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2025-3030
 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 15 Pearl Rd., Brunswick,
 OH 44212, Medina County

Emergency Lights: Present & Utilized	Siren: Present & Utilized
Shift Day of Incident: ██████████	Duty Status: On-Duty
Days Off: ██████████	Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: None
Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: 6 Hours	Consider Self Well Rested?: Yes
Total Length as Officer: ██████████	Length at Current Agency: ██████████
Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid): None	Corrective Lenses: No Corrective Lenses
Uniform Worn: Blue Police Uniform with external vest	Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest: Asp, Presidio Gell, X26 Taser
Ballistic Vest: External Armor	Body Worn Camera: Present & Used
Other Recording Devices: None	Partner: ██████ - Not utilized
Injuries: small laceration to the back of left leg, soreness in wrist and fingers	Equipment Damage: pair of pants, a pair of socks, a shirt, two pairs of handcuffs, a bracelet, a hat, glasses due to blood decontamination
Training or Areas of Specialty: CIT, firearms, ██████████ supervisor, ██████████ ██████████, Drug Recognition Expert, field training officer	OPOTC Certification: Yes
Military Experience/Training: ██████████ ██████████	Use-of-Force Training: Annually
Prior Use of Force Incidents: Yes	Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints: None
Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident: No	Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview: No

Officer's Firearm(s):

Weapon #1

Make: Smith & Wesson	Model: MP 2.0
Caliber/Gauge: 9 mm	Type: Semi-Auto Handgun
Magazine Capacity: 24	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 25

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Extra Magazines: 2	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: 24
Discharged During Incident? No	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Left-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned

Weapon #2

Make: Taser	Model: X26
Magazine Capacity: 1	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 1
Extra Magazines: No	Discharged During Incident? No
Rounds Remaining After Incident: 1	Primary or Backup Weapon: Backup
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned

Narrative:

On September 26, 2025, [REDACTED] of the Brunswick Division of Police was interviewed regarding a use-of-force incident that occurred at the BP Gas Station located at 15 Pearl Road. [REDACTED] responded to a call that was initially described a disturbance involving a male subject breaking wine bottles inside the store. [REDACTED] said **"Initially I did not respond lights and sirens"** [12:45], until he received updated information that the subject was attempting to re-enter the store after being locked out by the clerk, [REDACTED] instructed additional responding units to proceed with emergency response.

[REDACTED] was the first to arrive and observed broken glass outside the front doors and a gas pump nozzle on the ground. [REDACTED] described the scene as chaotic and poorly lit stating, **"the lighting conditions were horrible... sunlight was banging off the front of the building"** [13:31], making it difficult to see inside. Concerned for the safety of the female clerk, he chose not to deploy his [REDACTED] partner, due to the unknown location of the clerk and the presence of broken glass.

[REDACTED] stated he observed hand marks in blood on the doors with the broken glass. [REDACTED] arrived shortly after and joined [REDACTED] at the entrance before drawing his firearm and entering while making verbal announcements identifying themselves as police and instructing the subject to show his hands. The subject, later identified as Jacob Derkin (Derkin), was located seated in the hallway behind the clerk's counter and near the office, **"completely covered in blood from head to toe"** [16:19]. While [REDACTED] had his firearm drawn, [REDACTED]

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transitioned to his taser for a less lethal option. [REDACTED] stated that he ordered Derkin to put his hands up, to show his hands, and **"Brunswick Police Department, come out with your hands up"** [14:58] multiple times, but he did not comply and that was when [REDACTED] deployed his taser. The first taser deployment by [REDACTED] made contact, with one probe striking the subject on the left shoulder. [REDACTED] was unsure where the second probe struck, but it was enough that Derkin fell backward and to his side from his seated position, which allowed officers to move in and attempt physical restraint. [REDACTED] holstered his firearm and attempted to get a hold of his hands. When [REDACTED] touched his arm, Derkin tucked his arms in and began grabbing [REDACTED]'s hands. [REDACTED] recalled, **"He was kicking and thrashing. He was yelling and screaming different things... talking about Satan and the devil... 'fuck you, homo, let go of my hand'"** [18:55]. Despite the initial effect of the taser, Derkin continued to resist. [REDACTED] noted that the subject was **"jazzed up"** [20:32] and **"really strong"** [20:36] making it difficult to maintain control. During the struggle, [REDACTED] was inadvertently tased when the wires contacted his hands. [REDACTED] described Derkin as approximately 275 pounds and extremely strong, who continued to resist. **"I was having a really difficult time holding onto him... he was so slick from all the blood"** [18:21]. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] to use the Taser again so they could get control of his arms. They were still unable to get Derkin in handcuffs and [REDACTED] thought about the amount of blood and said he **"was very concerned that we were gonna find that female dead in the building somewhere."** [21:20] [REDACTED] said that he requested an ambulance before he was handcuffed and eventually, they were able to pull Derkin's legs out and have him lying on his stomach. With this new position [REDACTED] was able to manipulate Derkin's right arm and get it into a position that they were able to complete handcuffing Derkin behind his back.

