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 Involves: Jacob Derkin, [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]

Case Title: Officer Involved Critical Incident - 15 Pearl Rd., Brunswick, OH 44212, Medina County

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## Investigative Request

On Thursday, September 18, 2025, Chief Robert Safran of the Brunswick Division of Police requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) Force Investigations Unit (FIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident. The incident reportedly occurred on September 18, 2025, at 15 Pearl Road, Brunswick, Ohio and resulted in the death of Jacob Derkin.

## Preface

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the September 18, 2025, officer-involved critical incident in Medina County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Every fact and detail is not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which this document is derived be read in order to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for the majority of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.

This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.

## Investigative Team

BCI Special Agent Jesse Bynum (SA Bynum) was assigned as the lead FIU case agent. SA Bynum received assistance in the investigation from SA Darrian Spann (SA Spann), SA Joseph Lamping (SA Lamping), SA John Tingley (SA Tingley), SA Nick Valente (SA Valente), and SA Ryan Emahiser (SA Emahiser). Crime Scene Unit Technician Michael Rostocil (SA Rostocil) processed the scene of the incident, documenting, preserving, and collecting possible evidence. BCI Computer Forensic Specialist (CFS) Jarrod Scott (CFS Scott) of the Cyber Crimes Unit conducted an extraction and analysis of a Taser recovered from the scene. The investigation was supervised by Special Agent

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Supervisor (SAS) Charles Moran (SAS Moran). Additionally, various personnel from the BCI crime laboratory performed scientific analyses on submitted items of potential physical evidence.

## Summary of Process

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during the course of this investigation, by the investigative team, in an effort to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Recorded interview(s) of the five officers who were involved in the arrest
- Interviews of one civilian witness to the incident
- Interviews of one first responder
- Special agent attendance at post-mortem examination (autopsy) of the deceased
- Obtained and reviewed post-mortem examination (autopsy) and toxicology reports
- Obtained and reviewed police reports of prior law enforcement contacts with the subject
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on the involved subjects, to include criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.
- Review of all available dash cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available body cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available surveillance video which captured any portion of the incident
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting)
- 3D scans / model of incident area
- Processing of involved vehicle(s) for potential evidence
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident
- Review of 911/phone communications related to the incident
- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident
- Review of Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) communications relative to the incident
- Review of the department's reports, photographs, and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement

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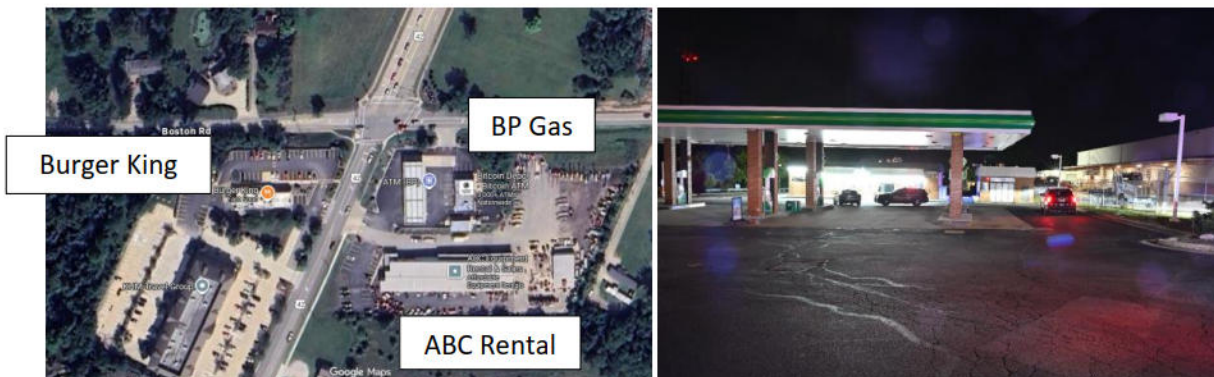


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- Obtained consent to analyze electronic evidence, to include:
  1. Electronic Control Device (e.g. Taser)
- Reviewed data obtained from aforementioned items of electronic evidence
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officers involved in the incident, to include training and disciplinary records (if any)
- Reviewed firearm qualification and training records for involved officers
- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the officer(s) who discharged their weapons
- Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding use of force for prosecutorial review
- Enhancement of audio/video recordings through the assistance of the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission
- Reviewed EMS records pertaining to their response and the treatment administered, obtained through subpoena
- Performed records checks, including LEADS and NCIC off-line search, for the vehicle(s) involved in the incident
- Reviewed tips, social media posts, and pertinent statements made in the media regarding the incident

## Incident Summary/Overview

On September 18, 2025, the Brunswick Division of Police (BPD) requested assistance from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) following an officer-involved critical incident at the BP gas station located at 15 Pearl Road, Brunswick, Ohio.



*Image #1 – Overall Scene Location*

*Image #2 – Overall Scene (looking east)*

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The incident began when Jacob Derkin parked at the Burger King restaurant and walked across the street to the BP gas station. While crossing the road, Derkin encountered an unrelated vehicle stopped in traffic that he attempted to enter before punching and kicking it.



*Image #3 – Derkin striking vehicle*

Then he entered the BP gas station, drank from a bottle of wine off the shelf, then took several bottles of wine into the restroom, and began smashing them.



*Image #4 – Derkin drinking from a bottle of wine*

Derkin exited from the restroom bleeding, exited the store, and attempted to tamper with gas pump nozzles. Once he successfully removed one and used it to shatter the locked glass entrance door, re-entering the store and attempting to reach the clerk, who had barricaded herself in the office.

