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 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 371 SR 180, Chillicothe,
 OH 45601 (L)

Investigative Activity: Officer Involved Interview
Involves: [REDACTED]
Activity Date: 10/26/2025
Authoring Agent: SA James Poole

Narrative:

On Friday, November 21, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) received a typed statement from attorney, Kelsey Boulay, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The statement was given by [REDACTED]

This report is the only statement given to BCI and only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the typed statement. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the statement and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the fully typed statement be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

[REDACTED] Statement:

On the date of this incident, at approximately 1506 hrs, myself as well as [REDACTED] were dispatched to a lot that ANS Towing uses to store wrecked or disabled vehicles that they have towed. This lot is in the area of the 400 block of Ohio State Route 180. The nature of the call was for a fight that had taken place between persons at that location [REDACTED] and myself were both completing reports on the Patrol Division substation at 4447 Ohio State Route 159. [REDACTED] and myself then returned to our respective patrol vehicles to respond to this call for service. A fight in which no weapons are involved typically receives a standard response, that is to say neither emergency lights nor sirens were used during the response. The distance to

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the call was short, less than three miles from the substation. [REDACTED] and I arrived on scene at approximately the same time, around 1510 hrs.

Before exiting my patrol vehicle I activated my Motorola body worn camera, as is standard procedure for all calls for service. Upon exiting my vehicle I observed two groups of people arguing with each other [REDACTED] and myself ordered the two groups to separate to speak with us and in an attempt to deescalate the situation [REDACTED] then began speaking with the larger group of individuals (Group 1), the exact number of which I do not know. I began speaking with the smaller group consisting of three people, two adult females and one adult male (Group 2). It is standard procedure for Deputies to speak with two opposing sides of an event separately and then meet to discuss how to proceed in handling the call for service.

A female in Group 2 advised me that the altercation that had occurred was over a property dispute and possible trespass. This female stated that Group 2 lived on the property on which I was speaking to them and that Group 1 had pulled into Group 2's driveway to deal with ANS Towing, who had just towed a wrecked vehicle owned by Group 1 to ANS' lot. This female further advised that this has been an ongoing issue with people coming onto their property to meet with ANS Towing and that despite repeated complaints, this activity continued. The female continued, stating that a verbal argument started over this issue between her son (the male in Group 2), her husband who had returned to their residence, and two male subjects in Group 1. The female then stated that at some point the verbal altercation became physical and a mutual fist fight had ensued. I did observe that at least one of the male subjects in Group 1 had an injury to

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What seemed to be several minutes went by without the arrival of the male who I had requested to speak to, nor the female who had went to get him. Generally, in my experience, if there is a longer than normal delay in an individual coming to speak with me when requested, that indicates to me that this individual may not wish to speak with me. After another short wait, I was approached by the original female from Group 2 that I had been speaking with. This female advised that the male I had requested to speak to, did not wish to return to the area where the altercation had taken place, and instead requested that I walk back to his residence to speak with him. I advised this female that I would walk back to speak with the male subject but I first needed to confer with [REDACTED] to see what he had been told by Group 1.

Upon meeting with [REDACTED] I advised him of what Group 2 had told me. This, more or less, was that there was a verbal altercation that had escalated to a mutual fist fight over Group

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I being on Group 2's property. [REDACTED] then advised me that Group 1 had recorded video footage of the incident. [REDACTED] said that the video footage showed that there was no fight, but that during the verbal argument, the male who I was about to speak with had "just started punching people" or words to that effect. Were this to be the case, that information could change the nature of this call for service from a fight to an assault. I advised [REDACTED] that I had not spoken with the male, who from now on in this statement be referred to as the suspect. [REDACTED] and I then went to speak with the suspect.

[REDACTED] and I made contact with the suspect at the edge of his fenced in front yard. There were two small dogs and one medium sized dog that began barking at our arrival. The suspect asked his wife, the original female I had spoken to, to take the dogs into the residence. The female attempted but was unable to corral the dogs into the house, so they remained running free inside the fence. [REDACTED] and I remained on the outside of the fenced area, toward OH-180 while the suspect remained on the inside, just across the fence from us. I observed no visible injuries to the suspect from the previous altercation. [REDACTED] then initiated contact with the suspect. [REDACTED] requested ID from the suspect, who complied with this request.

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After having Dispatch run the suspect for wants and warrants by his driver's license number, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] asked him his version of events.

The suspect then stated the same reasons for the argument as Group 2 had, that is to say, the argument had stemmed from Group 1 pulling into the driveway on Group 2's, as well as the suspect's property. [REDACTED] asked the suspect if there were any threats made during this argument that caused the suspect to fear for his safety. The suspect stated that there were not.