Once Derkin was in handcuffs, [REDACTED] said **"we kind of slowed things down a little bit"** [22:59] and could see a laceration on Derkin's left forearm that was **"spurting blood out of it"** [23:11]. At the same time, it appeared that [REDACTED] noticed it as well, as he applied a tourniquet above it to control the bleeding. Once the bleeding was controlled, [REDACTED] and the other officers moved Derkin to a recovery position on his side and then they sat him up. [REDACTED] described the hallway as very small and only the width of the table.

[REDACTED] was behind Derkin, and he was able to use his legs to push off of the wall, pinning [REDACTED] against the other wall. This caused [REDACTED] to sustain a laceration to the back of his left leg from an electrical box. He also reported soreness in his wrist and fingers from Derkin grabbing and squeezing them. After that, Derkin began fighting again and they moved his position back to the ground on his stomach.

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While in this position Derkin kept yelling at the officers and ██████████ used his knee below Derkin's buttocks in attempt to control his lower body. ██████████ and ██████████ were attempting to control Derkin's feet and ██████████ was controlling his head and shoulders. ██████████ noted, Derkin suddenly stopped fighting before he was loaded onto the Reeves stretcher¹ and became unresponsive. ██████████ said **"he kind of like stopped fighting all of a sudden... I checked, he still had a pulse"** [27:02]. ██████████ remembered seeing the ambulance rocking, so he opened the doors to check on them and he saw they were using a Lucas Device to perform CPR and EMS told him that he just went into arrest.

██████████ was asked additional questions to clarify the actions of himself and others during the incident that he observed. When asked if anything was different in his memory vs when he watched his BWC footage, ██████████ said ██████████ told him about glass shards and the possibility of them being used as a weapon.

██████████ was asked to talk about the training he received that would be related to an incident like this. He stated that he was a drug recognition expert and he felt like Derkin was exhibiting symptoms of being under the influence. ██████████ described Derkin as sweating profusely, his body was warm to the touch, and he had **"extra superhuman strength"** [31:29] and **"he was fighting till the very end"** [31:46]. When describing the positions of all officers during the last prone position, ██████████ said ██████████ and ██████████ were at Derkin's feet, he was at Derkin's thighs, and ██████████ had a knee on Derkin's shoulder and the other leg was over top of Derkin's head. When ██████████ saw ██████████ leg over Derkin's head he had him reposition it. ██████████ emphasized that he feared for the safety of his officers and the unknown status of the clerk. **"I was very concerned that if this gentleman got loose... he was going to hurt one of my officers or myself"** [39:29]. Reflecting on the incident, ██████████ stated, he believed his actions were consistent with his training. He confirmed that he had not discharged his firearm or taser, and that he had given multiple verbal warnings. ██████████ stated, **"He failed to comply with all of those things"** [41:14].

The interview concluded at approximately 13:38 hours.

The interview was audio and video recorded. The recording was uploaded into Axon Justice / Evidence.com in Reference item E - Interviews in sub-folder labeled "Involved

¹ A Reeves stretcher is a flexible, multi-handled patient transport device designed for rapid extraction and movement in confined or difficult environments.

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Officers" as a file named "2025-09-26 [REDACTED] Interview". The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

References:

Reference Item E - Interviews / Involved Officers - Stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

1. 2025-09-26 [REDACTED] Criminal Investigation Notification

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Criminal Investigation Notification

1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is not a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

[Redacted]
Printed Name of Interviewee

9-24-25 12:51
Date / Time

SA Jesse Bynum
BCI Agent (Printed)

Jesse Bynum #179
BCI Agent (Signature)