



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



2022-1545
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4851 Westchester Dr. Apt 101,
Austintown, Ohio 44515

Investigative Activity: Information Provided/Obtained
Involves: Imonie Theresa Hackett (S)
Date of Activity: 08/02/2022
Activity Location: – 4851 Westchester Dr. Apt.101, Youngstown, OH 44515,
Mahoning County
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Narrative:

On Monday, August 19, 2022, at 1100 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agent Eric Lehnhart received typed, written statements from Trooper (Tpr.) Andrea Thomas (Milan Post), Sergeant (Sgt.) John Beeler (Cedarville), Tpr. Josh Bumgardner (Steubenville Post), Sgt. Chris Castellanos (Canton Post), Tpr. Justin Ross (Academy), Lieutenant Seth Douthitt (SRT Office), Sgt. Erik Lofland (Norwalk Post), Tpr. Hector Burgos (Academy), Sgt. Scott Moore (St. Clairsville Post), Tpr. Michael Landers (Canfield Post), Tpr. Paul Punches (Toledo Post), Tpr. Ryan Brillhart (Swanton Post), all of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Special Response Team (OSHP SRT), relative to the officer-involved critical incident shooting which took place on Tuesday, July 19, 2022.

The purpose of the typed, written statement was to obtain additional relevant information known or observed by these individuals regarding their response to the incident scene.

The typed, written statements are attached to this report. Please see attachments for further details.

Attachments:

- Attachment # 01: 2022-08-01 Thomas, Andre Statement
- Attachment # 02: 2022-08-02 Beeler, Sgt. John Statement
- Attachment # 03: 2022-08-02 Bumgardner, Josh Statement
- Attachment # 04: 2022-08-02 Castellanos, Sgt. Chris Statement
- Attachment # 05: 2022-08-03 Ross, Justin Statement
- Attachment # 06: 2022-08-04 Douthitt, Lt. Seth Statement
- Attachment # 07: 2022-08-04 Lofland, Sgt. Erik Statement
- Attachment # 08: 2022-08-05 Burgos, Hector Statement

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Attachment # 09: 2022-08-05 Moore, Sgt. Scott Statement
Attachment # 10: 2022-08-11 Landers, Michael Statement
Attachment # 11: 2022-08-17 PUNCHES, Paul Statement
Attachment # 12: 2022-08-19 Brillhart, Ryan Statement

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I, Andre Thomas, hereby make this voluntary statement to Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation at Milan Post on 08/01/2022

SRT member were dispatched to a barricaded suspect in Austintown. When I received the call to head to the barricade, I picked up the BEAR (armored vehicle) and made my way to the scene. When I arrived on scene I met Sgt. John Beeler to get a update. Next, I went back to the BEAR to get the necessary gear. The tools I used that day in addition to my standred gear was the Rake and Break. Once all SRT units had their necessary gear ready we made our way over to Sgt. Beeler.

Sgt. Beeler gave us a final breif of the situation, then memebers of the team started coming up with a plan.The plan was approximately eight member would stage outside the suspect apartment door just in case a entry was needed. Four members would wait outside on the backside of the suspect apartment just in case any entry was needed. The outside team would break windows, and throw flash bangs if a entry was needed on the apartment. The two snipers would setup in a separate apartment building that was approximately 40 yards across from the suspect apartment.

Once the planning was complete we relieved the majority of the FBI SWAT team operators. When all SRT members were in place we waited. While waiting in postion I noticed along the backside of the apartment building there was a parking lot. In the parking lot was a FBI armored vehicle and about 40 yard from the vehicle was a unarmored patrol car. The patrol car was stationary and secured the perimeter. The FBI armored vehicle had atleast two people inside of it. During the time we took up our outside postion I saw an officer in and outside the marked patrol car.

I'm unsure on the exact time but i would estimate 20 minutes into waiting the susect begin firing out of a window. From the angle I was standing, I couldn't see the suspect firing but I had a clear view of the courtyard. I saw a piece of debris come from the suspect apartment during her firing. I heard a total of two or three shots from the suspect, then I heard one loud distinct shot from the SRT sniper. Almost immediately after our sniper fired I heard "shot out" over our radio. Next a breach of the apartment was called by one of the squad leaders.

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Sgt. Erik Lofland had a shield, Sgt. Chris Castellanos had the throw bot and Tpr. Hector Burgos had his M4 rifle to cover us.

After the call to breach was made, we made our way to the window on the far left of the apartments three windows. I broke out the window with the Rake and Break then, Sgt. Castellanos threw in the throw bot. Next, we all backed away into our original position.

After the entry team stated the suspect was down and the paramedics were called on scene, the operation was over.