[REDACTED] then asked the suspect what had caused him to start punching people. The suspect stated that, while he was in an argument with one of the males from Group 1, another male began to "flank" him, and so he punched the male that was in front of him. After punching the first male, the other male subject from Group 1 tackled the suspect to the ground. The suspect stated "that should be on the video" or words to that effect, to which [REDACTED] replied, "That happened after you started punching people" or words to that effect.

At this point [REDACTED] asked if he could step into the fenced front yard with the suspect. The suspect replied "No." At this point there was probable cause based on the statements from Group 1, the injuries to the male in Group 1, the admission of the suspect and the video footage, to place the suspect under arrest for assault. [REDACTED] advised the suspect that he was under arrest and the suspect stated "That ain't happening today" and then turned to flee toward the residence.

Allowing the suspect to flee into the residence carries inherent risk. If [REDACTED] and I allowed the suspect to get into the residence, the suspect could have retrieved a weapon, or barricaded himself inside the residence. With these risks in mind, [REDACTED] and I both drew and deployed our issued Taser 7s in an effort to stop the subject from fleeing a lawful arrest.

Each Taser 7 contains two cartridges. Each cartridge contains two probes. I fired both of my



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[REDACTED] was running toward the residence, however I was moving at a walking pace, attempting to keep the three aforementioned dogs in my field of view as they were unleashed and running freely in the fenced area. I was doing this as I have personal experience of being attacked by a dog in the line of duty. That attack caused a substantial laceration on my leg and required medical treatment in the ER. While I was watching these dogs the female that I first spoke with, the suspect's wife, stated "don't shoot my dogs." to which I responded "If they come at us we'll have to handle them" or words to that effect.

After this exchange of words I heard a loud yell. I am unsure at this time who yelled, or what they said. After hearing this yell I looked toward the front door of the residence. I observed the suspect, who had already made it back inside the home, opening the front screen door of the residence and standing in the threshold of the doorway. I saw in the suspect's hands what appeared to be a long firearm, meaning either a rifle or a shotgun. The suspect then brought the weapon to bear in the direction of myself and [REDACTED]. This created an imminent deadly threat of serious bodily harm or death to myself [REDACTED] and all other persons in the vicinity. At some point during this time I drew my service weapon. Due to the risk of imminent deadly harm to all parties on scene, there was no time to issue verbal commands to the suspect. Attempting verbal commands at this point in time would have created greater risk to myself, [REDACTED]



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At this point I moved forward to the left of [REDACTED] and I asked if the other had been struck by gunfire and each in turn confirmed that neither of us had. By this time Deputy Weaver had ran to our position. The suspect's wife, obviously distraught, was screaming. [REDACTED] then said "somebody get her cuffed" and Deputy Weaver handcuffed the suspect's wife. I then called out to the suspect several times saying phrases like "Do not move" and "If you touch that gun you're going to get shot again" or words to that effect, but received no response. I



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then took point, meaning I took the lead position, with [REDACTED] slightly behind me and to my right. Deputy Weaver was then behind and slightly to the right of [REDACTED]. I then began a slow approach toward the residence, observing that the screen door had closed behind the suspect when he fell. There was also what appeared to be a small deck in the front of the residence with steps leading up to the screen door. Around this time dispatch marked and asked if we needed a "29" (ambulance) dispatched. [REDACTED] replied "yes please." I then marked on the radio "stage them" as the scene was not yet secure.

Once I was about five yards from the screen door, which was made entirely of a metal mesh, I could observe the suspect lying on his side. I called out again saying "do not move." [REDACTED] then called out "can you hear us" but again we received no response. I then asked Deputy Weaver if he could see the gun from his position. Deputy Weaver stated that he could not. I then said to Deputy Weaver "turn your flashlight on and see if you can see the gun" or words to that effect. Deputy Weaver moved to the right of my position and stated that he could see the firearm but that it was pointed to where he was standing and he moved back behind [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] then said "I have a shield in my car. We're going to hold here." Knowing that any sort of shotgun or rifle would have the handguns that myself and the other Deputies were armed with completely outmatched, I did not want to sacrifice an extra firearm if the suspect began shooting again while one of the other Deputies attempted to retrieve a shield. With this in mind I asked Deputy Weaver if he could see if the suspect's hand was on the firearm. Deputy Weaver returned to his position to the right of me and stated that "It does not look like he's touching the gun" or words to that effect.

At this time I heard what appeared to be almost a snoring sound come from the suspect. Through my experience with severely injured persons I knew this to mean that the suspect was



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likely incapacitated. I said "He's down hard" and proceeded to move toward the front of the residence. [REDACTED] paused to put on nomex gloves to render aid to the suspect. I then said "If you're gloved up, holster, let Weaver take your place and get behind us" or words to that effect. Once Deputy Weaver was stacked on me we approached the screen door, I opened it, and I retrieved the firearm, which appeared to be similar to an AR-15 type weapon. Once this firearm had been removed, Deputy Weaver said "I don't see any other firearms." [REDACTED] then moved into the residence and began attempting lifesaving measures on the suspect, who was unresponsive.