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*Image #5 – Derkin pulling nozzle*

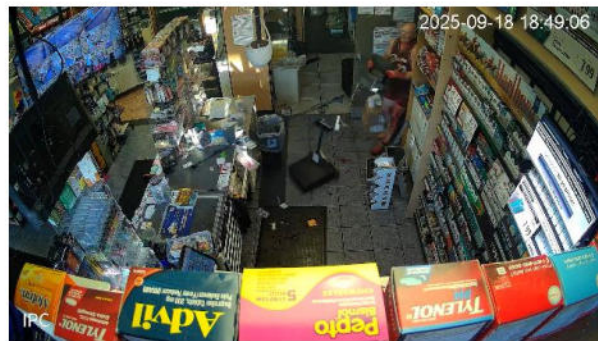


*Image #6 – Derkin with nozzle*



*Image #7 – BP Clerk*

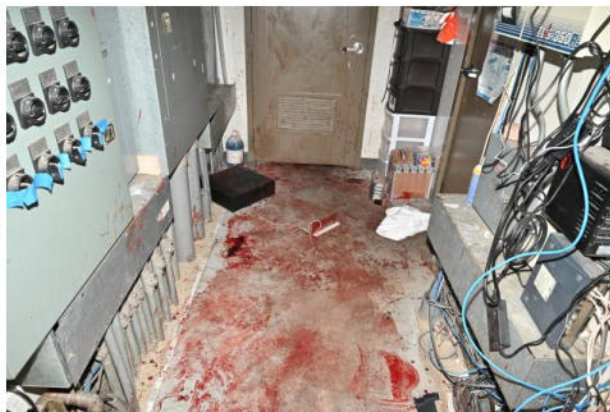
Derkin then used a cash register to try to break into the office.



*Image #8 – Derkin pulling the cash register to the electrical room/hallway*



*Image #9 – Electrical Room*



*Image #10 – Electrical room looking at office door (looking west)*

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Officers encountered Derkin in the electrical room behind the checkout counter. He was covered in blood and shouted religious and profane statements. Officers deployed a taser and attempted to handcuff him, but Derkin continued to resist.



*Image #11 – Derkin in hallway*

During the struggle, officers sustained minor injuries and were exposed to bodily fluids. Officers requested EMS when they saw the amount of blood on Derkin. Officers moved Derkin from the initial seated position to his side and a prone position briefly to facilitate handcuffing.



*Image #12 – Derkin in on right side*

Once Derkin was handcuffed, officers observed a laceration on his left arm and applied a tourniquet before sitting him back upright.



*Image #13 – Derkin tourniquet*



*Image #14 – Derkin sitting back upright*

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Despite being handcuffed, Derkin continued to resist, using his legs to push off of the walls and kick, prompting officers to move him to his side and attempt to apply leg restraints. EMS arrived approximately two minutes and thirty seconds after Derkin was heard yelling on video and approximately one minute after officers were struggling to secure his feet/legs.



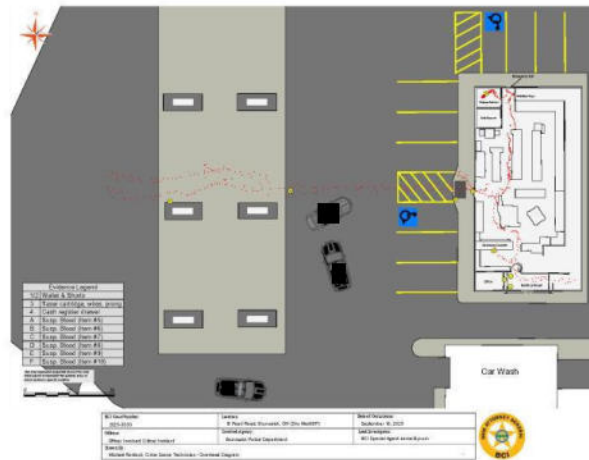
*Image #15 – Derkin on left side*



*Image #16 – Officers securing Derkin's feet*

Upon EMS arrival, Derkin was found unresponsive and EMS began CPR in the ambulance before transporting him to the hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased.

Crime scene technicians documented extensive bloodstains throughout the store, broken wine bottles, damaged equipment, and evidence of forced entry. A taser cartridge and prongs were recovered from the scene, along with Derkin's personal items.



*Image #17 – Overhead Diagram*

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The investigation included interviews with involved officers, EMS, civilian witness vehicle driver, and the store clerk. Officers consistently reported Derkin's strength, behavior, and resistance throughout the encounter. [REDACTED] noted how Derkin was sweating and felt warm to the touch.

Video footage from body-worn cameras, security systems, and a motorist's dashcam corroborated the sequence of events. The footage showed Derkin's actions leading up to the incident, including his assault on a vehicle in traffic, his entry into the store, and the confrontation with officers. BCI Agents reviewed dispatch records, EMS reports, and Derkin's prior law enforcement contacts, which included multiple incidents related to mental health crises and suicide attempts.

## Use of Force Policy

On September 25, 2025, SA Bynum received the Use of Force Policy from the Brunswick Division of Police. This policy was in effect at the time of the officer-involved critical incident involving Jacob Derkin. The policy was divided into three distinct sections: Aggression Response, Control Devices and Techniques, and Conducted Energy Device (CED) protocols.

The Aggression Response section outlined the levels of force permitted based on subject behavior, including passive resistance, active resistance, and assaultive behavior. The Control Devices and Techniques section detailed the authorized use of tools such as batons, chemical agents, and physical restraint methods. The Conducted Energy Device section provided guidance on the deployment of TASERs, including safety considerations, targeting zones, and post-deployment procedures.

