



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



2025-3739

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4272 Cider Mill Drive,  
Cincinnati, OH 45245 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** [REDACTED] (O)  
**Activity Date:** 11/25/2025  
**Activity Location:** 4312 Glen-Este Withamsville Road, Cincinnati, OH 45245  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Lauren Frazier #129

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 1109 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Lauren Frazier (SA Frazier) and Kenneth Smith (SA Smith) interviewed Union Township Police Department (UTPD) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who was accompanied by his attorney, Steve Lazarus. The interview took place at the Union Township Police Department, located at 4312 Glen-Este Withamsville Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45245. The interview was audio recorded.

[REDACTED] was read the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form, which he signed and stated that he understood.

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

**Preliminary and Demographic Information:**

<b>Name:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Rank:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Badge Number:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Cruiser/Vehicle Number:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Radio Call Sign:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Immediate Supervisor:</b> Sgt. Shaw
<b>Radio Channel Utilized:</b> Union Twp.	<b>Mobile Data Terminal:</b> Present & Utilized
<b>Cruiser Description:</b> White Ford Explorer with blue police decals	<b>Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions:</b> [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] in back seat
<b>Assignment:</b> Float car	<b>Normal Shift:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>In-Car Camera:</b> Not Present	<b>Spotlight:</b> Present & Utilized

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<b>Emergency Lights:</b> Present & Utilized	<b>Siren:</b> Present & Utilized
<b>Shift Day of Incident:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Duty Status:</b> On-Duty
<b>Days Off:</b> Rotating	<b>Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours:</b> None
<b>Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident:</b> 7-9 hours	<b>Consider Self Well Rested?:</b> Yes
<b>Total Length as Officer:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Length at Current Agency:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid):</b> None	<b>Corrective Lenses:</b> No Corrective Lenses
<b>Uniform Worn:</b> Navy pants, navy shirt, black molle external vest, ball cap	<b>Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest:</b> taser, baton, [REDACTED]
<b>Ballistic Vest:</b> External Armor	<b>Body Worn Camera:</b> Present & Used
<b>Other Recording Devices:</b> None	<b>Partner:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Injuries:</b> None	<b>Equipment Damage:</b> None
<b>Training or Areas of Specialty:</b> Armorer, firearm instructor, CIT certified	<b>OPOTC Certification:</b> Current
<b>Military Experience/Training:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Use-of-Force Training:</b> Current
<b>Prior Shooting Incidents:</b> None	<b>Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints:</b> None
<b>Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident:</b> None	<b>Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview:</b> None
<b>Alcohol in Past 24 Hours?</b> No	<b>Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident:</b> N/A

**Officer's Firearm(s):**

Weapon #1

<b>Make:</b> Smith & Wesson	<b>Model:</b> M&P 15
<b>Caliber/Gauge:</b> 5.56 mm	<b>Serial:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Type:</b> Rifle	<b>Method of Carry:</b> Trunk
<b>Magazine Capacity:</b> 30 rounds	<b>Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber):</b> 28 rounds
<b>Extra Magazines:</b> One magazine on coupler	<b>Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines:</b> 28 rounds

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<b>Discharged During Incident?</b> Yes	<b>Primary or Backup Weapon:</b> Primary
<b>Rounds Remaining After Incident:</b> Unknown	<b>Number of Rounds Fired:</b> 3-5 rounds (6 rounds after watching BWC)
<b>Right/Left-Handed Carry:</b> Right-Handed	<b>Ownership:</b> Personally Owned
<b>Last Qualification Date:</b> Spring 2025	<b>Type of Holster, if any:</b> N/A

**Weapon #2**

<b>Make:</b> Smith & Wesson	<b>Model:</b> M&P 9, M2.0
<b>Caliber/Gauge:</b> 9 mm	<b>Serial:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Type:</b> Semi-Auto Handgun	<b>Method of Carry:</b> Holster on duty belt
<b>Magazine Capacity:</b> 17	<b>Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber):</b> 17 + 1
<b>Extra Magazines:</b> 2 additional	<b>Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines:</b> 17 rounds
<b>Discharged During Incident?</b> No	<b>Primary or Backup Weapon:</b> Backup
<b>Rounds Remaining After Incident:</b> Full capacity	<b>Number of Rounds Fired:</b> None
<b>Right/Left-Handed Carry:</b> Right-Handed	<b>Ownership:</b> Department Owned
<b>Last Qualification Date:</b> Spring 2025	<b>Type of Holster, if any:</b> Retention

**Narrative:**

On November 17, 2025, [REDACTED] stated that he was near Old State Route 74, when he heard a radio dispatch for a 911 hangup. As he was responding, he stated that more information was received advising that a female called and said that Tommy was going crazy and there was a gun involved. He said that he was told that the male subject would not let the female go and there was possibly a second female inside.

[REDACTED] stated that he arrived on scene within a few minutes. He said that he turned off his overhead lights prior to arriving and parked on Cider Mill Drive. [REDACTED] said that he removed his rifle from the trunk, charged a round in the chamber, and contacted [REDACTED] via radio, who was already on scene. [REDACTED] said that he was trying to determine which house belonged to the subject and [REDACTED] gave descriptors over the radio to make sure officers were at the correct residence.