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I, John Beeler, hereby make this voluntary statement to Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation at 2587 Conley Road, Cedarville, Ohio on July 19, 2022 I was working normal scheduled work hours when I was contacted by Michael West from the Cleveland FBI Office at around 10:30am. West was reaching out on behalf of the Austintown Police Chief requesting assistance coordinating for the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Special Response Team (SRT) to take over tactical command of an incident involving an armed barricaded individual (Imonie Hackett) who was keeping her 9 year old son (Daniel Stanford) inside the apartment with her. This incident was taking place at the address of 4851 Westchester Drive Apartment 101 Austintown, Ohio. The FBI regional SWAT team had taken over tactical command on the morning of the 19th at 8:00am when they relieved the Mahoning Valley CRT. The plan was for OSP SRT to relieve the FBI between 3pm-4pm.

I notified my supervisor Lieutenant Seth Douthitt and began making arrangements to coordinate getting OSP SRT team members and equipment made available to respond to the incident. The following team members were contacted and requested to respond to the incident to be there by 2:30pm; Lieutenant Douthitt, Sergeants Lofland, Castellanos, Moore, Beeler, and Troopers [REDACTED], Brillhart, Bumgardner, Burgos, [REDACTED] Landers, Punches, Ross, Thomas. Landers would be bringing OSP SRT's Equipment Truck and Thomas would be bringing OSP SRT's armored vehicle, Bear 1. I also contacted OSP CNT negotiators Sergeant Joe Costarella and Trooper Michael Gurlea to request them to respond to the scene as well to serve as OSP negotiators.

I arrived on scene around 12:15pm and went to the incident command vehicle where I was able to get up to date information on what was going on and what had already taken place. FBI negotiators as well as Mahoning Valley CRT Commander John Elberty were filling me in with as much information as they could. I was told the incident initiated the previous evening at around 10pm when a neighboring resident called 911 to report that Hackett was outside of her apartment with a pistol. The local department responded to observe Hackett armed with a pistol. Hackett disobeyed commands from the officer and retreated to her apartment. The officer determined the incident to be a barricade and the Mahoning Valley CRT was requested to respond. Mahoning Valley CRT responded to the scene and assumed tactical command. Hackett began posting Facebook Live videos to her Facebook account that showed her armed with a pistol accompanied in the apartment with her 9 year old son, Stanford. Hackett had been off and on communicating with negotiators throughout the incident and was going through

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what was described as cycles of manic behavior. Hackett continued to state she threatened to shoot at officers on scene, shoot at officers if they attempted to come through her door, and described seeing demons outside her apartment. Arrest warrants were obtained on Hackett for felony inducing panic, and misdemeanor child endangerment. The FBI's regional SWAT team relieved Mahoning Valley CRT at 8:00am and assumed tactical command.

While on scene receiving additional updates at the command post, a single gunshot was heard coming from Hackett's apartment at around 1pm. FBI negotiators were able to confirm that both Hackett and Stanford did not receive injury due to the gunshot and it was believed that Hackett had discharged the pistol into her apartment out of frustration.

I then went to meet with the FBI's tactical commander on scene, Steven Farnsworth, in their bearcat near the 3/4 corner of the target apartment. A plan was put in place with Farnsworth that OSP SRT would begin to swap positions with the FBI's team at around 3:15pm but that we would keep two FBI agents and their bearcat in position near the 3/4 corner of the target apartment. I then went back to the command post to meet with arriving OSP SRT members.

Once all OSP SRT members were on scene I brought them up to speed with the incident and the details of what had taken place during the incident. After the briefing SRT members began moving to their assigned areas to assume position and relieve the FBI team members. The assignments were as follows:

Costarella and Gurlea - Negotiators at the Command Post

Douthitt - Tactical Command at the Command Post

Landers - Robot Operator near the Command Post

Arrest Team - Beeler, Moore, Brillhart, Panches, Ross, Bumgardner (equipped with two shields, lethal and less lethal capabilities, breaching equipment and equipment for an explosive breach if deemed necessary. Located on the same level as the target apartment, but staged in an apartment across the hall, and approximately 30 feet north of the suspect)

3/4 Corner Team - Lofland, Castellanos, Burgos, Thomas (equipped with NFDD's, window breaching equipment, robots and lethal cover)

Sniper Observer Team - [REDACTED] (Positioned 38 yards in second floor apartment due south of target apartment)

At around 3:30pm all OSP SRT units had relieved the FBI's locations. Landers began to drive the ICOR robot down the landing stairs to position it in the basement hallway facing towards the suspect apartment, but still approximately 30 feet from the target door. The arrest team could hear Hackett talking from down the hall and heard her began to bang on her entry door

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to the apartment. At about 4:15pm over our radio channel we heard Hannum say that the suspect was sliding her living room window open. At 4:16pm over our radio channel we heard [REDACTED] say "gun, gun". Shortly after we heard what sounded like 3 gunshots. [REDACTED] said over the radio "shot out" which indicated that [REDACTED] had fired a shot at Hackett. I determined that the entry team needed to attempt to make entry. The entry team moved to the target apartment and Moore used a ram to gain entry to the apartment with two strikes. As the entry team gained access to the apartment the audible command of "police, don't move" was given. Immediately upon entry we could see that Hackett was lying on the ground to our left in the living room with a gunshot wound to her face, and a pistol lying on the ground not far from her. Stanford emerged from the back bedroom, and obeyed commands to come to us. Ross picked Stanford up and carried him outside the apartment. I along with other entry team units cleared the remainder of the apartment and requested over the radio that EMS come inside the apartment to begin treating Hackett. Brillhart and Ross began providing immediate first aid to Hackett until EMS came inside and took over. I assisted in doing secondary checks of the apartment to make sure there were no other occupants. From there, SRT units made sure that EMS did not need additional assistance from us. We collected our equipment and secured back at the command post. The on scene units were directed to move to the Canfield Post to consolidate there and wait for BCI to respond.

