



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



2026-2005

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 905 Brady Ave.,
Steubenville, OH 43952, Jefferson County

Investigative Activity: Garrity Reviewed Video and Documentation
Involves: [REDACTED] (S); [REDACTED], Matthew Metzger (S)
Activity Date: 06/09/2026
Activity Location: Bowling Green, Ohio
Authoring Agent: SA Ryan Emahiser #36

Narrative:

During this investigation, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) case Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy requested that SA Emahiser review the following document and videos for potential Garrity protected statements. The original videos are located in Axon Justice case 2026-2005, Reference Item F - Steubenville PD Videos and Photos folder, and sub folder Body Worn Camera Videos.

1. Axon BWC - [REDACTED].mp4
2. Axon BWC - [REDACTED].mp4
3. Axon BWC - Ofc. Tyler Barrett (3).mp4

All three videos included potential Garrity statements made to Steubenville Police Department (SPD) Sergeant (Sgt.) Tyler Barrett (Barrett) by both involved officers, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. SA Goudy also requested that a written SPD narrative report authored by Sgt. Barrett be reviewed for potential Garrity protected statements. A copy of SPD incident report [REDACTED] was reviewed, specifically pages eight (8) through ten (10) containing Sgt. Barrett's narrative. No Garrity protected statements were found within Sgt. Barrett's narrative and no portions of the narrative were redacted. A copy of the SPD incident report with Sgt. Barrett's narrative is attached to this report and case file for review.

Both Axon BWC videos were reviewed and [REDACTED] video and Sgt. Barrett's video were found to contain potentially Garrity protected statements. The potential Garrity protected statements were redacted by Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Chuck Moran utilizing Axon Investigate software, and both [REDACTED] and Sgt Barrett's redacted BWC video was placed into Axon Justice case 2026-2005, Reference Item J - Garrity Redacted Video. The redacted portion from both videos is the same interaction between [REDACTED] and Sgt. Barrett, and below is the video portion on the scrubber that was redacted from each video.

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1. Axon BWC - [REDACTED].mp4; audio redaction from 06:38 to 06:41.
2. Axon BWC - Ofc. Tyler Barrett (3).mp4; audio redaction from 03:19 to 03:25.

No other video was requested to be reviewed by the case agent for potential Garrity protected statements.

References:

Axon Justice Case #2026-2005

1. Reference Item F - Steubenville PD Videos and Photos > Axon BWC - [REDACTED].mp4
2. Reference Item F - Steubenville PD Videos and Photos > Axon BWC - [REDACTED].mp4
3. Reference Item F - Steubenville PD Videos and Photos > Axon BWC - Ofc. Tyler Barrett (3).mp4
4. Reference Item J - Garrity Redacted Video > (Extraction 1.1) Audio Redaction Axon BWC - [REDACTED].mp4
5. Reference Item J - Garrity Redacted Video > (Extraction 1.1) Audio Redaction Axon BWC - Ofc. Tyler Barrett (3).mp4

Attachments:

1. SPD Incident Report

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Steubenville Police Department

Officer Report for Incident [REDACTED]

Nature: Shots Fired
Location: HT

Address: 905 Brady Avenue
Steubenville OH 43952

Offense Codes: AFRM, HOMI

Received By: Barz K

How Received: T

Agency: SPD

Responding Officers: Rogers K, Hough I, Barrett T, [REDACTED], Yourex A, Lulla R, Mannarino J, Bissett B, [REDACTED]

Responsible Officer: Bissett B

Disposition: ACT 05/26/26

When Reported: 17:20:45 05/24/26

Occurred Between: 17:20:02 05/24/26 and 17:20:02 05/24/26

Assigned To:

Detail:

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status:

Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last:

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address:

Race:

Sex:

Phone:

City: ,

Offense Codes

Reported: WOFF Weapons Offense

Observed: HOMI Homicide

Additional Offense: AFRM Assault with a Firearm

Additional Offense: HOMI Homicide

Circumstances

LT13 Highway/Road/Alley

Responding Officers:

Unit :

Rogers K

194

Hough I

C50

Barrett T

C60

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Yourex A

C65

Lulla R

C11

Mannarino J

168

Bissett B

C14

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Responsible Officer: Bissett B

