



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



2025-0854

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 645 Hazen Avenue,
Ravenna, OH 44266, Portage County

Investigative Activity: Case Opening
Involves: Ravenna Police Department (O)
Activity Date: 03/16/2025
Activity Location: 645 Hazen Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio 44266
Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Goudy

Narrative:

On Sunday, March 16, 2025, at approximately 0250 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Captain Jake Smallfield of the Ravenna Police Department (RPD) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident which occurred in the area of 645 Hazen Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio. BCI Special Agent Joseph Goudy (Goudy) responded to assist, arriving at approximately 0400 hours. Also responding from BCI was Special Agents Eric Lehnhart, John Tingley, and Jack Shea. Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence.

The shooting incident involved a subject, Shawn Ware, and members of the Ravenna Police Department. The incident resulted in the death of Shawn Ware.

A copy of the request for assistance letter is attached to this investigative report.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. Request for Assistance Letter

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Ravenna Police Department

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BCI

I am writing on behalf of the Ravenna Police Department to formally request the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) in the investigation of a Ravenna Police officer-involved shooting. Due to the seriousness and potential complexity of this case, we believe that BCI's specialized expertise and resources will be instrumental in conducting a comprehensive and impartial investigation.

Thank you for your assistance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Capt E 403".

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