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I, Josh Bumgardner, hereby make this voluntary statement to Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation at Steubenville Post on July 19, 2022 at approximately 11am I was contacted by my supervisor Moore. He was requesting me to arrive in Austintown at 3pm to assist on a barricaded subject. There was a barricaded armed subject who was inside her apartment with her adolescent son. There was a local tactical team that had been there since the late evening of July 18th. We were responding to relieve FBI SWAT who was at the scene. I arrived at the location just before 1500 hours. This incident was taking place at the address of 4851 Westchester Drive Apartment 101 Austintown, Ohio.

When I arrived on scene I gathered my gear and meet other Ohio State Highway Patrol SRT memebbers for a breif and update. During the update we were informed that the female inside was armed with a pistol and has shot at least one round at this point. I was also told that I was going to be one of the 6 units that was going to relieve FBI from inside the structure close to where the barricaded subject lived. I was assigned the less lethal shotgun that had bean bag rounds loaded in it. The other 5 units with me were Moore, Beeler, Brillhart, Punches and Ross. We were responsible for entry of the barricaded subjects room.

After everyone had their gear ready and knew their responsiblites we moved into the strucure and relieved the FBI Swat team. Once inside we maintained a visual of the subjects door and went over possible sistuations. It was determeined to use our ICOR Robot to try and make contact with the female inside. As the robot was coming into the hallway we could hear what sounded like the subject kicking or hitting the door. Shortly after hearing noises at the subjects door our scout/sniper element radioed out the subject was at the larger window and that she had a gun in her hand. Shortly after, I heard 3 shots and I heard the sniper element say "shot out" meaning our sniper had taken a shot. About 30 seconds after the call "shot out" we made entry into the subjects room and rescued the little boy. I observed the female laying on the ground below the window with a head wound. After the boy was taken out of the building we cleared the rest of the apartment and started giving the subject first aid to the injured female and called for EMS.

There were 2 or 3 units giving her aid so I collected my gear and was requested to hold the Snipers location until we could be relieved by investigators.

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I, Sergeant Chris Castellanos, hereby make this voluntary statement to Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation at The Canton Post, 76 on July 19th, 2022 @ approximately 1400 hours I was dispatched to 4851 Westchester Drive, Austintown. There was a barricaded armed subject who was inside her apartment with her adolescent son. There was a local tactical team that had been there since the late evening of July 18th. We were responding to receive FBI SWAT who was at the scene. I arrived at the location just after 1500 hours.

I started to get my equipment and gear on for the incident. After gathering my gear, I went to the area where my team was gathering for updates and were briefing what our assignments would be. Our team would be relieving FBI SWAT. We had 6 units that would be inside the structure close to the apartment where the barricaded suspect lived. Two, scout snipers that could see side 3 of the apartment and were 38 yards from the structure. We also had a unit operating our ICOR robot that would approach the apartment to attempt negotiations. Myself, Lofland, Burgos and Thomas would be on side 4 of the structure (west side of building). We were responsible for using a rake and break tool to break windows, deploy NFDD (noise flash diversionary device) and had a Recon Robot to deploy inside the apartment.

After we had our assignments we moved out to replace FBI SWAT. We relieved two FBI operators who were on side 4. They also had their Bearcat off to our right, to the west angled towards the apartment. There was also an Austintown PD vehicle south of us that was in direct line with the subject's apartment. We radioed to command to have them move their vehicle to better cover and concealment. There were no windows on side 4 other than an air conditioning unit that was close to us. On side 3 we were advised there were three windows. Two smaller windows that were closer to us that we were advised were bedrooms. The third window was around 20 yards from us and was a larger window. There was movement reported earlier in all windows from the FBI. We were attempting to move our ICOR Robot down the hall down to the subject's apartment. The entry team advised the robot was loud and it sounded like the subject was kicking her door. Lofland had a rifle shield, Thomas had a rake and break tool, Burgos had his M4 for lethal cover, and I had a Recon Robot. We talked about everyone's responsibility if he had to deploy. We were maybe there around 15-20 minutes when I heard from our scout/sniper element that the subject was at the larger window and that she had a gun in her hand. Shortly after, we heard 2-3 gun shots and then one louder shot and then "shot out" from our scout sniper. We asked if the shooter was down and waited for an update.

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Shortly after we could hear the entry team breaching the door into the apartment. We then moved around to side three and Thomas broke out the window closest to us and I deployed the Recon Robot into the apartment. We could hear our entry team inside and advised the child was safe and they were bringing him out. We then returned to side 4. I tried to move the Recon Robot but was unable to because of too many clothes on the floor. Shortly after the entry team was in the bedroom and retrieved the robot. They also advised the subject was down and they were calling for EMS to come into the apartment. After EMS was inside we gathered our equipment and returned to the staging area.