Agency: SPD

Received By: Barz K

Last Radio Log: **.***.*** **/**/**

How Received: T Telephone

Clearance: ABB Assigned Brian Bissett

When Reported: 17:20:45 05/24/26**Judicial Status:** CRA**Misc Entry:** rnc**Disposition:** ACT **Date:** 05/26/26**Occurred between:** 17:20:02 05/24/26**and:** 17:20:02 05/24/26**Modus Operandi:****Description :****Method :****Involvements**

Date	Type	Description	Relationship
05/26/26	Law Incident	Weapon Offense [REDACTED]	Related Report
05/26/26	Name	[REDACTED]	Spoken to
05/25/26	Name	[REDACTED]	Spoken to
05/24/26	Name	Kowalik, Sharon L	Spoken to
05/24/26	Name	Thermes, Tanner Lee	Witness
05/24/26	Name	Guiler, Austin Wayne	Witness
05/24/26	Name	Metzger, Matthew guy	Victim/Offender
05/24/26	Name	Manning, John Patrick	Witness
05/24/26	Name	Thermes, Harley Elizabeth	Witness
05/24/26	Name	Bine, Olivia Frances	Witness
05/24/26	Name	Bine, Angela Louise	Witness
05/24/26	Name	Kowalik, Michael John	Spoken to
05/24/26	Vehicle	BLK 2004 JEEP CHEROKEE OH	Vehicle
05/24/26	Vehicle	WHI 2024 HOND WV	Vehicle
05/24/26	Cad Call	17:20:45 05/24/26 Weapon Offense	Initiating Call

Narrative

Steubenville Police Department Narrative Report

Sgt Bissett

Officers were dispatched to the 900 block of Brady Avenue in regards to a man brandishing firearms and acting strange. Once officers arrived, the incident led to an officer involved shooting. The scene was secured and Ohio BCI took over the investigation.

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Responsible LEO:

Approved by:

Date

Supplement

Mon May 25 08:20:00 EDT 2026 Sgt. Lulla

Upon my arrival I was updated about the incident. After checking on the officers involved I began making an inventory of persons at the scene. Patrol Officers had sectioned off three scenes in the area. I also observed people beginning to walk into the grassy area between Brady and Pershing. I asked that the scene be extended to the tree line in that area to prevent scene contamination. I collected Camera 2 from Ptl. K Rogers and then asked all non investigative SPD staff to leave the crime scene until BCI arrived. Once BCI arrived they began to process the scene. The weather, which was raining at the time, began to get worse and BCI Agent Lulla requested assistance. I began to label envelopes as he collected evidence. The rain continued to get worse and it began to effect the portion of the scene that was on the incline of Brady Avenue. Agent Lulla then advised me to collect the evidence and move it to the sidewalk to ensure nothing got washed away. Clark Crago from the Coroner's office arrived on scene. While there he requested to see the body, which was covered at the time of his arrival. Sgt. Bissett and I pulled the sheet while BCI photographed the body and Mr. Crago observed. SFD responded and removed the body from the scene. They also brought a water truck to the scene and sprayed down Brady Avenue once cleared. BCI requested an on call tow to removed Metzger's jeep and place it indoors. I sealed and marked the doors of the vehicle. Green's towing responded and removed the vehicle. I next returned [REDACTED] vehicle to the station. I was returned to the scene by Officer Hough and Officer K. Rogers transported [REDACTED] vehicle to the station. I remained on scene until BCI cleared.

Supplement

Mon May 25 08:42:20 EDT 2026 Sgt. Lulla

BCI advised that [REDACTED] medical bag would not be collected. I removed the bag and brought it on station, emptied the contents so that it would dry.

BCI also collected all placards including SPD's. I was advised that the placards would be separated and returned to us.

Mon May 25 10:38:46 EDT 2026

The photos taken by Ptl. K Rogers were added to a case file and Camera 2 was placed back into service.

The crime scene entry log was scanned and added.

Supplement

Mon May 25 15:19:13 EDT 2026 Sgt. Lulla

Chief Anderson contacted me and provided the name and number of two witnesses (husband and wife) that were in the area at the time of the incident. It is possible, based on the video of the area, they are the vehicle that was directly in front of [REDACTED] when he first arrives.