## Involved Individual

### Jacob Derkin

On September 29, 2025, Special Agents Jesse Bynum and Douglas Burke compiled background information on Jacob Aaron Derkin, the subject of the officer-involved critical incident. The review included prior police reports, criminal history records, court documents, intelligence data, and social media activity. Information was gathered from the BCI Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU), Medina County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), Wadsworth Police Department (WPD), and Brunswick Police Department (BPD).

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Derkin had a documented history of mental health crises, including multiple suicide attempts and welfare checks. Incidents ranged from 2001 to 2024 and included reports of unruly juvenile behavior, drug paraphernalia possession, underage alcohol consumption, and felony fleeing and eluding. Notably, Derkin had attempted suicide by jumping into a pool and by ingesting 30 trazodone pills. He has been transported to hospitals for evaluation.

Criminal history records showed [REDACTED]. Jail records indicated a single booking for that offense. Database searches revealed past addresses and contact information, but no data immediately relevant to the investigation. Social media searches identified Facebook and LinkedIn accounts, as well as email addresses, but no posts or content related to the incident.

### Autopsy

On September 19, 2025, CST Rostocil attended the autopsy of Derkin at the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office in Cleveland, Ohio. The autopsy was conducted by Dr. David Dolinak. The examination revealed that Derkin [REDACTED]

Additionally, Derkin [REDACTED]. CST Rostocil requested that BCI receive copies of the full autopsy and toxicology reports once they became available.

On February 19, 2026, BCI Special Agent Jesse Bynum received an email from the Medina County Coroner's Office containing autopsy reports for Jacob Derkin. His death was pronounced on September 18, 2025, at 7:43 PM at Brunswick Cleveland Clinic Foundation. The cause of death was listed as [REDACTED]. The manner of death was [REDACTED].

An autopsy was performed on September 19, 2025, by Dr. David Dolinak at the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office under case number OU2025-00357. The report noted Derkin [REDACTED]

Medical intervention evidence included [REDACTED]

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## Physical Evidence

### Response to BP Gas station

The BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to respond to the scene of the shooting in order to document and preserve any items of potential evidence. Multiple agents responded and processed the scene, to include photographing and mapping the area, as well as the search for, documentation, and collection of items of possible evidence. Detailed crime scene reports were completed with the below information only summarizing some of the more significant findings.

Between September 18 and 19, 2025, Crime Scene Technician (CST) Michael Rostocil (CST Rostocil) conducted initial crime scene processing at the BP Gas Station located at

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15 Pearl Road, Brunswick, Ohio. CST Rostocil arrived at the scene at approximately 10:30 PM and began documenting the environment using digital photography and a 3D scanner. The scene was secured and processed in coordination with other BCI agents.

Evidence collected included blood samples, clothing, a TASER cartridge, a cell phone, and other physical items relevant to the incident. The interior of the store showed extensive blood trails, broken wine bottles, and signs of a struggle. The restroom area, where Derkin had reportedly injured himself, was heavily contaminated with blood. The hallway near the clerk's office contained a cash register and additional blood evidence. The scene was processed overnight and concluded the following morning.



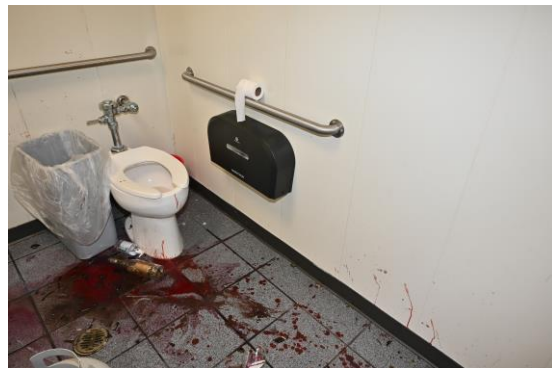
*Image #18 – Front Doors*



*Image #19 – Pump nozzle*



*Image #20 – Aisle with blood*



*Image #21 – Bathroom*

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### Response to Brunswick Division of Police

On September 18, 2025, SA Bynum responded to the BPD to document the condition of the involved officers and collect physical and photographic evidence. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were photographed in the department's sally port. At the time of documentation, none of the officers were wearing the uniforms they had on during the incident due to contamination with bodily fluids, including blood.

SA Bynum noted visible injuries on [REDACTED]. These injuries were photographed as part of the investigative record. All three officers declined to participate in interviews at that time, citing the need to consult with legal counsel before providing statements.

All collected evidence was transported to the BCI Richfield Office for further analysis. The documentation included detailed photographs, 3D scans, and evidence logs. This initial processing was critical in establishing the physical context of the incident and preserving forensic evidence for the investigation.

### Search Warrant and Return for Mustang

On September 22, 2025, BCI Special Agent Darien Spann (SA Spann) drafted and obtained a search warrant for a 2004 orange Ford Mustang registered to Jacob Derkin. The vehicle was driven to the Burger King by Derkin before he walked across the street to the BP. SA Spann met with Judge Kevin Dunn of the Medina County Court of Common Pleas, who reviewed and signed the warrant at approximately 11:30 AM.

Later that day, at approximately 12:30 PM, SA Spann and SA Bynum executed the search warrant by physically inspecting the vehicle. The search was conducted thoroughly, but no items of evidentiary value were recovered from the Mustang. On September 25, 2025, SA Spann returned to Judge Dunn to file the search warrant return, which included the original warrant, affidavit, inventory, and return documentation. These documents were filed with the Medina County Clerk of Courts.

