashlight.

On my department issued external outer carrier I carry on the right side a handcuff holster with handcuffs and a department issued radio. On the left side I carry my department issued Taser 7 with holster and Axon BWC mount with department issued Axon Body Worn Camera.

On the date of the incident, I was dressed in my prescribed regular Pickaway County Sheriff's Office uniform: Department issued pants, jacket with patches, boots, and a black beanie with "Sheriff" in yellow letters, an external outer carrier with badge as well as my duty belt.

I was wearing my body camera in accordance with Pickaway County Sheriff's Office Policy. My body camera, both audio and video, was working during the incident. I carried no personal recording device.

On the date of the incident I was driving my department cruiser, cruiser number [REDACTED]. There are no in dash cameras in Pickaway County Cruisers. I activated my BWC as I began to respond to the initial call.

II. Incident Narrative:

On 01-20-2026 at approximately 14:54 hours I [REDACTED] while wearing the uniform of the day was dispatched from 600 Island Road Circleville Ohio, 43113, to 4800 Duvall Road, Lot 303 Ashville, Ohio 43103, for a Rape in Progress. While on route to the call, Pickaway County 9-1-1

dispatched advised that the suspect was locked out of the trailer and is attempting to break back into the trailer. Dispatch then advised that the suspect was armed and that he had fired off rounds. I arrived on scene a short time later.

As I was approaching the trailer I observed two Ashville Police Officers posted up near the southwest side of the trailer using trees as cover and had a male white suspect at gun point. The suspect was standing on the west side of the trailer on the porch with a phone in his left hand and a silver and black handgun in his right hand down at his side. I approached the south side of the trailer and used the one and two side of the trailer as cover.

From cover, [REDACTED] and myself attempted to make a connection with the suspect, but all we got was his name, it was either Jace or Chace. [REDACTED] and myself gave several commands to the suspect to drop the gun, while still trying to get him to talk with us. Despite the multiple commands to drop his weapon, the suspect did not comply. During the interaction with the suspect, he was texting someone on his phone. At one point when [REDACTED] told him to drop the gun, the suspect asked if he was allowed to shoot himself and when [REDACTED] told him no and to just drop the gun he asked if we (law enforcement) could shoot him in the head. The suspect then called someone and I don't know if they answered the call or it went to voice mail, but the suspect said something along the lines of, "I don't know if you saw my texts, but I just raped [REDACTED]"

I have had prior calls for service at this trailer that did not involve this suspect, but I knew there was a back door, so I radioed for someone to attempt to get the victim and the children out of the trailer using the back door. While I have responded to calls for service at this trailer, I have not had any interactions with the suspect prior to this incident.

Around that time Sheriff M. Hafey arrived on scene and was with me at the one and two side of the trailer. A short time later a male white ran onto scene claiming to be the suspects brother and Sheriff Hafey left to stop him. I once again commanded the suspect to drop the gun, but he did not comply. The suspect then raised and aimed the handgun in the direction of where [REDACTED] and myself were standing and fired at least one shot. I was in fear for my life and the lives of

everyone around me. I fired several shots, striking the suspect several times, continuing to shoot until the threat was stopped. As a law enforcement officer, I am trained to shoot until the threat is neutralized.

I used lethal force because I do not believe that there was any less lethal force that I could have used that would be effective in stopping the immediate and direct threat that the suspect posed to myself and others by his actions in point and firing his gun towards myself and [REDACTED]. My action in firing my firearm, as described above, was consistent with my training and experience as a law enforcement officer.

Immediately following the shooting [REDACTED] and myself along with other Officers approached the suspect. As I was approaching, I observed the black and silver handgun on the ground near the porch along with another handgun on the porch. I then rolled the suspect over onto his stomach and then placed handcuffs on him and then rolled him back over. At that time, I did not observe any exit wounds and several gunshot wounds to his upper torso. Someone had retrieved a med pack and was going to place chest seals on the suspect. At that time it did not appear that the suspect was breathing and I instructed them to go straight into CPR. Before CPR started, medics from the Harrison Fire Department arrived on scene and started to render aid.

Following the shooting I started to help other Deputies to clear the residence but was instructed to wait outside. I then retrieved a gun shield from my cruiser to give it to another Deputy but by that time the residence was secured. I then moved my cruiser from the street out in front of the trailer and parked it in the side yard of another trailer so the medics could leave. After medics left the scene, I waited in Detective Dauberman's unmarked cruiser until Union Representative, Sergeant Jarrid Daily, arrived on scene.

While waiting, Detective Oberly initially took my firearm and replaced it with his own. Someone had told him not to do so, so he gave it back to me. Sometime later, Captain Strawser came and took my weapon while I was still on scene in Sergeant Daily's cruiser. I stayed in Sergeant Daily's cruiser until we made the plan to meet with BCI at the Ashville Police Department. At that time, Sergeant Daily drove me to the Ashville Police Department where BCI took photographs of me.

My statement is made from the best of my recollection as to the incident on January 20, 2026. On January 28, 2026, I reviewed my body worn camera footage of the incident. Prior to watching my body worn camera, I believed I shot 14 rounds. After watching the footage, I believe I fired 14 rounds.

Respectfully Submitted,



Pickaway County Sheriff's Deputy

Date