Steve Spence [REDACTED]

Kayla Spence [REDACTED]

Supplement

Mon May 25 15:23:45 EDT 2026 Sgt. Lulla

I was contacted by BCI Agent Lulla and asked if any evidence was pulled from the struck vehicles at Team, could the evidence be collected and turned over to BCI. I contacted [REDACTED] who advised that the vehicles were going to be moved on 05-26 and if anything was recovered or observed he would contact me.

Supplement

Mon May 25 18:01:31 EDT 2026 Sgt Barrett

Officers responded to Brady Avenue at University Boulevard for reports of a male subject brandishing a firearm. While en route dispatch advised the male subject was carrying a long gun, either a shotgun or a rifle, and that the subject was pointing a handgun at traffic passing by. While I was en route [REDACTED] asked me for permission to deploy his patrol rifle to which I granted permission to deploy the patrol rifles. As I continued to the call in my cruiser [REDACTED] advised he was close and that he was going to shut down Brady Avenue and asked for another unit to shut down University Boulevard. [REDACTED] copied and the units advised they were in there area. [REDACTED] advised he had a male subject pointing a firearm and as his mic was keyed up I could hear him yelling commands for the subject to "show me your hands". [REDACTED] then keyed up the radio again and advised "shots fired" and that a subject was down and officers were ok. [REDACTED] then requested SFD to respond to the scene for medical treatment of the male subject.

I then arrived on scene. Both lanes of traffic were completely shut down and any subjects not involved were kept away from the scene. I observed a male subject laying in the roadway on Brady Avenue. The subject had several gunshot wounds including one to the head. The male subject had been handcuffed by officers. I asked officers if there were any other subjects potentially involved and they advised only the male subject had been seen. Due to only one subject being observed and several reports to dispatch that a lone male subject was involved I believed the scene to be safe. I advised officers to get a first aid kit and I told Ptl K. Rogers to administer first aid until SFD arrived on scene.

[REDACTED] advised me that the male subject's vehicle, an older black Jeep Cherokee was parked in between Team Ford car dealership vehicles in the small parking lot on the south side of Brady Avenue. I checked the vehicle through the window and observed several ammunition storage cannisters inside and I observed a small firearm case near the front driver side laying on the ground. Officers had checked the vehicle for additional subjects prior to my arrival. At this time I did not open the vehicle and advised officers not to search the vehicle due to the pending investigation. I was also advised that the handgun the subject was armed with at the time of the shooting was laying on the ground underneath the front end of a parked vehicle in the Team Ford lot adjacent to the side walk. I observed a black handgun on the ground under the vehicle. I then checked around the male subject and observed a spent handgun casing near the subject's head area. [REDACTED] advised me that he had kicked the handgun away from the subject once the subject was on the ground.

I then checked on [REDACTED] who advised he was ok. I then spoke to [REDACTED] who advised he had fired shots at the subject with his patrol rifle after he gave commands for the subject to show his hands. [REDACTED] advised the male subject pointed a handgun at officers before shots were fired. I instructed him to secure his rifle in car [REDACTED] and that he was going to be relieved from duty per SPD policy. I then checked on [REDACTED] who advised he was ok. I spoke with [REDACTED] and asked if he had fired shots at the subject and he advised he had fired "many shots" at the subject. I observed numerous spent rifle casings in the roadway where Ptl Starr indicated he was when he fired at the subject. [REDACTED] advised his patrol rifle had already been secured in car [REDACTED] I advised [REDACTED] that he would be relieved from duty per SPD policy. I had both officers remain on scene until a detective could arrive on scene. I was then advised by Ptl Hough that the male subject involved, identified as Matthew Metzger, had been in the process of moving rifles and ammunition from his vehicle, which was parked on the south side of Brady Avenue over to a Maroon Ford pickup truck that was parked at the south east corner of

the Team Ford car dealership building. I had officers then check that vehicle which was unlocked. Inside officers located an AR-15 rifle and a ammunition box that was painted white with red crosses on it in the rear of the cab. Officers checked the box and located numerous boxes of ammunition inside of the box. Ptl K Rogers began taking photographs of the scene and evidence. I had patrolmen began marking evidence with placards until detectives and BCI could arrive on scene and a perimeter was established with crime scene tape.