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I, Trooper Justin J. Ross, hereby make this voluntary statement to Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation at Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy on July 19, 2022 at approximately 1119 hours I was contacted by Sgt John Beeler and advised to make my way towards 4851 Winchester Drive, Austintown, Ohio. It was reported that the Ohio State Highway Patrol had been requested to assist with an incident that involved a female, later identified as Imonie T. Hackett, with a firearm that had barricaded in her apartment with her 10 year old son. At that current time I was in the Columbus, Ohio area and had an estimated drive time of nearly 3 hours. At this time during the day I was wearing Ohio State Highway Patrol issued black boots, green TDU pants, Black SRT T-shirt and black exterior vest carrier clearly marked with TROOPER and green SRT hat. My duty belt consisted of a state issued Sig Sauer 320 9 MM loaded with 17 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber, handcuffs and an additional pistol magazine. I was driving a marked Ohio State Highway Patrol 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe vehicle number SP-1647. After being contacted by Sergeant Beeler I made my way to the above mentioned address. I arrived in the area around 1400 hours. Once on scene I changed my exterior vest to the issued green armor carrier. The carrier is clearly marked with trooper on the back and has SRT patches on each shoulder. I also put on my ballistic helmet and staged my respirator in my back carrying pouch. I readied my SIG Sauer M400 issued rifle and went to the staging location with the other SRT units on scene. After a briefing with the units on scene I was tasked with being a shield man for the entry team. Myself and the other entry units made our way to the target building. The target apartment (Apartment 101) was located in the basement level at the southwest corner of the building. The SRT entry team was to replace the FBI team that had been holding on the apartment since prior to our arrival. The entry team made our way into the building and downstairs to where the FBI team was located. The staging area in the building was in the apartment at the bottom of the stairwell to the left, I do not recall the apartment number. Once all the SRT Units were in the apartment, the FBI team departed the building. Trooper Ryan Brillhart took the position of lethal cover on the doorway to Apartment 101. I was staged directly to his left holding two ballistic shields against the wall for Trooper Brillhart to use as cover. The other entry units were staged behind me in the apartment. While holding our position, Trooper Michael Landers was operating the Ohio State Highway Patrol robot. The intentions were to use the robot to attempt to make entry into the apartment or communicate with the subject in the apartment. As the robot made its way down the stairway into the lower hallway it made a lot of loud noise. It was apparent the subject inside the apartment heard this commotion and responded by kicking the door to her apartment. Trooper Brillhart informed the entry team he could see the door moving as she kicked it and the door knob at one point was moving. A short time after the door had been kicked the two Ohio State Highway Patrol SRT

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snipers staged to the south of the target building advised they had eyes on the subject and she was seen holding a pistol. Shortly after being informed of the observation three gunshots were heard from the direction of the target apartment. Trooper [REDACTED] (SRT Sniper) advised "shot out". At this time the entry team moved from the staging apartment to the target apartment. Sergeant Scott Moore utilized his ram to breach the door, due to the door being locked and partially barricaded it took numerous hits for a positive breach. Once the door was breached I entered the doorway and had to use my right foot to push the door open. As soon as I entered the apartment I observed the subject lying to my left under the window. She was lying at an angle with her legs folded under her and closest to the wall. Her head and upper body were angled toward the doorway and her arms were stretched upward over her head. She was lying face up. When I first seen her I observed a large severe wound on the left side of her face. I observed her arms being stretched upward and her hands being open and having nothing in them. As I took another step towards the center of the apartment, I observed the young boy standing at the end of the hallway with his hands up. I immediately made my way to him and instructed him to come to me. We met at the corner of the hallway and living room. I wrapped him into my right arm and continued to hold the shield with my left arm. I made my best efforts to keep the shield or my body in between the young boy and the subject lying on the floor. As I escorted the young boy towards the apartment door, Sergeant Moore took custody of him and escorted him out of the apartment. After handing off the young boy I returned to the subject and Trooper Brillhart who was holding lethal cover on the subject. I began to search for a means to apply pressure to her wound. Initially I wanted to find paper towels to apply but was not able to locate any in the apartment, I next went to my first aid kit but then realized I didn't have any wound packing material large enough for the wound. I was able to locate a towel on the floor next to the couch. I used this towel to apply slight pressure. A pistol was located a short distance away from the subject. It was located under an end table closest to the subject's left hand. It was not moved from that location while I was in the apartment. I did my best to capture the pistol and its location on body camera. Trooper Brillhart and I performed a pat down of the subject. A short time later medics arrived in the apartment and took over the first aid. I then assisted the other SRT units with performing a secondary search of the apartment. After completing the secondary search, I helped check the apartment for any State issued equipment that may have been left behind. I then exited the apartment and returned to the staging area outside the building.