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### Cyber Crimes Unit

On November 13, 2025, BCI's Cyber Crimes Unit (CCU) conducted a forensic analysis of a TASER X26P Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW) and a fired cartridge related to the officer-involved critical incident. The submitted items included a fired TASER cartridge with wires, a probe, and Anti-Felon Identification (AFID) tags, as well as the CEW itself.

The cartridge, serial number C3108FYR2, had been fired. Although the wires remained attached to the cartridge, the probes were detached. One probe, included separately, showed red/brown residue and was in good condition. The AFID tags matched the cartridge serial number. The CEW, serial number [REDACTED], was downloaded using TASER Evidence Sync software in offline mode. The device was spark tested and found to be functioning normally.

The CEW log showed 12,662 events dating back to September 1, 2022. On the date of the incident, September 18, 2025, the CEW recorded six trigger pulls between 18:55:06 and 18:55:58. Four of these lasted five seconds, which is standard for the device when the trigger is not held. The other two lasted four and two seconds, respectively, indicating the safety switch was activated mid-cycle. The CEW was confirmed to be in good condition, and all spark test events were accurately reflected in the report.

## Witnesses

### Manasa Vempati

On September 18, 2025, at approximately 10:12 PM, SA Nick Valente interviewed Manasa Vempati, the BP clerk who was working during the officer-involved critical incident. The interview took place in the parking lot of Burger King, located across the street from the BP station. Vempati described the subject, later identified as Jacob Derkin, as a bald white male in his fifties. She observed him drinking wine directly from a bottle in the store and then entering the employee-only restroom with five or six bottles of wine.

Vempati attempted to stop Derkin, who then began smashing the bottles inside the restroom and shouting. She contacted the store owner, Aline, who said she would call the police. After a few minutes, Derkin exited the restroom covered in blood and began damaging gas pumps outside. He then used a detached gas nozzle to break the glass door and re-entered the store. Vempati locked herself in the manager's office while

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Derkin attempted to break in, shouting threats and using a cash register to try to force the door open.

Police arrived approximately five minutes later and escorted Vempati out of the store. She did not see Derkin again after exiting. The interview was video-recorded and uploaded to Axon Justice as Reference Item C.

### Joseph Matsko

Joseph Matsko (Matsko) was identified as a witness in the Brunswick Police report. He provided rear-facing dash-cam video that captured Derkin striking a vehicle. The footage showed Derkin crossing Pearl Road from the Burger King area toward a gray Honda CR-V, grabbing the passenger-side door handle, and attempting to open it. He then punched the passenger-side window twice and kicked the rear passenger-side window as the vehicle drove away. Matsko emailed the video to dispatch and later provided a written statement. The video displayed a timestamp of 17:35, which was believed to be one hour behind the actual time.

### Veronica Evans

Veronica Evans (Evans) was identified as a victim in the Brunswick Police Department report. She was driving a gray Honda CR-V northbound on Pearl Road near 15 Pearl Road when she observed a male crossing the street from west to east in front of her vehicle. The male attempted to open the passenger-side door, which was locked, and then punched and kicked the passenger-side window. Evans left the area in her vehicle. Officers photographed Evans' vehicle and noted no structural damage, but marks and smears were observed on the front and rear passenger-side windows. Evans completed a written statement that was attached to the police report.

### Keith Decumbe

On October 17, 2025, Special Agent Darien Spann interviewed Keith Decumbe, a paramedic with the Brunswick Fire Department, regarding his role in the emergency medical response to the officer-involved critical incident involving Jacob Derkin. The interview was conducted at the BCI Richfield Office and lasted approximately 20 minutes. It was audio and video recorded and later uploaded to Axon Justice under Reference Item E – EMT Interviews.

Decumbe stated that he was at the fire station when the initial call came in reporting an individual with a cut on their arm. While en route, dispatch advised the EMS crew to

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expedite their response due to the severity of the situation. Upon arrival at the BP Gas Station, Decumbe observed a large amount of blood inside the store and saw officers surrounding Derkin. The lighting conditions inside the store were poor, making it difficult to assess Derkin's condition. As a result, Decumbe and other medics moved Derkin outside to a better-lit area.

Once outside, it became clear that Derkin was not breathing. He was loaded into the ambulance, and cardiac arrest protocols were initiated. Derkin was found to be in [REDACTED] CPR was performed using a Lucas mechanical chest compression device. Decumbe confirmed that Derkin remained unconscious throughout the transport and did not make any verbal statements. Care was transferred to the emergency room team at Brunswick Cleveland Clinic.

## Officer Interviews

The following paragraphs are extremely abbreviated versions of each officer's account of his or her actions pertaining to this incident and/or discharging their weapon. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of each interview.

### Brunswick Division of Police

[REDACTED]

On September 26, 2025, SA Jesse Bynum and SA Darien Spann interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of the Brunswick Division of Police. The interview was conducted at the Brunswick FOP Hall and was audio and video recorded. [REDACTED] was accompanied by legal counsel and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form prior to the interview.

[REDACTED] was the first officer to arrive at the BP Gas Station. He observed broken glass outside the front doors and a gas pump nozzle on the ground. Inside, he saw Derkin covered in blood and seated near the clerk's office and called for EMS. [REDACTED] issued multiple verbal commands for Derkin to show his hands. When Derkin failed to comply, [REDACTED] deployed his TASER. [REDACTED] holstered his firearm and attempted to physically restrain Derkin, who was kicking and grabbing at officers.