I then made contact via my cell phone with Chief Anderson and Captain Buchmelter and apprised both of the incident. I then contacted Sgt Bissett and advised him of the incident and requested detectives to respond. SFD advised Mr Metzger had succumbed to his wounds and I advised them to cover the body with a sheet. Chief Anderson then advised me that he had contacted BCI. Capt. Buchmelter arrived on scene and I advised him again of the incident and that Mr Metzger was deceased. SFD advised they had contacted the coroner who would be responding to the scene. Sgt Lulla arrived on scene and I advised him of the incident and what evidence had been located.

I then spoke with several witnesses that had initially been identified and spoke to by [REDACTED]. The first two witnesses I spoke with were identified as Olivia Bine and Angela Bine. Both Angela and Olivia advised that while driving by Team Ford they observed Mr Metzger point a firearm at a truck that was driving by the dealership. Angela Bine advised she observed the male subject(Metzger) getting out of a "greyish older vehicle". Olivia Bine advised it was a black Jeep parked in the parking lot on the south side of Brady Avenue. As they observed the male subject point the handgun at a black truck driving by they both stated they felt "that wasn't right" so they turned around on University Boulevard. Upon returning back they observed Metzger walking across Brady Avenue in front of them carrying two rifles slung over each of his shoulders. Olivia Bine advised she took a picture on her cell phone of the male subject. She then showed me the picture on her cell phone and Mr Metzger is observed walking across the roadway with a long gun with a wood buttstock slung over his left shoulder and an unknown other rifle slung over his left. Olivia advised the other rifle was black. The AR-15 first observed in the maroon Ford truck was black in color. Due to officers not initially locating a long gun with a wood buttstock I advised officers over the radio to check the maroon truck for additional weapons. Ptl Yourex then advised he located two additional rifles/long guns underneath the seat inside the maroon truck. Angela Bine advised the male subject continued to return to his vehicle across Brady Avenue and that the male subject walked directly in front of vehicles with total disregard causing vehicles to have to slam on their brakes. Angela also advised she observed two children on bicycles near the area that Metzger's vehicle was parked and she advised she told the children to go home because she thought "something is not right with this man". Olivia Bine then stated "it didn't feel right from the beginning". They advised they then left the area. I then gathered all of their information, advised them to not delete the photo of the male subject and to remain on scene until BCI arrived.

I then spoke to the next two witnesses, identified as Tanner Thermes and Harley Thermes. Tanner Thermes advised they were leaving Belleview Park after a softball game when they saw the male subject(Metzger) in the roadway on Brady Avenue walking in front of vehicles causing them to stop. Mr Thermes advised he then yelled at the male subject "hey dumbass why are you jumping out in front of traffic?!". Mr Thermes advised the male subject then pointed a gun at him and stated "You're under arrest. Get out of the fucking car." He then had Harley call 911 as they circled back around in their vehicle to try and see the subject again. Mr Thermes advised when they came back to the area they observed the male subject putting items into the red Ford truck in Team Ford's lot. Mr Thermes advised while this was taking place Harley was still on the phone with dispatch.

Mr Thermes advised they circled around again in their vehicle and they then observed Metzger hold a metal clipboard up to his face and simultaneously point a gun at [REDACTED]. Mr Thermes advised "I think he got one shot off" and then Mr Thermes observed both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] fire several shots. I gathered Mr and Mrs Thermes' information and advised them to remain on scene until BCI arrived.

While speaking with Mr and Mrs Thermes I was contacted on my cell phone by BCI supervisor Charles Moran who advised he was dispatching several agents and crime scene investigators to the scene. The scene was handed over to detectives and then BCI once agents arrived on scene. I remained on scene providing traffic control until no longer needed.