I did not lose any equipment and none of my equipment was broken. I did not sustain any injuries during the incident. I departed the scene a short time after clearing the apartment and met with the SRT units and BCI.

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I, Seth Douthitt, hereby make this voluntary statement to Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation at Alum Creek Facility, SRT Office on

On Tuesday, July 19, 2022, we (OSP SRT) were requested to assist Austintown PD and the FBI SWAT team with a Hostage/Barricade situation at 4851 Westchester Drive, Austintown. The request came in from the FBI team commander to Sergeant Beeler. The FBI has been on scene for several hours and needed to be relieved. After Sergeant Beeler spoke with the FBI Team Commander, it was decided that OSP SRT would relieve the FBI team at approximately 3PM. Fourteen units including myself started heading towards Austintown. The information we were given on the situation was that suspect, Imonie T. Hackett was barricaded in her apartment with her son. The suspect had already fired a handgun inside the apartment while the FBI SWAT team was in charge of the scene. Arrest warrants had been obtained for the suspect through the local jurisdiction. The warrants were for Inducing Panic and Child Endangerment.

Upon my arrival, I put on my tactical gear and proceeded to the rally point beside the apartment building. This is where all the SRT units met prior to deployment. Once all units arrived on scene, we held a team briefing to discuss the plan and what information was know about the suspect and incident up to this point. The FBI SWAT team and negotiators advised us of some key points in regard to Hackett prior to turning the scene over to us. Hackett had made statements that she would shoot at the police outside her apartment. She had stated she would shoot law enforcement if they tried to enter and made reference to hoping they wore body armor today. The suspect was posting videos on facebook live where she was making threats and showing her pistol.

It was decided that SRT would break the team down into the following assignments: There would be 6 units posted inside the apartment building as a "Go To Hell" Team. This group was made up of Beeler (TL), Moore (ATL), Brillhart, Bumgardner, PUNCHES and Ross. There would be 4 units posted at the 3/4 corner outside of the building. This group was made up of Castellanos (TL), Lofland (ATL), Burgos and Thomas. Troopers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were Sniper/Observers. They were set up in an adjacent apartment building (4853 Westchester Drive) on the second floor, facing side 3 of the suspect's building. This location gave them a view of the only 3 windows in the suspect's ground floor apartment. Trooper Landers was set up at the original briefing point where he was operating the ICOR robot. I was in the command post with the negotiators monitoring their progress with the suspect. SRT took command of the scene and were in position at approximately 3:30PM.

Approximately 45 minutes after SRT took over the scene, [REDACTED] transmitted over the radio, stating the suspect was in view in her apartment and she was opening the window (opening 3). He continued transmitting stating she was reaching her arm

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outside the window with a gun in her hand. Almost immediately after [REDACTED] stated this, over the radio, I heard 1 gunshot followed by a 2nd and 3rd shot that occurred very close together. [REDACTED] continued transmitting stating "shot out", which signals a shot was taken by one of our snipers. After this, I heard [REDACTED] transmit that he could no longer see the suspect in the window and could not advise on her status. Sergeant Beeler asked over the radio if I wanted the teams to breach the apartment and I advised yes. I told the negotiators that one of our snipers had taken a shot and I proceeded to leave the command post and move toward the apartment building. As I approached the building, I saw Sergeant Moore come out of the common door on side 1 walking with a male child who matched the description of the suspect's son. I called Sergeant Moore's name and told him to head towards me. Moore handed the child off to me and I asked him if he was ok and he advised he was. I walked him back to the rally point, got him a bottle of water and handed him off to OSHP Captain Nakia Hendrix. I then went back towards the apartment building. I asked Beeler over the radio if EMS could move into the apartment. He advised to bring EMS into the apartment. I made contact with 2 EMS units and advised them to bring their gear and I would escort them into the apartment. I escorted the 2 units into the apartment and they immediately began treating the suspect. The suspect was laying on her back on the living room floor, she was directly beside the side 3, opening 3 window that [REDACTED] had seen her pointing the gun from.

As SRT began to move out of the apartment, Austintown PD and OSP Investigators moved in to secure the scene. Shortly after this, the EMS units brought the suspect out, loaded her onto an ambulance and transported her to the hospital.

After a count and status check of all SRT units, we cleared the scene and went to the Canfield Post to debrief.

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I, Sergeant Erik Lofland, hereby make this voluntary statement to Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation at Norwalk, Highway Patrol Post on

On July 19th, 2022 I was enroute to a security detail when I was called to respond to 4851 Westchester Drive in Austintown for a barricaded suspect with a juvenile child. I was informed the situation had been ongoing for several hours with shots fired earlier in the day by the suspect inside the apartment. I arrived at the apartment complex shortly after 1500 hours and prepared my tactical equipment prior to meeting with other units on scene.