During the struggle, [REDACTED] was inadvertently tased when the TASER wires contacted his hands. He described Derkin as extremely strong and slick with blood,

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making it difficult to maintain control. [REDACTED] described Derkin as sweating profusely, his body was warm to the touch, and he had ***“extra superhuman strength”*** and ***“he was fighting till the very end”***. After Derkin was handcuffed, [REDACTED] observed a laceration on Derkin’s arm and directed officers to apply a tourniquet and retrieve a medical kit. [REDACTED] sustained a laceration [REDACTED] and soreness [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said ***“he kind of like stopped fighting all of a sudden... I checked, he still had a pulse”***. He confirmed that his actions were consistent with his training, which included CIT, firearms instruction, and drug recognition expertise. He did not observe any misconduct and affirmed the accuracy of his statement. The interview concluded at approximately 1338 hours and was uploaded to Axon Justice.

[REDACTED]

On September 26, 2025, SA Jesse Bynum and SA Darien Spann interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of the Brunswick Division of Police. The interview took place at the Brunswick FOP Hall and was audio and video recorded. [REDACTED] was accompanied by legal counsel and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form prior to the interview.

[REDACTED] described arriving at the BP Gas Station and observing extensive blood on the floor and walls. He noted ***“I have not seen that amount of blood where somebody was conscious, let alone... able to have strength.”*** He noted that Derkin was yelling obscenities and religious phrases and refused to comply with verbal commands. [REDACTED] deployed his TASER from a distance of approximately eight to nine feet. Although the TASER made contact, Derkin continued to resist. [REDACTED] described the struggle stating, ***“He fought us every step of the way and his strength, I haven’t felt strength like that—it was like superhuman strength.”***

After Derkin was handcuffed, [REDACTED] applied a tourniquet to Derkin’s left arm wound that was spurting blood. He also helped secure Derkin’s legs with restraints. [REDACTED] sustained an [REDACTED] injury during the struggle and later sought medical attention. He emphasized the urgency of the situation, stating, ***“There was a lot of urgency that if we can’t get the subject in custody, not only can we not go help her, but we can’t get him any medical care”*** He confirmed that his actions were consistent with his training, which included tactical medical instruction and SWAT certification. He did not observe any misconduct by other officers and affirmed the accuracy of his statement. The interview concluded at approximately 1148 hours and was uploaded to Axon Justice.

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On September 26, 2025, SA Jesse Bynum and SA Darien Spann interviewed ██████████ ██████████ of the Brunswick Division of Police regarding his involvement in the officer-involved critical incident. The interview took place at the Brunswick FOP Hall in Hinckley, Ohio, and was audio and video recorded. ██████████ was accompanied by legal counsel and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form prior to the interview.

██████████ described responding to the BP Gas Station after hearing escalating radio traffic. Upon arrival, he observed a scene with blood on the floor and walls. He assisted other officers in restraining Derkin, who was combative and yelling phrases such as *"Satan is the one true God."* ██████████ used techniques learned in defensive tactics training to control Derkin's legs and helped reposition him to prevent injury to officers and Derkin himself. He also assisted in applying a tourniquet and retrieving a medical kit. ██████████ was asked when he noticed that Derkin lost consciousness and he stated Derkin would go back and forth during the incident like he was resting and then he would continue to resist. ██████████ reported no misconduct by any officers. He expressed concern for the safety of the clerk and confirmed that his actions were consistent with his training and prior experience as a firefighter and EMT. The interview concluded at 2:48 PM and was uploaded to Axon Justice.

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On September 26, 2025, SA Jesse Bynum and SA Darien Spann interviewed ██████████ ██████████ of the Brunswick Division of Police regarding his involvement in the officer-involved critical incident. The interview was conducted at the Brunswick FOP Hall and was audio and video recorded. ██████████ was accompanied by legal counsel and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form.

██████████ initially responded to the wrong BP location but corrected course and arrived at the correct scene. Upon arrival, he observed a female in the parking lot who described the destruction caused by Derkin. Inside the store, ██████████ saw blood and broken glass and joined other officers in restraining Derkin. He helped secure Derkin's legs and assisted in applying handcuffs. ██████████ noted Derkin's strength, stating he was able to lift officers. Derkin attempted to bite ██████████ and began headbutting the floor. ██████████ placed his knee on the back of Derkin's head to control his movements and prevent him from injuring himself further. He also administered medical aid, including oxygen in the ambulance, and assisted EMS with

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CPR using a Lucas Device. [REDACTED] confirmed that his actions were consistent with his training and that he had not observed any misconduct. The interview was uploaded to Axon Justice.

### Brunswick Hills Police Department

[REDACTED]

On September 26, 2025, Special Agents Jesse Bynum and Darien Spann interviewed [REDACTED] of the Brunswick Hills Police Department regarding her involvement in the officer-involved critical incident. The interview was conducted at the Brunswick FOP Hall in Hinckley, Ohio, and was both audio and video recorded. [REDACTED] was accompanied by legal counsel and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form prior to the interview.

[REDACTED] described arriving at the BP Gas Station shortly after [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Upon entering the store, she observed blood and broken glass throughout the interior. She heard Derkin yelling profanities and religious statements, including ***"Satan is the one true God."*** [REDACTED] assisted in restraining Derkin, who was actively resisting and attempting to push officers away. She retrieved leg restraints from her cruiser and helped secure Derkin's legs to prevent further kicking. She noted the difficulty of maintaining control due to the slippery conditions caused by blood and broken glass. [REDACTED] confirmed that the subject was actively resisting throughout the encounter and that she perceived him as an immediate threat because ***"he busted down a glass door... was willing to cut himself up pretty bad... and bit an officer"*** and ***"He was ready to cut us up with whatever glass he had hands on"***.