[REDACTED] said "somebody get me an IFAK (individual first aid kit)" and Deputy Weaver ran to his patrol vehicle to get an IFAK. Around this time someone also marked on the radio to "send the 29 (ambulance) in" or words to that effect. I asked if [REDACTED] observed any wounds to limbs stating "I have a TQ (tourniquet)" [REDACTED] asked if I had a pocket knife. I did and I gave said knife to [REDACTED] then began cutting the T-shirt off of the suspect to attempt to locate gunshot wounds. At this point I observed that the suspect was wearing jeans. Knowing that the pocket knife would not cut through the jeans, I returned to my patrol vehicle to get my trauma shears, which are designed specifically to cut through clothing. While en route to my vehicle I yelled "over a fucking assault charge" or something similar, as it is unconscionable to me that the suspect would attempt to end my life or [REDACTED] life over a misdemeanor charge.

Upon returning to [REDACTED] and the suspect, I began cutting the jeans off of the suspect in an attempt to locate wounds on his legs. I did not locate any wounds to the suspect's legs. I did observe a wound to the suspect's abdomen and another to his right arm. [REDACTED] was addressing these wounds. Around this time additional units from the Ross County Sheriff's



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Office, the Chillicothe Police Department, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol arrived on scene to assist. Additionally, EMS personnel from the Green Township Fire Department had arrived on scene and began taking over lifesaving measures. I exited the residence to give space to EMS personnel. [REDACTED] Deputy Weaver, and EMS personnel then loaded the suspect onto the EMS cot to be taken to the waiting ambulance and transported to the Adena Regional Medical Center. Around this time [REDACTED] and I were told to return to our respective vehicles, not to speak to each other, and to wait for further instructions. We did so and that concluded my involvement in this incident.

I drew and fired my weapon at another human being for the first time in my law enforcement career on 10/26/2025. I fired my weapon as the suspect gave me no other choice. All other options for taking the suspect into custody were removed from me when the suspect decided to fire a weapon at myself and [REDACTED]. I feared for my life, [REDACTED] life and the lives of the numerous innocent bystanders on scene during this event. I have never had contact with this suspect prior to this incident.

The typed statement is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

References:

N/A

Attachments:

[REDACTED] Statement

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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

My name is [REDACTED] I am presently employed by the Ross County Sheriff's Office, working in the [REDACTED] Division. I am voluntarily writing this statement as part of an ongoing BCI investigation into my involvement in an incident which occurred on 10/26/2025 at approximately 1524 hrs.

I attended, completed and received my Peace Officer Certificate from the OPOTA academy at Hocking College during the Spring semester [REDACTED] receiving said certificate in [REDACTED] I have been employed as a full time Deputy at the Ross County Sheriff's Office since [REDACTED] Additionally, I was employed by RCSO previously for approximately 18 months [REDACTED] I also have a further year of experience as a full time Police Officer at the City of Wellston, OH [REDACTED] Lastly, I [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Throughout my career at WPD, RCSO and the [REDACTED] I have had no use of force incidents which were found to have been out of policy.

I am currently assigned to the [REDACTED] My working days vary as the [REDACTED] of the RCSO works on a [REDACTED] schedule. This schedule is as follows [REDACTED]

On the date of this incident I was wearing the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association's Class A uniform. This uniform consists of a black shirt, gray pants, black vest and black boots. My status as a Ross County Deputy was displayed with "Deputy Sheriff" patches on the outside of both shoulders on my shirt, a badge on my left breast, and "SHERIFF" in large, yellow lettering on the back of my outer vest. I was carrying my issued Sig Sauer P320 chambered in 9mm. My

qualification with this weapon is current. I was not carrying a back up firearm on this date. I do not have a partner. I do not wear glasses or contacts, as I have 20/20 vision. I also have good hearing and do not need any form of hearing aid. I do not suffer from any disabilities and I was not taking any medications on this date that could have any impact on the performance of my duties. I had not consumed any alcohol within the preceding 24 hours of this incident. I was well rested.

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Before exiting my patrol vehicle I activated my Motorola body worn camera, as is standard procedure for all calls for service. Upon exiting my vehicle I observed two groups of people arguing with each other. [REDACTED] and myself ordered the two groups to separate to speak with us and in an attempt to deescalate the situation [REDACTED] then began speaking with the larger group of individuals (Group 1), the exact number of which I do not know. I began speaking with the smaller group consisting of three people, two adult females and one adult male

(Group 2). It is standard procedure for Deputies to speak with two opposing sides of an event separately and then meet to discuss how to proceed in handling the call for service.

