



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



2025-3711

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1363 State Route 534
NW, Braceville Township, OH 44470, Trumbull County

Investigative Activity: Interview of Jason Brinker
Involves: Jason Brinker (W)
Activity Date: 11/14/2025
Activity Location: 1363 State Route 534 Northwest, Braceville Township,
OH 44470
Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Lamping #184

Narrative:

On Friday, November 14, 2025, at 2050 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) interviewed Jason Brinker (Jason), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Friday, November 14, 2025. The interview took place inside of the Trumbull County Emergency Management mobile command post which was at the scene. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this individual.

Jason reported that he and his wife, Tiffany Brinker, were traveling South bound on State Route 534 when they observed vehicles swerving. As Jason made his way closer to the location that the vehicles were swerving, he observed:

...a man in the middle of the road waving a gun around. I didn't realize it was a gun until we got right up by him and he was pointing it at our vehicle (0:34)

Jason explained that after the gun was pointed at him either he or his wife called 911 to report the incident. While they were on the phone with 911, Jason attempted to locate the male. He was able to observe the male sitting in a driveway on State Route 534. He recalled the following:

Uh, he sat down in the driveway and had the gun to his head, screaming and hollering. Um, then this other car pulled up a few minutes later, uh, Braceville Fire Department pulled up and at that time, he had shot off a couple rounds in the air screaming 'he can't take this anymore'. Uh, Braceville police got here along with two sheriffs, and they tried to deescalate the situation. Uh, he turned

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around and ran. They tased him when he turned and he fired back at them and then they fired on him and he hit the ground. (0:54)

SA Lamping asked Jason if he recalled the male subject firing any rounds towards the law enforcement officers that arrived on scene. Jason stated:

He, he had turned, he was hollering and screaming and had the gun to his head. And I, I would imagine in my situ... my mind, the officer took the opportunity to deescalate it and tased him. But the taser, he turned around and started shooting at the officers and so they, they fired back. (01:29)

SA Lamping asked Jason if he remembered anything specific that the male subject was yelling during the incident. Jason recalled the following:

'I can't take my life anymore. You don't understand. I mean, just a, a lot of mumble, we could hear him screaming, but, and when the cops got here, he just kept screaming at them to back up, back up, or I'll kill myself back up, I'll kill myself. (01:49)

Jason also explained that as soon as the male subject had been tased he swung the firearm around and pointed it directly at the law enforcement officers on scene.

The interview concluded at approximately 2053 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The recording was stored on Axon Justice as part of reference item D - Witness Interviews where it can be reviewed in its entirety.

References:

Reference Item D - Witness Interviews: 2025-11-14 - Interview of Jason Brinker;
stored on Axon Justice

Attachments:

None