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] and two additional officers arrived right behind him. Officers continued communicating about the correct house to verify they were at

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4272 Cider Mill Drive. Officers began towards the residence to try and get a better visual of the front. At that point, [REDACTED] said that he decided to move over to the driveway at 4270 Cider Mill Drive. He said that there was a car and a SUV in the driveway. [REDACTED] said he took a position behind the engine block on the SUV.

Officers began setting up a perimeter around the house. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] was the closest to him, on his left side. He said that [REDACTED] was in the driveway, behind a vehicle, at 4273 Cider Mill Drive, which was directly across from the subject's residence. He said that Sgt. Shaw arrived a short time later. [REDACTED] was asked to block the road to the north. He was not sure about [REDACTED] exact location but said he was close enough that he could talk to him.

While on scene, [REDACTED] said that he could hear [REDACTED] ask to transfer the 911 call to his cell phone. He heard [REDACTED] on the phone speaking with the subject, Tommy. [REDACTED] recalled several statements made by [REDACTED] telling the subject not to come outside with a gun and to let the female go. He said there was brief communication saying that the female was coming out.

Soon after, a female came out, let a dog out, then went back inside. At this time, [REDACTED] said that he heard [REDACTED] stating that the male subject was outside and that he had a gun and was pointing the gun at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that he moved to the rear of the SUV to get a better line of sight on the front of the residence.

[REDACTED] used a printed diagram of the scene to reference during this interview. While referring to the diagram, [REDACTED] said that there was a vehicle in the subject's driveway. He described that there was an opening between the vehicle and the house. There was a side door, possibly to the garage on the south side of the residence, and the back gate was open. [REDACTED] further described that the garage extended west of the house, in an 'L' shape, therefore, he could not see the front door from his position.

[REDACTED] heard [REDACTED] tell Tommy to stay in the house. Then, [REDACTED] observed Tommy running through the front yard. He said he could see the subject in the opening between the front of the car in the driveway and the house. [REDACTED] said that Tommy had his arm extended down and was running in the direction of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that he was in a standing position when he fired three rounds at the subject. He saw the subject continue to run and advance towards [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that he took a couple steps to the west onto the sidewalk,

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obtained a line of sight of the subject on the sidewalk and fired three additional rounds. After [REDACTED] had fired, he observed the subject go down to the ground.

When [REDACTED] fired, he said that he was aiming for center mass of the subject. He was asked why he stopped firing and [REDACTED] stated that the subject was no longer an active threat and no longer advancing towards [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he has viewed his body-worn camera (BWC), which helped him recall how many shots were fired and where he was when he fired.

[REDACTED] was asked if he heard any other officer's fire. He said that he heard a pistol go off between the three round volleys but did not know if the subject or an officer had fired. [REDACTED] said that he couldn't physically see the subject with a gun. He said that based on the information he was given by other officers, he believed that the subject was pointing a gun at officers. [REDACTED] said he believed that the subject was going to shoot at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that he was not in fear for his life, but he was in fear for [REDACTED]'s life.

[REDACTED] proceeded down the sidewalk and observed other officers going towards the subject. He said there was enough cover there and that the house was a priority and still needed to be cleared. [REDACTED] went to the front door of the residence and [REDACTED] joined him. He said that the front door was locked so he kicked the door down and switched to his handgun.

Inside the residence, [REDACTED] saw a female on a hospital type bed directly in front of him in the living room area. [REDACTED] gave the female commands to show her hands. He said that she was lying there and was possibly in shock. Sgt. Shaw responded with a shield and they cleared the residence, while [REDACTED] remained with the female.

[REDACTED] said that his rifle was given to [REDACTED] while on scene. He said that his rifle was not manipulated and was given to [REDACTED] loaded with one round still in the chamber. Sgt. Shaw collected [REDACTED]'s pistol and [REDACTED] was given Sgt. Shaw's pistol. [REDACTED] said that out of habit, he cleared the handgun and Sgt. Shaw reloaded it.

When asked, [REDACTED] said that he did not issue any verbal commands prior to firing his weapon. During the incident, he said that he heard the subject yelling but did not know what he was saying. [REDACTED] was asked if he perceived any other option other than the use of deadly force and he stated, "that was the only option." [REDACTED] stated that he feared for the safety of other officers. He did not have any contact with the subject prior to this incident.

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The interview concluded at approximately 1142 hours. The interview was audio recorded and has been attached to this report. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form and printed diagram referenced are also attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

**References:**

No references.

**Attachments:**

2025-11-25 Criminal Investigation Notification [REDACTED]

2025-11-25 Reference Diagram [REDACTED]

2025-11-25 [REDACTED] Audio Interview

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**Criminal Investigation Notification**

1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is not a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).



Interviewee

11/25/25 @ 1111  
Date / Time



Lauren Frazier  
BCI Agent (Printed)

[Signature] #129  
BCI Agent (Signature)



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Type: Reference diagram

Description: Google Maps Arial photograph

Location: 4272 Cider Mill Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45245

Date: 11/25/25

Officer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