Supplement

Mon May 25 22:28:14 EDT 2026 Ptl. Hough

Officers responded to 905 Brady Avenue in regards to a male who had pointed a firearm at a vehicle. While en route, Dispatch advised that callers stated the male was observed to have multiple different rifles. While continuing to the scene, [REDACTED] came over the radio and can be heard shouting commands to the male to show his hands. [REDACTED] had come over the radio again and stated that the male was aiming a gun at Officers. [REDACTED] came over the radio once again and stated, "shots fired, shots fired". He then radioed to start an ambulance to the scene and that Officers were okay. I then arrived on scene and positioned car #50 to block traffic headed westbound on University towards the scene. I then made contact with [REDACTED] and observed the suspect laying on the ground and a handgun was under the front of a nearby vehicle in the Ford Dealership's parking lot. [REDACTED] held cover while I placed the male into handcuffs. Myself and Ptl. K. Rogers then checked the male for other weapons where none were located. Myself and Ptl. K. Rogers then began to render aid to the suspect while SFD was en route to the scene. SFD had arrived on scene and took over rendering medical aid to the suspect. I then began to check the area for the other weapons Dispatch had advised Officers about. While doing so, a witness advised he observed the male place a rifle in the red Ford pickup truck that was parked along the south side of the building towards the front entrance. I then checked inside the described vehicle and located the firearm and Ptl. Yourex stood by with the rifle. I then began to help secure the scene and speak to witnesses.

I went back and further spoke with the first witness I spoke with, John Manning. Mr. Manning advised he observed the male chasing a vehicle pointing a handgun at the vehicle. Mr. Manning advised he then circled back and continued to watch the male. Mr. Manning stated that he then observed the suspect run to his dark colored Jeep that was parked across the street from the Ford Dealership and grab two rifles. Mr. Manning stated that he watched the male stash the firearms inside of the truck listed above. When asked, Mr. Manning advised that he would provide a written witness statement of the events.

I spoke with a second witness, Austin Guiler, who advised that he observed the male walk across the road with a gun so Mr. Guiler spun around and parked in the parking lot. Mr. Guiler advised that his friend was in the vehicle behind him and the male walked up to his vehicle, pointed a firearm at him and said, "you are under arrest". Mr. Guiler stated that his friend had sped off and he then observed the male stash a fire in a vehicle but was unsure which one. Mr. Guiler also advised he would provide a written witness statement of the events.

I spoke with another individual, Michael Kowalik who advised that the front right tire of his vehicle was struck by a bullet during the incident. Mr. Kowalik advised he had placed a spare tire on the vehicle and only wished for the incident involving his vehicle to be documented for insurance purposes. I gather Mr. Kowalik's information and advised him it would be documented and a report would be on file.

I then collected the witness statements and later on station, handed them over to Sgt. Bissett. I then continued to help tape off the scene and secure it until the Detective Division and BCI arrived. I spoke with Sgt. Barrett who advised a witness he was speaking with has a photo of the male carrying multiple long guns. I then radioed Ptl. Yourex to check inside of the truck and around the area for additional firearms which he advised he was able to locate them. I then spoke with two individuals who have access to the Ford Dealership's camera footage that would capture the incident. I collected their information and advised that Detectives would contact them to observe the

footage for investigation. I remained on scene for further assistance until I was no longer needed.

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Supplement

Tue May 26 11:58:17 EDT 2026 Det. Mannarino

Victims Rights Forms completed and emailed to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Supplement

Tue May 26 12:02:54 EDT 2026 - Sgt Bissett

I was off duty when Sgt Barrett called me and told me about the officer involved shooting. I quickly spoke with the police chief by phone and confirmed that BCI was being contacted and that our detective division would respond to just assist with the incident. I notified Sgt Lulla and Det Mannarino.

I arrived at the scene at about 6pm. At that time, I helped keep the area secure and assisted BCI Agent Lulla. Shortly after arriving, I went into Team Ford with [REDACTED] (one of the owners) to review video. He was able to review cameras from their building/lot. At this point, he was aware of the Raptor Truck on his lot being involved. He was able to find video from a camera basically directly over that truck. A second camera on the front of the building captured the area of Brady and University Blvd. We reviewed these cameras, with remote help from another employee (Harry Goodall) and they captured the majority of the incident. Eventually Harry was able to send the two camera recordings to my city email via Google Drive.