With my tactical equipment and gear on and in hand I headed to the briefing location near the apartment building. Here I learned we will be replacing the FBI tactical team who had been on scene since the morning hours. I was assigned to be on the containment team on the southwest corner of the building and carried a rifle rated shield. In the event of a emergency entry Castellanos, Thomas, Burgos and myself would utilize flashbangs and rake and brake tools to create a distraction and to get eyes into the apartment to assist the entry team with their entry. The plan was for myself to protect Thomas with the shield while he used a rake and brake tool to clear the glass and blinds from the window while Burgos would provide lethal cover with his M4 rifle. Castellanos was equiped with the RECON robot and NFDD (noise flash distraction device) to throw into the window breached by Thomas.

After approximately 15-20 minutes in position on the southwest corner of the apartment I heard 1-2 gunshots and looked up at the sniper position which was approximatley 40 yards from the suspects apartment, facing the only windows to the apartment. As I heard the gunshots I saw the muzzle flash from the rifle at the sniper position. Over the radio, I heard "shot out" multiple times. We held at our position for a moment waiting for confirmation to move, not knowing exactly where the threat was due to the multiple windows to the apartment (three total). When we (the four on southwest corner) heard the door being breached by the rest of the team we moved to the first window from our location, which was the back bedroom of the apartment. I utilized the shield to protect the team as Thomas cleared the glass from the window, Burgos held cover with his rifle and Castellanos deployed the RECON robot into the apartment. Imediately after the robot was deployed we heard the child was safely out of the apartment and we moved back to the corner of the building.

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The entry team announced over the radio the apartment was clear of any other threats and had begun to give aid to the suspect she was struck by the round fired by the sniper. With the scene being safe I moved over towards the sniper position and checked on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who were the two sniper observers assigned to the position. This is when I learned [REDACTED] was the sniper who shot at the suspect when the gunshots were heard. After getting a verbal confirmation they were ok, I walked around the building they were in and went through the front door and up to their location. I observed their set up and informed them we would leave the rifle and all equipment in place until investigators were able to come to the scene. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and myself left the laundry room and posted a unit outside the room to limit any access to the room until investigators took over the scene.

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I, Trooper Hector Burgos, hereby make this voluntary statement to Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation at Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy on

July 19th, 2022, at approximately 1206 hours, I was dispatched to 4851 Westchester Dr Austintown, OH for a barricaded subject. The subject, identified as Imonie Hackett, was armed with a firearm in her apartment with her juvenile son. The incident started the night prior, July 18th, with the local police department responding to that residence. After the original call deteriorated and the subject went barricade, a local SWAT team was called in. Later a FBI SWAT team relieved the local team. The Ohio State Highway Patrol SRT team was contacted to relieve the FBI SWAT team.

I arrived on scene at 1436 hours and was briefed about the situation. I began to get my equipment ready and donned by tactical body armor and ballistic helmet. After that, I went to our staging area that was located in the parking lot of the apartment complex. Once all our units arrived on scene and gathered their equipment, we were briefed and given updates about the barricade. Assignments were handed out and we started to relieve the FBI SWAT team, taking up our positions.

Myself, Sgt. Lofland, Sgt. Castellanos, and Tpr. Thomas relieved FBI SWAT units that were on side 4 of the apartment building. We had two snipers located in an apartment building to the rear of the subjects. The snipers were observing side 3 of the subjects building and had visual on the three windows of the apartment. We had a team enter the subjects building and stage in an apartment across the hall from the subjects. One unit remained in the staging area, operating the ICOR Robot. Myself and the other units on side 4 would be responsible for breaking the windows on side 3, deploying flash bangs and the RECON Robot in the event entry was made into the apartment.

Side 4 of the apartment, where we were staged, had no windows. Side 3 had three windows, two of which were bedrooms and the other the livingroom. The two bedroom windows were the closest to us and the livingroom window the furthest. Tpr. Thomas had the rake and break tool, Sgt. Lofland had the ballistic shield, Sgt. Castellanos had the RECON Robot and I had my M4 for lethal cover. After being in our position for approximately 20 minutes, our sniper team reported the subject was at the larger window of the livingroom and that she had a gun in her hand. I then heard two to three shots and then one louder, distinct shot. Immediately after the louder shot, the sniper team put out over our radios "Shot Out".

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The units that were staged in the apartment across from the subjects began breaching her door to make entry into the apartment. At that time my team moved up to the first bedroom window and Tpr. Thomas broke out the window while Sgt. Lofland provided cover with the ballistic shield. I provided leathal cover with my M4. After the window was broken out, Sgt. Castellanos deployed the RECON Robot into the apartment. I could hear the entry team in the apartment. They advised the subjects son was safe and removing him from the apartment. They then advised the subject was down and requested EMS into the apartment. After the subject was removed by EMS, we began gathering our equipment and returned to the staging area.

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I, Sergeant Scott R. Moore, hereby make this voluntary statement to Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation at Post 7, St. Clairsville, Ohio on

July 19th, 2022 I was working a regular shift on normal hours when I was told to report to Austintown Ohio, to relieve the Mahoning Valley and the FBI S.W.A.T teams that had been handling a barricaded subjuget for over 16 hours. When I arrived on scene, I changed inot all of my Tactical Gear and the found Segeant John Beeler, to see what was needed. Sergeant Beeler advised me that we would be taking over the tactical command of the situation at 1500hrs, and relieving the tactical teams that had been on scene for almost eighteen hours.