[REDACTED] confirmed that she did not sustain any injuries. She stated that her actions were consistent with her training, which included Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) certification and annual use-of-force instruction. She did not observe any misconduct by other officers and affirmed the accuracy of her statement. The interview concluded at approximately 3:18 PM and was uploaded to Axon Justice.

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## Dispatch-Related Information

On October 1, 2025, SA Spann reviewed dispatch records and communications related to the officer-involved critical incident that occurred on September 18, 2025. The records were provided by the Brunswick Division of Police and included Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) logs, radio traffic recordings, 911 calls, mobile data terminal (MDT) messages, and other dispatch-related communications.

The CAD records documented the timeline of the officers dispatched to 15 Pearl Road, Brunswick, Ohio, and included narrative summaries of calls received. Radio traffic recordings captured officers requesting descriptions of the suspect, updates on the clerk's safety, and coordination of emergency response. Several 911 calls were reviewed, including one from a witness who saw Derkin break the glass door and another from a motorist whose vehicle was struck by Derkin. Dispatchers advised the clerk to hide and coordinated the arrival of officers and EMS.

Additional phone calls included communications between dispatch and the fire department, crime scene units, and witnesses. Notably, dispatchers described the situation as a "traumatic arrest" and expressed concern for the clerk's safety. The report included timestamps and file references for each audio recording. The materials were saved to Axon Justice under Reference Item D.

## EMS Run Report

On September 29, 2025, SA Bynum received the EMS Run Report for Derkin from the Brunswick Division of Fire. The report was obtained via a Grand Jury Subpoena and included detailed documentation of the emergency medical response to the officer-involved critical incident on September 18, 2025. The EMS personnel involved were Bradley Weitz, Micah Potts, and Keith Decumbe.

The report indicated at 18:54 hours, Medic 2 was dispatched to 15 Pearl Road for a male in police custody with a laceration requiring medical attention. Upon arrival at 19:04 hours, EMS found Derkin with a laceration on his left forearm, which was being controlled by a tourniquet applied by officers. Derkin was unresponsive, not making any movements or sounds. He was loaded into the ambulance, and CPR was initiated immediately.

Derkin was placed on a cardiac monitor [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CPR continued using a Lucas mechanical chest compression

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████████████████████ Care was transferred to the Emergency Room team at Brunswick Cleveland Clinic.

## Video Recordings

On November 17, 2025, SA Bynum reviewed video footage from Brunswick Division of Police, Brunswick Hills Police Department, ABC Equipment Rental, BP Gas Station, Burger King, and a motorist's dash camera. and forwarded to the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission (OOCIC) for further analysis. ABC Rental's CCTV showed Derkin parking at Burger King and walking toward BP. The footage included timestamps but lacked synchronized time references. Derkin was seen parking his vehicle at 6:14 PM and walking across Pearl Road as shown in image 22.



*Image #22 – Derkin parking at Burger King*

BP Gas Station provided 199 video files from multiple cameras, which were too extensive for immediate review and were deferred to OOCIC for chronological compilation. Burger King's motion-activated footage did not capture Derkin.

Several cruiser files and BWC files from other officers were reviewed but found to contain no relevant footage. The dash camera from a citizen witness captured Derkin striking a vehicle window as shown in image 23. All files were stored in Axon Justice as Reference Item C – Video.

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*Image #23 – Derkin striking car*

On November 24, 2025, SA Bynum received enhanced video footage and documentation from the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission (OOCIC). The footage was compiled from various sources and organized into a 24-minute timeline. The OOCIC also provided a chain of custody report, submission form, and the analyst's curriculum vitae.

The dash camera footage showed Jacob Derkin running from Burger King, approaching an SUV, and striking its window. The combined video captured Derkin entering BP, drinking wine (image 24), injuring himself in the restroom (image 25), and breaking the glass door with a gas nozzle (image 26). He then re-entered the store and attempted to access the clerk's office (image 27).



*Image #24 – Derkin drinking wine in BP*



*Image #25 – Derkin after breaking bottles*

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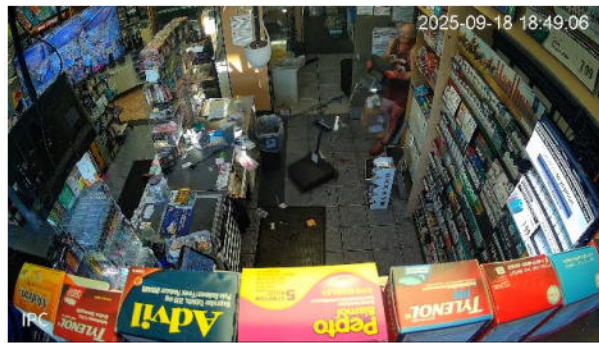
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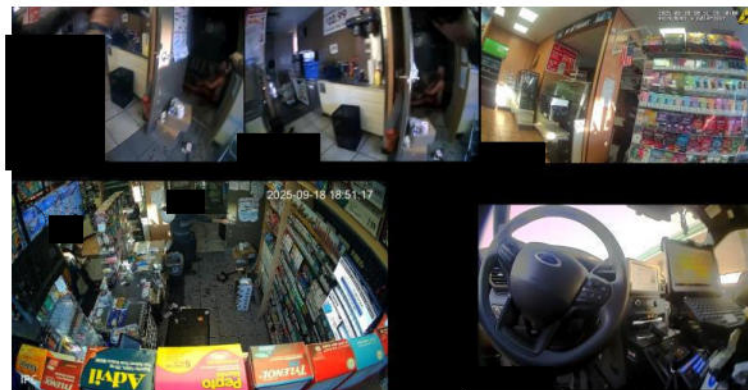


*Image #26 – Derkin breaking door glass with pump handle*



*Image #27 – Derkin pulling register into hallway*

Officers arrived and issued commands. ██████████ deployed a TASER (image 28), and Derkin was restrained after a struggle. Derkin was heard yelling “Satan is the one true God” multiple times.