There was a heavy rain while the scene was being investigated and processed. We tried to help keep evidence secure while BCI processed it. I checked the roadway for any additional evidence. While there, I saw one spent casing on the road near the body. It was a dark colored casing, probably a 9mm. I also saw at least one live round on the ground there. I saw the pistol on the ground/sidewalk under the front of one of the cars on the car lot. I later saw on body camera that Officer 2 scooted it across the sidewalk, away from Metzger right after the shooting. The assistant Coroner was on scene and eventually wanted to look at Metzger. There had been a sheet covering his body. Sgt Lulla and I lifted the sheet and held it to shield the body for privacy from media and spectators. While doing so, I saw that there was another spent casing, like the 1st found, near his head. It had already been marked by a evidence placard. BCI photographed it while the body was examined. After the majority of evidence had been collected, we saw a third dark colored spent casing that was on the sidewalk close to where Metzger was laying. BCI photographed and collected it as well.

When they were ready, I helped BCI collect the patrol rifles used by officers. BCI photographed and collected both rifles but needed me to unlock the cars. We first took the rifle from SUV car [REDACTED] and then from car [REDACTED]

Later once the scene was finished, both cars were taken back to the police station so their camera systems could upload dash camera video. Once it was finished, I downloaded and preserved video from both cars. Car [REDACTED] is the Pro Vision system and records in 1 hour blocks. I included front video for that car from 6pm to 11pm as well as the video directly related to the shooting. It captures a good view of the scene.

I organized and labeled body camera videos on Evidence.Com for the officers involved. At the direction of the police chief, I restricted the body cameras for the two officers who fired their weapons until advised otherwise. I preserved all body camera footage from SPD officers at the scene.

The video sent to me from Team Ford was downloaded and preserved in our digital detective case file.

Patrol officers were at the station and gave me two written statements that they had obtained. Statements were from John Manning and Austin Guiler. I kept the

originals but scanned them to the digital case file as well.

I eventually review the videos of the incident:

Team Ford Videos:

One view (labeled outside_south) showed Metzger's Jeep enter the top parking lot near the Toyota building at about 4:40pm. The Jeep drives down through the parking lot and past the Raptor. There is also a camera on the front of that building that faces University Blvd/Brady Avenue (labeled Outside_south). Between these two cameras I saw the following:

After he drives through the lot, he parks in the small lot that is across Brady Avenue, basically southeast of the main building.

Metzger exits the Jeep and then appears to check the door handles of the new Ford Broncos in that lot. He walks across Brady Avenue into the main lot just after 4:44pm. He checks the doors and tailgate of a blue Ford truck on a display ramp and then makes his way to the Raptor. At this point it appears that all of the doors he has checked have been locked.

He goes to the driver door of the Raptor and finds it unlocked. He then opens the tailgate. He then makes his way through the large parking lot towards the collision center and is briefly out of camera view at about 4:48pm (it may be motion activated). He comes back into view at about 4:55pm.

He crosses Brady Avenue back towards his Jeep at about 4:56pm while there is moderate traffic. As he gets to the other sidewalk, he is apparently agitated about something and appears to pull a handgun from his right side and point it at a white SUV as it drives past.

He gets back into his Jeep and starts to back it up but then pulls forward and parks again. He gets out and stand on the sidewalk at about 4:58pm. He then goes back to the Jeep.

At about 5:00pm, he removes several long guns from the Jeep and walks them across Brady Avenue to the Raptor. As he is approaching the Raptor, there is a white Ford Edge driving through the parking lot and he walks directly in front of it. (This later matches a picture found on Social Media of him holding a long gun in the parking lot). He puts the guns into the Raptor and walks back towards Brady Avenue at about 5:01:15pm and returns to the Jeep.

At about 5:02:30pm, he makes his second trip from the Jeep to the Raptor with items that include another long gun. He makes his way back towards the Jeep at about 5:03pm. As he crosses Brady Avenue at about 5:03:30, a police vehicle is coming into view with the emergency lights on, headed down the hill past the Toyota Lot toward him.