Once all of the responding members of SRT were on scene, Lt. Seth Douthitt, and Sgt. Beeler briefed everyone of the situation. We all put a plan together which consisted of a six man arrest team that would stage across the hall from the apartment that the subject was barricaded in. We also had an arrest team on the 3/4 corner of the building, and snipers across the courtyard in what I believed to be a laundry room watching three windows on side three of the structure the subject was barricaded in. Once everyone was in place, we were going to bring the ICOR robot to the door of the apartment the female was barricaded in and try to start communicating with her through the loud speaker.

I was assigned to the arrest team that was staged across the hall from the apartment the female was in along with SRT members Beeler, Bumgardner, Ross, punches and Brillhart. I was givent the responsibility of Breacher, and had my ram and H-tool at the ready. I also assisted Punches with the preperation of the explosive charge that was available if needed. All other members of the arrest team were in position and waiting for the ICOR robot to come into play. Landers drove the ICOR down the steps to the level the apartment was on and stopped just to the north of the target apartment. We could then hear the female subject talking through the door and start to strike the door with something when she heard the noise of the ICOR approaching. At around 1615hrs, I heard over the radio from one of our snipers that the subject was in the window with a gun, and that she was opening the window. Very shortly after that radio transmission, I heard what sounded like three gunshots and then someone say shot out. Our arrest team immediately went down the hallway and I breached the door with two strikes from the Ram. Once the door was open all operators made the entry into the apartment and all announced "Police Don't Move" upon entry. Being that I was the breacher I was the last to enter the apartment and could see the female subject on the floor to my left in the living room area with a gunshot wound to her head, and a pistol was laying in close proximity to her.

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A young boy who was in the back bedroom came out and was asking what was happening Trooper Ross then picked up the boy and handed him to me, and I ran the child outside and handed him off to the investigators that were on scene. Once the child was safe, I then went back into the apartment and helped finish clearing and then completed scendoary searches. Troopers Brillhart and Ross were administering first aid to the female subject, and EMS was requested immediately. Once EMS arrived, SRT members Beeler, Bumgardner, Ross, Punches, and Brillhart cleared from the apartment while I remained on scene along with the Police Chief from Austintown, until OSHP and Austintown Investigators arrived inside the apartment to hold the scene for BCI. Once the scene was secured by the investigators I left the apartment and returned to the command center. While at the command center we were told to police up all of our gear and equipment, and then report to the Canfield Patrol Post for our debrief of the incident. I then traveled to the Canfield Post, debriefed the incident and then left the post and went home.

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I, Tpr. Michael J. Landers, hereby make this voluntary statement to Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation at Canfield Post -50 on

On July 19th, 2022 I was notified by Sgt. John Beeler to make my way to Austintown, Ohio as Ohio State Highway Patrol was being requested to relieve the FBI on an extended barricaded suspect.

I was assigned to pick up our equipment truck and respond to the scene.

Apon arriving at the scene, I met with Sgt. Beeler and we talked with Sgt. John Elberty from Youngstown Police Department, the on scene tactical commander.

Sgt. Beeler was preping for OSHP to relieve the FBI. I started to set up OSHP's ICOR robot to utilize if needed for cameras or two way communications.

When all OSHP units were on scene, Sgt. Beeler conduted a breefing and brought everyone up to speed.

As the change over occurred between agencies, I set up an area under a car port that I could operate the ICOR robot without being in line of sight of the incident.

At some point in time Sgt. Beeler requested the ICOR robot be utilized to make contact at the front door of the apartment.

While attempting to bring the ICORE robot down the steps and into the hallway the ICORE robot ran into the wall and made some loud noises.

As I was manuvering the robot down the hall I heard over the radio, who I thought was Tpr. [REDACTED] say, subjects at the window. Next I heard subject has a gun. I then heard three shots. Followed by who I thought was Tpr. [REDACTED] state "SHOT OUT".

I observed through the ICORE robot camera members of OSHP/ SRT make entry into the apartment and heard over the air the subject was down. I also observed the young child being brought out of the apartment and brought outside.

I moved the ICORE robot back into a cubby area under the steps to get it out of the way of the medics coming in.

After the apartment was secured, I brought the ICORE robot up and out of the apartment building. All equipment was gathered

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All SRT members secured from the scene and debriefed at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Canfield Post

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I, Paul Punches, hereby make this voluntary statement to Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation at Toledo Post-48 on

On July 19th, 2022, at approximately 11:00am I was contacted by Sergeant Erik Lofland, about a ongoing hostage situation/armed barricaded subject in Austintown. An FBI SWAT tactical team had been handling the situation since the evening of July 18th and would need to be relieved. Sergeant Lofland told me to head to the incident (4851 Westchester Drive Apt#101, Austintown, Ohio) and be on scene ready to relieve the FBI team by 3:00pm.

