



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



2026-1831

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 905 E. Warren St.,
Bucyrus, OH 44820, Crawford County

Investigative Activity: Witness Officer Statement Review
Involves: Officer Travis Stantz - MPD
Activity Date: 07/02/2026
Activity Location: BCI – Bowling Green
Authoring Agent: SA David Hammond #120

Narrative:

On 6/30/2026, Special Agent David Hammond (SA Hammond) received an email from Fraternal Order of Police Union Attorney Jessica Franken (Atty. Franken). The email contained a written statement as an attachment from Officer Travis Stantz (Ofc. Stantz) of the Mansfield Police Department (MPD). Ofc. Stantz was deployed as a member of the ASORT Tactical Team during the May 11, 2026, Officer Involved Critical Incident that took place at 905 E. Warren St. in Bucyrus, Ohio.

On July 2, 2026, SA Hammond reviewed the statement from Ofc. Stantz. The following portions of Ofc. Stantz's statements were deemed notable in this investigation. Some of the written statements have been compressed for ease of reading.

Ofc. Stantz's statement was attached to this report, in its entirety. The heading of the document read:

Officer Travis Stantz, Mansfield Police Department, Statement Regarding Incident on May 11, 2026

I rode in [REDACTED] We arrived at 905 E. Warren Street, Bucyrus, Ohio at approximately 02:30 hours and the Bearcat I was in took a position on the front of the residence. We remained in the vehicle, holding containment of the suspect while HNT was attempting to contact the suspect.

Approximately an hour later, we were given the order to deploy gas to the second story of the residence, which was completed and no response was observed from the subject. Approximately 30 minutes later, ASORT members from the Bearcat I was in, was given the order to break a window on the two (2) side (eastside) of the residence so a drone could enter the residence. Shortly after the drone entered the residence, I heard what appeared to be gun fire from the rear (southside) of the residence, approximately 3-5 rounds being fired.

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At approximately 04:00 hours, my containment team was relieved from their position to take a break. After approximately 40 minutes, I relieved the containment team that was in the rear of the residence in Bearcat #182. While in the rear, I observed SRT deploy gas into the residence via their rook multiple times. During one of the gas deployments, I heard what appeared to be approximately 2-3 gun shots being fired from inside the residence.

At approximately 11:05 hours, I was standing on the Rook in the alley to the rear of the residence. I observed ASORT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] approximately 20-30 feet to the West of me setting up his platform. After a last attempt by HNT to get the suspect to exit the residence peacefully. After the suspect again did not exit the residence, I heard ASORT Commander Kingsborough give ASORT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the command to shoot.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. Officer T. Stanz Statement Bucyrus OIS 05.11.2026

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Officer Travis Stantz, Mansfield Police Department,
Statement Regarding Incident on May 11, 2026

On May 11th, 2026 I responded to the Mansfield Police Department in reference to receiving an ASORT call out at approximately 01:29 hours stating that there was a barricaded gunman at 905 East Warren Street, Bucyrus, Ohio. While getting our operational gear and loading the trucks, I received more information that this was possibly stemming from a domestic violence situation involving a female and children, but no hostages were in the residence. I rode in [REDACTED] We arrived at 905 East Warren Street, Bucyrus, Ohio at approximately 02:30 hours and the Bearcat I was in took a position on the front of the residence (northside) and we remained in the vehicle, holding containment of the suspect, while HNT was attempting to contact the suspect.

Approximately an hour later, we were given the order to deploy gas to the second story of the residence, which was completed and no response was observed from the suspect. Approximately 30 minutes later, ASORT members from the Bearcat I was in, was given the order to break a window on the two (2) side (eastside) of the residence so a drone could enter the residence. Shortly after the drone entered the residence, I heard what appeared to be gun fire from the rear (southside) of the residence, approximately 3-5 rounds being fired. While the drone was in the residence, I assisted Mansfield Police Officer Heath Underwood with the drone by watching the handheld screen and relaying information to Team Leader Rod Roose. While watching the screen, Officer Underwood and I determined that the suspect was not on the first floor of the residence. While the drone was on the second floor of the residence, a bedroom door was observed to be slightly open. Officer Underwood attempted to "ram" the door with his drone, which caused the door to open but downed the drone. During this sequence, it appeared that someone kicked the bedroom door shut.

At approximately 04:00 hours, my containment team was relieved from their position to take a break. After approximately 40 minutes, I relieved the containment team that was in the rear of the residence in Bearcat #182. While in the rear, I observed SRT deploy gas into the residence via their Rook multiple times. During one of the gas deployments, I heard what appeared to be approximately 2-3 gun shots being fired from inside the residence. Prior to SRT deploying gas, I heard flashbangs and sirens being utilized in the front of the residence. At approximately 09:00 hours I was relieved from my position and returned to the command post for a break. While at the command post, I observed [REDACTED] dismantling the "1" (northside) of the residence with the attached hydraulic ram.

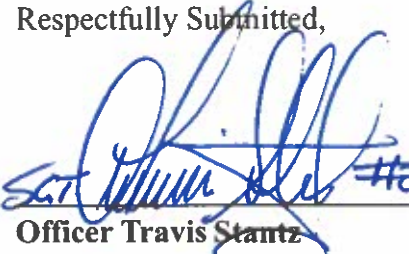
At approximately 10:00 hours I was advised that I was going to be deployed into the residence via SRT's Rook due to a possible sniper-initiated resolution due to the suspect having shot at law enforcement multiple times, being located in a 2nd floor bedroom, with a long rifle, a gas mask, ballistics, and the suspect stating that he was sitting on a grenade that had the pin pulled. I then received training from SRT members on the operation of the Rook.

At approximately 11:05 hours I was standing on the Rook in the alley to the rear of the residence. I observed ASORT [REDACTED] approximately 20-30 feet to the West of me setting up his platform. After a last attempt by HNT to get the suspect to exit the residence peacefully. After the suspect again did not exit the residence, I heard ASORT Commander Kingsborough give ASORT [REDACTED] the command to shoot the suspect when he is ready. I observed ASORT [REDACTED] shoot one round and striking the suspect. I then held security at the rear of the residence until I was advised by ASORT Commander Kingsborough to take ASORT [REDACTED] to the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, to remove him from the scene and conduct a debrief.

This ended my involvement at the scene

This statement is made to the best of my recollection as to the incident that occurred on May 11, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Officer Travis Stantz
Mansfield Police Department

6-29-26
Date