The officer exits the Police SUV and is apparently communicating with Metzger. At 5:04pm, Metzger is next to his Jeep and appears to pull a handgun from his hip and point it at the officer. He sets something else on the ground at about 5:04:15. He holds a metal clipboard in his left hand as a shield while pointing the pistol at the officer. A second officer is now approaching Metzger from another direction. At 5:04:17 Metzger starts to run across the road and looks toward the second officer and points his firearm at the 2nd officer. As he runs across the street shots are apparently fired by him and the officers. I could see 1 or 2 projectiles strike the pavement in front of officer #2, fired by Metzger. Metzger drops to the pavement, out of camera view.

Body Camera from Officer 1 (SUV [REDACTED] shows him exit with a rifle. Metzger is by his Jeep. Officer is giving commands to show his hands. At 17:03:55 it sounds like Metzger yells that he is the "head of DARPA" and he is yelling at the officer to "stand down now". This is apparently when he pulls the handgun and officer 1 then yells "drop the gun" two times. A moment later gunfire is heard.

Officer 1 immediately radios to dispatch that shots were fired and to start an ambulance, but that officers are ok.

Officer 1 stands by, watching Metzger, while Officer 2 checks the Jeep. Other officers arrive. At about 17:09 officer 2 makes his rifle safe. He unloads it, puts the live round from the chamber back into the magazine and locks the rifle and magazine in car [REDACTED]

Officer #2 body camera shows him exiting car [REDACTED] at about 17:04. I can hear officer 1 telling the subject to show his hands. Metzger is also heard yelling "stand down" to officer 1. Officer 1 is yelling in the background to "drop the gun". At 17:04:16 Metzger is starting to approach the street and Officer 2 yells "get on the ground" At 17:04:18 Metzger is visible on body camera holding the clipboard in his left hand and pointing the pistol at officer 2 with his right hand. Gun fire erupts.

It is not completely clear to me but the first shots sound like they come from Metzger's pistol and officer 2 shoots as well.

After Officer 2 checks the Jeep he approaches Metzger. At 17:05:06 the pistol is visible on the sidewalk next to Metzger. Officer slides it with his foot away from Metzger.

After the scene is secure, a man in a white GMC is yelling to officers that Metzger put something in the red Ford on the lot and that Metzger pointed a gun at him (before the shooting). That witness information is gathered.

At 17:08:30, officer 2 secured his patrol rifle in car [REDACTED]

Supplement

Tue May 26 22:25:27 EDT 2026 Ptl. K. Rogers

I was dispatched to the area of Brady Avenue and University Boulevard (Team Ford) in regards to a male in the area holding a firearm. Dispatch advised that the male was pointing the firearm at vehicles as they drove past. As I was in route to the area, [REDACTED] called out that he was a male with a firearm. I heard [REDACTED] yell over the radio "show me your hands" and then that shots were fired. This is when I arrived on scene.

I observed a white male subject laying in the roadway and [REDACTED] holding cover over him. The handgun from the suspect was now underneath of a vehicle parked in the Team Ford parking lot. Myself and Ptl. Hough approached the subject. We turned him onto his stomach and handcuffed him. I then searched him for any remaining weapons which I did not located.

I then retrieved a medic bag from the rear of Car [REDACTED] Myself and Ptl. Hough began providing first aid to the subject. I observed him to be bleeding profusely from his head. I also observed a gun shot wound to his back and leg. Steubenville Fire Department arrived on scene shortly after and took over first aid. EMT Gibbs stated he no longer had a pulse and we seized further aid.

I was then instructed to place placards near all the shell casings and evidence. I then took photos of all the evidence, including both vehicles involved and the firearms. Once Sgt. Lulla arrived on scene he advised me to leave. I stood by near the perimeter until I was no longer needed.

