



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



2025-0596

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 236 McKinley Ave, Piqua, OH
(Miami County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Search Warrant
Involves: David West (S)
Date of Activity: 02/21/2025
Activity Location: – 236 McKinley Ave, Piqua, OH 45356
Author: SA David Hornyak, #112

Narrative:

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) David Hornyak (SA Hornyak) received a search warrant for 236 McKinley Avenue, Piqua, Ohio, relative to the officer-involved critical incident which occurred on February 21, 2025.

On Friday, February 21, 2025, Detective Jeremy Koehler met with Miami County Court of Municipal Judge Samuel Huffman (Judge Huffman). Judge Huffman reviewed the search warrant and search warrant affidavit. On February 21, 2025 at approximately 2004 hours, Judge Huffman signed / authorized the search warrant.

An inventory of the items seized was prepared with a copy provided to the address of 236 McKinley Avenue, Piqua, Ohio.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Search Warrant for residence 2-21-25

Exhibit 1

IN THE MIAMI COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

WARRANT TO SEARCH

THE STATE OF OHIO

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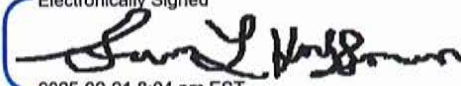
MIAMI COUNTY

To: *Chief Richard Byron, Piqua Police Department , Greetings:*

WHEREAS, there has been filed with me an affidavit, a copy of which appears attached hereto, these are, therefore, to command you, in the name of The State of Ohio, with the necessary and proper assistance, to enter, in the daytime, or in the nighttime, into the residence of Duane West, 236 McKinley Ave , Piqua, Ohio, 45356, being described as is a one story residence on the west side of McKinley Ave. The residence has white siding with black window shutters. The front door is on the east side of the house facing McKinley Ave. The residence has a concrete front porch leading up to the front door that is black in color. The front door also has a white screen door. The number 236 are written on the mailbox that is on the south side of the front door. The residence has an attached garage that is on the west side of the house off Plum Street with the garage door facing south. , in said Miami County, Ohio, and to execute a search of the said residence, within three (3) days after the issuance of this warrant. The said premises being in the County of Miami, Ohio, aforesaid, and there diligently search for the said goods, chattels, or articles, to wit, pursuant to §2933.21 R.C. and Rule 41 of the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure, evidence of the commission of the criminal offenses of Murder, §2903.02 R.C., Felonious Assault, §2903.11 R.C., Assault, §2903.13 R.C., Domestic Violence, §2919.25 R.C., Menacing, §2903.22 R.C., weapons, implements, tools, instruments, articles, or property used as a means of the commission of a crime, including, but not limited to, weapons used in the offense, property which may identify or trace the victim or suspects, photographs or videotapes of the scene, sketches of the physical layout of the scene, finger or palm prints of persons present during the offense, samples of materials the subjects may have carried from the scene on their person, personal property or other objects to identify witnesses to assist in the investigation process; the collection of laboratory evidence, shell casings, bullets, ammunition, utilizing the services of a crime scene search unit or medical laboratory employee to collect blood; saliva; semen and other bodily fluids; hair; skin and skin flakes; from various locations in and on the person, building, place, or vehicle to be searched; and indicia, documents, and records showing ownership or rights of possession are being kept in or on the residence of

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You are further commanded to bring the same or any part thereof, found on such search, forthwith before me, or some other judge of this court having cognizance thereof, to be disposed of and dealt with according to law. In lieu thereof, you are authorized to retain such seized property and evidence in the property room of the Piqua Police Department .

Electronically Signed

2025-02-21 8:04 pm EST

Judge Samuel L. Huffman

SEARCH WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

THE STATE OF OHIO

ss.

MIAMI COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned, Judge of a court of record within and for Miami County, Ohio, personally appeared Detective Jeremy Koehler, Badge Number 210, of the Piqua Police Department, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he has good cause to believe and does believe that pursuant to §2933.21 R.C. and Rule 41 of the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure, evidence of the commission of the criminal offenses of Murder, §2903.02 R.C., Felonious Assault, §2903.11 R.C., Assault, §2903.13 R.C., Domestic Violence, §2919.25 R.C., Menacing, §2903.22 R.C., weapons, implements, tools, instruments, articles, or property used as a means of the commission of a crime, including, but not limited to, weapons used in the offense, property which may identify or trace the victim or suspects, photographs or videotapes of the scene, sketches of the physical layout of the scene, finger or palm prints of persons present during the offense, samples of materials the subjects may have carried from the scene on their person, personal property or other objects to identify witnesses to assist in the investigation process; the collection of laboratory evidence, shell casings, bullets, ammunition, utilizing the services of a crime scene search unit or medical laboratory employee to collect blood; saliva; semen and other bodily fluids; hair; skin and skin flakes; from various locations in and on the person, building, place, or vehicle to be searched; and indicia, documents, and records showing ownership or rights of possession are being kept in or on the residence of Duane West, 236 McKinley Ave, Piqua, Ohio, 45356 being described as is a one story residence on the west side of McKinley Ave. The residence has white siding with black window shutters. The front door is on the east side of the house facing McKinley Ave. The residence has a concrete front porch leading up to the front door that is black in color. The front door also has a white screen door. The number 236 are written on the mailbox that is on the south side of the front door. The residence has an attached garage that is on the west side of the house off Plum Street with the garage door facing south, in said Miami County, Ohio.