I arrived on scene and began prepping my equipment that I would need for the mission; I was wearing green TDU's, pistol belt with service weapon, boots and donned my tactical vest and helmet. Once other SRT members arrived on scene we gather near the command post area and were briefed on the situation by Sergeant Beeler and FBI personnel. We were told that there was a female subject inside the apartment armed with a handgun and that her 10 year old son was with her, who she was refusing to send out of the apartment. It was said that the female had earlier fired one round from the handgun to an unknown direction; FBI personnel stated that no one, including the female subject and son, had been struck by the fired round and that they had been in contact with the female subject since the round was fired.

Our plan of action was to send a six man team into an apartment near the subject's apartment to relieve FBI SWAT, as well as a two man sniper element across from the subject's apartment and a team of SRT personnel on the 3/4 (Southwest) exterior corner covering the widows. Other members of our team would be operating/sending in our ICOR robot to the subject's apartment door in an attempt to communicate with her. My position would be with the six man team relieving FBI SWAT and I was assigned duties as the explosive/manual breacher with the team. I assembled a 100 grain fire hose breaching charge for the door on the apartment and once everyone had their equipment ready we headed inside the apartment building.

Once we relieved FBI SWAT I made final preparations with the breaching charge and staged it in the event that we would need it to gain entry into the subject's apartment. A member of our team operating the ICOR robot began moving it down the stairs toward the apartment and positioned the robot in the hallway outside her apartment door. Shortly after we could hear what sound like someone hitting the subject's door from the inside and the sound of the door knob moving. The noises stopped and moments later our scout/sniper element radioed that the subject was at the apartment window with a gun in her hand. Quickly

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after I heard three gunshots fired, the last two being fired one soon after the other with the report of the third shot sounding like a rifle round. The sniper element radioed "shot out" informing us that they had taken a shot on the subject. We paused briefing listening for sounds coming from inside the apartment and after a few seconds moved up to the apartment, breached the door with a ram and made entry into the apartment to get the 10 year old boy out and provide aide to the female subject if able.

Upon making entry into the apartment I saw the female subject laying down to my left in the living room of the aptment. Team members callout out to the boy and he came into view from a bedroom straight ahead of us and beganing moving down the hallway toward the team with his hands up. A member of our team picked him up and carried him outside, separating him from the situation, and we began clearing the apartment while other members of our team started providing aide to the female subject. I moved down the hallway with team members and cleared the bathroom, and two bedrooms before returning to the living room with the female subject. We moved the furniture around the female to give room for the EMS team to work on her once they were able to gain entry into the apartment. When the EMS team arrived we let them take over medical with the female subject and conducted a secondary clear of the apartment, as is our team's standard operating procecedure. After the apartment was deemed secure and EMS personnel had taken over the handling of the female subject I left the apartment building and began securrng/putting away my gear and was told to head to the local State Highway Patrol Post for a debriefing.

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I, Trooper Ryan L. Brillhart, hereby make this voluntary statement to Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation at Swanton Post 89 on

On July 19th 2022 I was contacted by my supervisor, Sergeant Erik Lofland about a barricaded subject in Austintown OH (4851 Westchester Dr Apt 101, Austintown OH) that the FBI SWA had been on for several hours and that we would be relieving them at 3:00pm if the situation was not resolved before that time.

I arrived on scene and prepped my gear. I was wearing Green TDUs, heavy vest, helmet, gun belt, carrying the Division issued Sig Sauer M400 .223 caliber rifle. I met with Sgt John Beeler at the command post and was informed that there was a female barricaded inside her home with a handgun and that she would not allow her ten year old son to leave. We were told that she had fired at least one round earlier in the day but it was not sure where or what she had shot at. The FBI did continue to have contact with the subject after the shot(s) had been fired.

The plan was that a six man quick reaction force (QRF) would move into the apartment complex down the hallway from the subjects door to act as an arrest team and/or hostage rescue team in the event that the event turned worse. I was told that I would be the cover man on the door when we took our position. The six man QRF moved into position and I assumed my position behind a shield approximately 20 feet down the hallway tucked into a doorway on the other side of the hallway.

After a short period of time one of our robot operators moved an ICOR robot into position in the hallway. In the process of doing this a lot of noise was made from running into walls and going down stairs. At least two times when a loud noise was made the subject would come to the door bang on it, shake the door knob and talk loudly. Shortly after this time one of our snipers said that there was movement at one of the windows. Immediately I heard three gunshots and the sniper say "Shot out." Our QRF team paused briefly to listen for movement and then moved up, breached the doorway and made entry. Upon entry I moved to the left through the doorway and immediately saw a female on the floor with a gunshot wound to the head. I moved to her and assessed that there was nothing that I could do medically to help her. I held on the subject while the rest of the Team finished clearing the structure. I relayed to the Team leader that as soon as the structure was clear we needed to get EMS on scene to attempt to give first aid. At some point I attempted to feel for a pulse in the neck but could not locate one. I located a handgun on the floor approximately 2 feet from the subject and relayed this information to the Team leader.

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EMS personnel were brought in and they immediately began working on the subject. We turned her over to the EMS squad and left the apartment.

The Team gathered up our equipment and went to the Local Highway Patrol post for debriefing.

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