



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 9093 Zinnia Court, Apt 1209,
West Chester, Ohio 45069 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer Benjamin Huxel (W)
Date of Activity: 06/05/2026
Activity Location: West Chester Police Department – Business – 9577 Beckett Road,
Suite 500, West Chester, OH 45069
Author: SA Lauren Frazier, #129

Narrative:

On June 5, 2026, Ohio BCI Special Agents Lauren Frazier (SA Frazier) and Kevin Barkley (SA Barkley) responded to the West Chester Police Department (WCPD), located at 9577 Beckett Road, Suite 500, West Chester, OH 45069 to interview West Chester Police Officer Benjamin Huxel (Officer Huxel). The interview was audio recorded and began at approximately 0203 hours.

Officer Huxel was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the June 4, 2026, officer-involved shooting which occurred on Zinnia Court, in West Chester, Ohio. Reportedly, Officer Huxel did not discharge a firearm during the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this officer.

The following summary of the recorded interview highlights the key points the author deemed most relevant, although it does not provide a verbatim account. Additionally, this report was placed in chronology to enhance the reader's understanding of the information obtained during the interview. However, it is important to note that this may not reflect the actual order of the questions posed. Therefore, it is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed.

Officer Huxel stated that he has approximately 19 years of law enforcement experience and had been a Patrol Officer at WCPD for two years. He currently works [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]. Officer Huxel described that he was wearing a body worn camera (BWC), which was activated and recording at the time of the incident. He stated that he was wearing his standard navy-blue patrol uniform with an outer vest carrier, which clearly identified him as a police officer.

On the date of the incident, Officer Huxel said that he was on the east side of town, when [REDACTED]

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█████ asked for more cruisers. He stated that the original call was for a domestic violence incident and a neighbor had called it in. When Officer Huxel arrived on scene, he said that officers were requesting a medic unit. He said that he was driving past the medics and told them, "Let's go."

Officer Huxel said that officers were outside near the front door when he arrived. █████ asked him and Officer Zach Bayer to conduct a secondary search to make sure the scene was secure and that no one else was inside of the apartment. Officer Huxel said that he observed several other officers on scene, including Officer Veeneman and Officer Marling. He said that he saw a female outside sitting on the sidewalk and an officer was speaking with her.

Officer Huxel said that during the search, he observed the male subject upstairs. He said that Officer Musgrove was outside the bathroom and Sgt. Parrett was inside the bathroom. Officer Huxel described that the subject was lying on the floor in the bathroom. He said that he saw a knife outside of the bathroom door, which he described as a 12-inch-long silver kitchen knife.

The medics arrived and needed additional room to perform lifesaving measures. Officer Huxel said that he didn't know if the knife was involved, so he used his foot to move it out of the way. He described that he moved the knife to the bedroom, next to the bed. He said that while medics were preparing their equipment, Officer Musgrove started doing CPR. Officer Huxel said that he took over CPR and continued until medics took over. Officer Huxel remained on scene while medics were working. He said that medics eventually called the time of death and he provided scene security at the front door of the apartment.

The interview concluded at approximately 0211 hours. The audio recorded interview has been uploaded and stored in Axon (see references).

References:

A. BCI – Audio Interviews in Axon

Attachments:

No attachments.