The facts upon which such belief is based are as follows:

See Attachment A

BASED UPON ALL OF THE FOREGOING, AFFIANT BELIEVES, AND HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT COMMISSION OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AS DESCRIBED

ABOVE, HAS BEEN, AND IS BEING CONDUCTED AT 236 MCKINLEY AVE , PIQUA, OHIO, 45356, AND FURTHER THAT ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF SUCH CRIMINAL OFFENSE WILL BE FOUND AT 236 MCKINLEY AVE , PIQUA, OHIO, 45356.

Request for Nighttime Search.

Affiant further states that a search in the nighttime (the hours between 8:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M.) is warranted and requested, due to the following facts:

Electronically Signed
Jeremy J. Koehler
2025-02-21 7:56 pm EST

Detective Jeremy Koehler

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence by Detective Jeremy Koehler, this
21st day of February, 2025.

Electronically Signed
Samuel L. Huffman
2025-02-21 8:04 pm EST

Judge Samuel L. Huffman

ATTACHMENT A
THE STATE OF OHIO
MIAMI COUNTY : ss

MIAMI COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
TROY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

On February 21, 2025, at 1645 hrs., Officers from the Piqua Police Department were dispatched to 236 McKinley Ave for the report of a disturbance. The complainant, Tammy West, advised her adult son, David West, was intoxicated and assaulted her. Tammy advised she was outside the residence waiting on officers, while her son was inside the residence.

Once Officer's arrived on scene, David was located in the basement armed with what looked like a semi-automatic pistol. Officer's were at the top of the basement steps in the doorway giving David multiple commands to drop his weapon and come to the steps with his hands visible. After giving several commands, Piqua Police Department opened fire shooting in the direction of David West.

While Officers approached David, they kicked what looked like a black semi-automatic pistol away from him while he was lying on the floor. Lifesaving maneuvers were performed by officers until paramedics arrived on scene. David West was pronounced deceased by Piqua Fire a short time later.

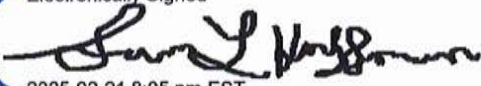
I am requesting a search warrant for the residence of 236 McKinley Ave which is owned by David's father, Duane West, to recover any and all items related to Felonious Assault ORC 2903.11, Assault ORC 2903.13, and Murder ORC 2903.02 as described in the Search Warrant.

I have a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Findlay and have been employed with the Piqua Police Department since April of 2014. Prior to my appointment with Piqua, I worked for the Upper Sandusky Police Department. I have been in the detective section since January 22, 2024, but was previously part of the Patrol Division since getting hired. During my ten years on patrol, I have conducted numerous detailed investigations and assisted other officers with their investigations as a supervisor.

Electronically Signed
Jeremy J. Koehler
2025-02-21 7:57 pm EST

Detective Jeremy J. Koehler

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presences by Detective Jeremy J. Koehler, this
21st day of February 2025

Judge Samuel L. Huffman
Electronically Signed

2025-02-21 8:05 pm EST

Evidence Receipt for Case #: 2025-0596



Agency: Ohio BCI
 Prepared By:
 Case Date: Feb 21, 2025
 Offense(s): Officer Involved Critical Incident
 Victim(s):
 Witness(es):
 Suspect(s):
 Scene #: 1
 Scene Address: 236 McKinley Avenue, Piqua, OH 45356

Evidence #	Item Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
1	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Four FC 9mm Luger cartridge cases collected from the floor.	Top of basement stairs	Amy Cruey	Feb 21, 2025
2	Gun/Firearm Cardboard Box containing Handgun (Pistol or Revolver) -- Quantity: 1; Serial Number: FA02E01002; Black Byrna SD less than lethal pistol next to a magazine containing round projectiles.	Basement	Amy Cruey	Feb 21, 2025
3	Envelope containing Fired Projectile -- Quantity: 1; One projectile jacket collected from the floor near deceased.	Basement	Amy Cruey	Feb 21, 2025

Released By	Released To	Date/Time
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