*Image #28 – Derkin hallway, ██████████ aiming Taser*

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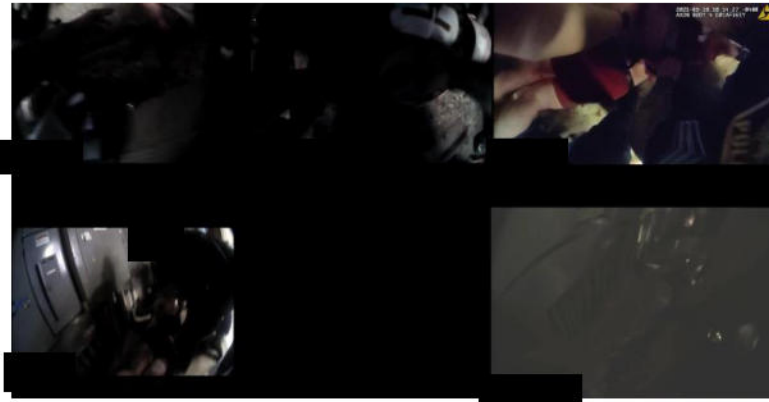


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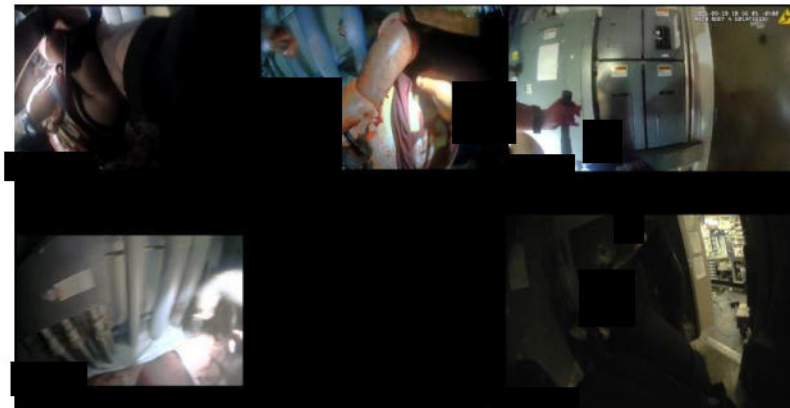
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Officers applied a tourniquet, repositioned Derkin multiple times, and escorted the clerk to safety. At 18:54:27 hours (13:14 mark), officers were observed moving Derkin from a right lateral recumbent position to a prone position in order to move Derkin's right arm to the rear (image 29).



*Image #29 – Derkin being repositioned*

At 18:54:40 hours (13:28 mark), officers were able to secure both of Derkin's hands behind his back and handcuff him. At 18:54:49 hours (13:37 mark), an officer was heard saying "Alright let's get him to his side". At 18:55:20 hours (14:08 mark), Derkin was heard yelling "Satan is the one true God". At 18:56:05 hours (14:53 mark), [REDACTED] was observed tightening up a tourniquet on Derkin's left upper arm (image 30).



*Image #30 – Derkin being repositioned*

At 18:56:09 hours (14:57 mark), [REDACTED] was heard advising [REDACTED] to get a medical kit and to have the ambulance respond inside of the BP. At 18:56:34

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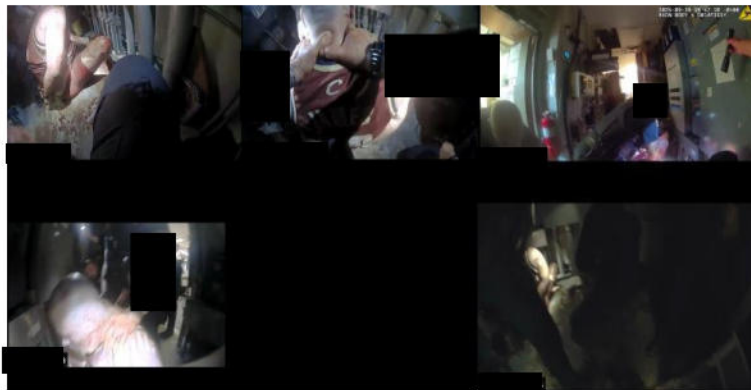
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hours (15:22 mark), [REDACTED] was observed re-checking and tightening the tourniquet. At 18:56:49 hours (15:37 mark), officers rolled Derkin from prone to a right recumbent position (image 31).



*Image #31 – Derkin being repositioned*

At 18:57:10 hours (15:58 mark), officers moved Derkin to a seated position (Image 32). Officers checked Derkin for additional wounds as [REDACTED] returned with the medical kit.



*Image #32 – Derkin being repositioned*

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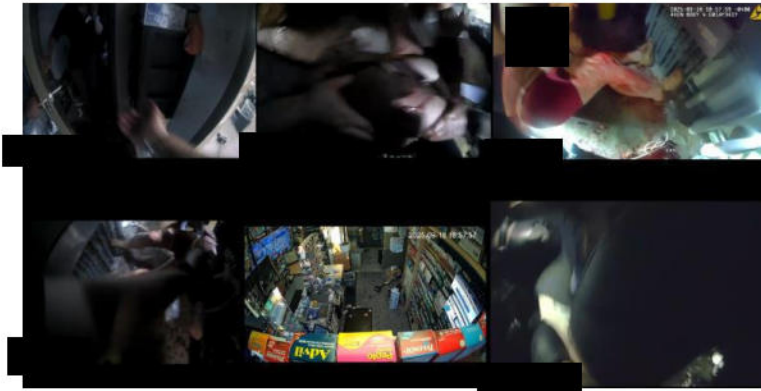


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At 18:57:59 hours (16:47 mark), Derkin pushed up again and officers directed him to the floor in a left recumbent position (image 33).