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At this point I moved forward to the left of ██████████ and I asked if the other had been struck by gunfire and each in turn confirmed that neither of us had. By this time Deputy Weaver had ran to our position. The suspect's wife, obviously distraught, was screaming. ██████████ then said "somebody get her cuffed" and Deputy Weaver handcuffed the suspect's wife. I then called out to the suspect several times saying phrases like "Do not move" and "If you touch that gun you're going to get shot again" or words to that effect, but received no response. I

then took point, meaning I took the lead position, with [REDACTED] slightly behind me and to my right. Deputy Weaver was then behind and slightly to the right of [REDACTED]. I then began a slow approach toward the residence, observing that the screen door had closed behind the suspect when he fell. There was also what appeared to be a small deck in the front of the residence with steps leading up to the screen door. Around this time dispatch marked and asked if we needed a "29" (ambulance) dispatched. [REDACTED] replied "yes please." I then marked on the radio "stage them" as the scene was not yet secure.

Once I was about five yards from the screen door, which was made entirely of a metal mesh, I could observe the suspect lying on his side. I called out again saying "do not move." [REDACTED] then called out "can you hear us" but again we received no response. I then asked Deputy Weaver if he could see the gun from his position. Deputy Weaver stated that he could not. I then said to Deputy Weaver "turn your flashlight on and see if you can see the gun" or words to that effect. Deputy Weaver moved to the right of my position and stated that he could see the firearm but that it was pointed to where he was standing and he moved back behind [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] then said "I have a shield in my car. We're going to hold here." Knowing that any sort of shotgun or rifle would have the handguns that myself and the other Deputies were armed with completely outmatched, I did not want to sacrifice an extra firearm if the suspect began shooting again while one of the other Deputies attempted to retrieve a shield. With this in mind I asked Deputy Weaver if he could see if the suspect's hand was on the firearm. Deputy Weaver returned to his position to the right of me and stated that "It does not look like he's touching the gun" or words to that effect.

At this time I heard what appeared to be almost a snoring sound come from the suspect. Through my experience with severely injured persons I knew this to mean that the suspect was

likely incapacitated. I said "He's down hard" and proceeded to move toward the front of the residence. [REDACTED] paused to put on nomex gloves to render aid to the suspect. I then said "If you're gloved up, holster, let Weaver take your place and get behind us" or words to that effect. Once Deputy Weaver was stacked on me we approached the screen door, I opened it, and I retrieved the firearm, which appeared to be similar to an AR-15 type weapon. Once this firearm had been removed, Deputy Weaver said "I don't see any other firearms." [REDACTED] then moved into the residence and began attempting lifesaving measures on the suspect, who was unresponsive.

[REDACTED] said "somebody get me an IFAK (individual first aid kit)" and Deputy Weaver ran to his patrol vehicle to get an IFAK. Around this time someone also marked on the radio to "send the 29 (ambulance) in" or words to that effect. I asked if [REDACTED] observed any wounds to limbs stating "I have a TQ (tourniquet)" [REDACTED] asked if I had a pocket knife. I did and I gave said knife to [REDACTED] then began cutting the T-shirt off of the suspect to attempt to locate gunshot wounds. At this point I observed that the suspect was wearing jeans. Knowing that the pocket knife would not cut through the jeans, I returned to my patrol vehicle to get my trauma shears, which are designed specifically to cut through clothing. While en route to my vehicle I yelled "over a fucking assault charge" or something similar, as it is unconscionable to me that the suspect would attempt to end my life or [REDACTED] life over a misdemeanor charge.

Upon returning to [REDACTED] and the suspect, I began cutting the jeans off of the suspect in an attempt to locate wounds on his legs. I did not locate any wounds to the suspect's legs. I did observe a wound to the suspect's abdomen and another to his right arm [REDACTED] was addressing these wounds. Around this time additional units from the Ross County Sheriff's

Office, the Chillicothe Police Department, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol arrived on scene to assist. Additionally, EMS personnel from the Green Township Fire Department had arrived on scene and began taking over lifesaving measures. I exited the residence to give space to EMS personnel. [REDACTED] Deputy Weaver, and EMS personnel then loaded the suspect onto the EMS cot to be taken to the waiting ambulance and transported to the Adena Regional Medical Center. Around this time [REDACTED] and I were told to return to our respective vehicles, not to speak to each other, and to wait for further instructions. We did so and that concluded my involvement in this incident.

I drew and fired my weapon at another human being for the first time in my law enforcement career on 10/26/2025. I fired my weapon as the suspect gave me no other choice. All other options for taking the suspect into custody were removed from me when the suspect decided to fire a weapon at myself and [REDACTED]. I feared for my life, [REDACTED] life and the lives of the numerous innocent bystanders on scene during this event. I have never had contact with this suspect prior to this incident.

This concludes my statement. I will respond to any additional inquiries that are directed to me in writing.

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