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Vehicles

Vehicle Number: 26-01226**License Plate:** JAX2229**State:** OH**Vehicle Year:** 2004**Make:** JEEP Jeep**Color:** BLK /**Vehicle Type:** PCAR Passenger Car**License Type:** PC Regular Passenger Automobile**Expires:** 09/22/26**VIN:** 1J4GW48S84C368211**Model:** CHEROKEE**Doors:** 4**Value:** \$0.00**Owner:****Last:** Metzger**First:** Matthew**Mid:** guy**DOB:** 09/22/89**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Address:** 604 Forestview Drive**Race:** W**Sex:** M**Phone:** (724)263-7627**City:** Wintersville, OH 43953

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Agency: SPD Steubenville Police Department**Date Recov/Revd:** **/**/****Officer:****Area:** HT Hilltops**UCR Status:****Wrecker Service:****Local Status:** III Involved in Incident**Storage Location:****Status Date:** 05/24/26**Release Date:** **/**/****Comments:****Vehicle Number:** 26-01230**License Plate:** 47D107**State:** WV**Vehicle Year:** 2024**Make:** HOND Honda**Color:** WHI /**Vehicle Type:** PCAR Passenger Car**License Type:** PC Regular Passenger Automobile**Expires:** 04/01/26**VIN:** 5FNYP8H58RB005753**Model:****Doors:** 4**Value:** \$0.00**Owner:****Last:****First:****Mid:****DOB:** **/**/****Dr Lic:****Address:****Race:****Sex:****Phone:****City:** ,**Agency:** SPD Steubenville Police Department**Date Recov/Revd:** **/**/****Officer:** Hough I**Area:** HT Hilltops**UCR Status:****Wrecker Service:****Local Status:** III Involved in Incident**Storage Location:****Status Date:** 05/24/26**Release Date:** **/**/****Comments:**

Name Involvements:**Spoken to :** 128164**Last:** Kowalik**DOB:** 10/09/59**Race:** U **Sex:** M**First:** Michael**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Phone:** [REDACTED]**Mid:** John**Address:** 1754 Blosser Lane**City:** Follansbee, WV 26037**Witness :** 128161**Last:** Thermes**DOB:** 08/26/99**Race:** U **Sex:** F**First:** Harley**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Phone:** [REDACTED]**Mid:** Elizabeth**Address:** 108 Frostview Drive**City:** Wintersville, OH 43953**Victim/Offender**127417

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Last: Metzger**DOB:** 09/22/89**Race:** W **Sex:** M**First:** Matthew**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Phone:** [REDACTED]

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Mid: guy**Address:** 604 Forestview Drive**City:** Wintersville, OH 43953**Spoken to :** 11222**Last:** [REDACTED]**DOB:** [REDACTED]**Race:** W **Sex:** M**First:** [REDACTED]**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Phone:** [REDACTED]**Mid:** [REDACTED]**Address:** [REDACTED]**City:** [REDACTED]**Witness :** 128163**Last:** Bine**DOB:** 01/04/75**Race:** U **Sex:** F**First:** Angela**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Phone:** [REDACTED]**Mid:** Louise**Address:** 107 McHendry Street**City:** Weirton, WV 26062**Spoken to :** 32441**Last:** Kowalik**DOB:** 03/26/55**Race:** W **Sex:** F**First:** Sharon**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Phone:** [REDACTED]**Mid:** L**Address:** 1754 Eldersville Road**City:** Follansbee, WV 26037**Witness :** 92662**Last:** Thermes**DOB:** 09/07/99**Race:** W **Sex:** M**First:** Tanner**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Phone:** [REDACTED]**Mid:** Lee**Address:** 108 Frostview Drive**City:** Wintersville, OH 43953**Witness :** 117578**Last:** Guiler**DOB:** 02/02/98**Race:** W **Sex:** M**First:** Austin**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Phone:** [REDACTED]**Mid:** Wayne**Address:** 524 Lauretta Drive**City:** Steubenville, OH 43952**Witness :** 128162**Last:** Bine**DOB:** 12/06/05**First:** Olivia**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Mid:** Frances**Address:** 107 McHendry Street

Race: U**Sex:** F**Phone:** [REDACTED]**City:** Weirton, WV 26062**Witness :** 128160**Last:** Manning**First:** John**Mid:** Patrick**DOB:** 11/05/62**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Address:** 3014 Oxnard Boulevard**Race:** U**Sex:** M**Phone:** [REDACTED]**City:** Oxnard, CA**Spoken to :** 65494**Last:** [REDACTED]**First:** [REDACTED]**Mid:** [REDACTED]**DOB:** [REDACTED]**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Address:** [REDACTED]**Race:** W**Sex:** M**Phone:** [REDACTED]**City:** [REDACTED]