*Image #33 – Derkin being repositioned*

At 18:59:44 hours (18:31 mark), Derkin was moved to a prone position, as officers were attempting to secure his legs (Image 34).



*Image #34 – Derkin being repositioned*

At 19:00:12 hours (18:59 mark), 19:00:20 hours (19:08 mark), and 19:00:27 hours (19:15 mark) Derkin was heard yelling and the officers responded with commands to stop fighting. At 19:01:41 hours (20:28 mark), [REDACTED] was observed attempting to secure Derkin's legs together with a strap and Derkin grunts loudly. At 19:02:47 hours (21:35 mark), an officer asks, "Where is the squad?"

At 19:02:58 hours (21:46 mark), a Brunswick EMS person was observed on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BWC approaching the hallway (Image 35).

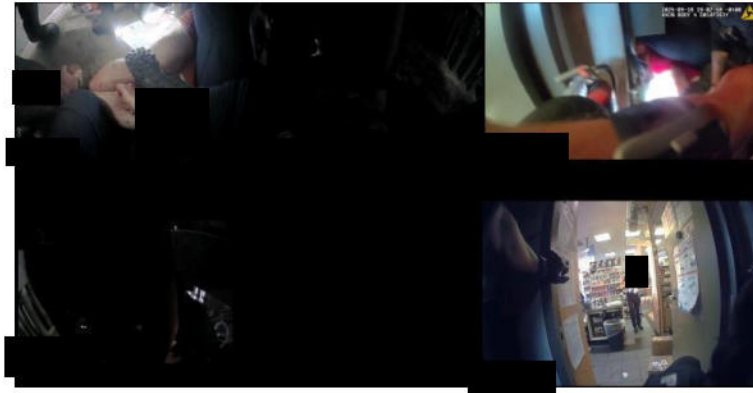
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*Image #35 – EMS arrived*

EMS arrived, and Derkin was placed on a stretcher and transported. The enhanced video was uploaded to Axon Justice in Reference Item C - Video.

## Conclusion

The investigation into the officer-involved critical incident that occurred on September 18, 2025, at the BP Gas Station in Brunswick, Ohio, has been completed following a thorough review of all available evidence. Based upon documents reviewed, physical evidence recovered, and interviews conducted, body-worn camera footage, surveillance video, witness interviews, dispatch records, crime scene documentation, autopsy and EMS reports, and interviews with all involved officers, this investigation supports the following conclusions, facts, and/or information. The subject, Jacob Derkin, died during an eight-minute encounter with law enforcement officers responding to a disturbance requiring emergency radio traffic inside the BP gas station. EMS personnel performed multiple medical interventions while enroute to the hospital with Derkin being pronounced deceased only after arriving at the hospital. Specifically, Derkin was heard grunting while his legs were being restrained and approximately one minute later Officers on scene observed that he was unconscious. The exact point during that minute that Derkin became unconscious is not known to investigators.

The incident began with Derkin striking a vehicle stopped in traffic, drinking unpurchased wine, removing a gas nozzle from a pump, forcibly entering the store, damaging property, and threatening the clerk, who barricaded herself in an office. Officers arriving on scene encountered Derkin in a small utility hallway outside of the office, covered in blood, ignoring commands, resisting, and yelling. Officers deployed

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a conducted energy weapon (Taser) and engaged in a physical struggle to restrain Derkin, who continued to resist after being handcuffed. During the handcuffing, Officers moved Derkin from a seated position to his side, then prone to handcuff and back to a seated position, and finally in a prone position while Officers were attempting to secure Derkin's legs. Through review of BWC angles and Officer statements, one officer was securing Derkin's head to stop him from hitting his head on the floor without applying pressure to his neck, two Officers attempted to secure his lower half without applying pressure to entire his torso from waist up, and one Officer attempting to apply a restraint to Derkin's feet. Medical aid was rendered on scene, including the application of a tourniquet and efforts to reposition Derkin for safety and assessment. EMS personnel arrived, loaded Derkin in the ambulance, and initiated resuscitation protocols, but Derkin was later pronounced deceased at the hospital.

The actions of the involved officers were evaluated against known subject control practices. All officers were found to be certified peace officers with current training in use-of-force, crisis intervention, and emergency medical response. The officers demonstrated consistent verbal commands, attempted de-escalation, rendered medical aid promptly upon gaining control of the subject, and multiple repositioning of Derkin. The physical restraint techniques employed were adapted to the rapidly evolving conditions, including the presence of blood, broken glass, Derkin's resistance, and confined space. Officers' statements describing him as hot to the touch, sweating, and acting in a manner outside his family's normal reports, along with video showing Derkin yelling.

## Contact Information

The preceding information comprises only a portion of facts and circumstances collected during the investigation of the officer-involved critical incident. For further review of specific information or documentation collected during the investigation, please refer to the individual reports and documents from which this summary was derived. Any questions regarding the content or context of the information contained in this document can be directed to the attention of Special Agent Jesse Bynum. SA Bynum can be reached via email at [Jesse.Bynum@OhioAGO.gov](mailto:Jesse.Bynum@OhioAGO.gov) or by telephone, at (234) 400-3604.

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