



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



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

Investigative Activity: Involved Officer Interview
Involves: ██████████
Activity Date: 09/26/2025
Activity Location: 716 W. 130th Street, Hinckley, OH
Authoring Agent: SA Jesse Bynum #179

Narrative:

On Friday, September 26, 2025, at 1403 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jesse Bynum (SA Bynum) and SA Darien Spann (SA Spann) interviewed Brunswick Division of Police (BPD) ██████████ who was accompanied by his attorneys, Brian Smith and Maria Romeo, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at the Brunswick FOP Hall located at 716 W. 130th Street, Hinckley, Ohio . The interview was audio and video-recorded.

██████████ read, understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Preliminary and Demographic Information:

Name: ██████████	Rank: ██████████
Badge Number: ██████	Cruiser/Vehicle Number: ██████
Radio Call Sign: ██████	Immediate Supervisor: ██████████
Radio Channel Utilized: Brunswick Main	Mobile Data Terminal: Present; Not Used
Cruiser Description: Ford Explorer 2025, Marked Police	Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions: None

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Assignment: Patrol	Normal Shift: [REDACTED]
In-Car Camera: Operational & Utilized	Spotlight: Present; Not utilized
Emergency Lights: Present & Utilized	Siren: Present & Utilized
Shift Day of Incident: [REDACTED]	Duty Status: On-Duty
Days Off: [REDACTED]	Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: None
Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: 7 Hours	Consider Self Well Rested?: Tired
Total Length as Officer: [REDACTED]	Length at Current Agency: [REDACTED]
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: None
Injuries: Knee	Equipment Damage: None
Training or Areas of Specialty: CIT, firefighter, EMT	OPOTC Certification: Yes
Military Experience/Training: [REDACTED]	Use-of-Force Training: Annually
Prior Use of Force Incidents: No	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: 22	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 23
Extra Magazines: 2	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: 22
Discharged During Incident? No	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned

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Weapon #2

Make: Taser	Model: X26
Magazine Capacity: 1	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 1
Extra Magazines: Yes	Discharged During Incident? No
Rounds Remaining After Incident: 2	Primary or Backup Weapon: Backup
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Left-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned

Narrative:

On September 26, 2025, SA Bynum asked [REDACTED] of the Brunswick Division of Police to explain his involvement in the incident that occurred at the BP gas station on Pearl Road. [REDACTED] stated he responded to the scene after hearing escalating radio traffic, while finishing a separate unrelated call at Crestview Elementary. Upon hearing [REDACTED] call for emergency response, [REDACTED] activated his lights and sirens and drove to the scene arriving after Brunswick Hills [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated when he arrived, he believed that heard [REDACTED] request a long gun¹, but after he thought about the layout of the business, he left it secured in the police car. [REDACTED] announced himself upon entering the store and immediately heard a male, later identified as Jacob Derkin (Derkin), grunting and yelling, including **“Satan is the one true God” [14:50]**. [REDACTED] described the scene as slippery and a small area. **“The blood was just everywhere” [15:14]**, he said, noting that it made footing difficult and contributed to the challenge of restraining Derkin. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were able to pull Derkin’s ankles to move him away from the office door and electrical boxes and conduit to give more room. [REDACTED] stated he learned a technique in an Elite Fitness Combative² subject course to hold down the subject’s ankles in order to gain control when someone was fighting.

[REDACTED] remembered hearing [REDACTED] say that Derkin was trying to bite him and they were getting a second set of handcuffs. [REDACTED]

¹ A long gun is a commonly used term in law enforcement to refer to a rifle.

² [REDACTED] described the course as a defensive tactics and subject control course geared towards law enforcement that was taught by former police officers. [REDACTED] noted that they also explained why they do not teach certain jujitsu techniques.

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was finally able to get both of the handcuffs on Derkin and they moved him to his side in preparation to sit up. Derkin was moved to a seated position facing the South wall and [REDACTED] described this time as a time for everyone to take a breath. Then Derkin began to fight again, and they moved him to a position lying on his left side with his head furthest from the office door. [REDACTED] said that Derkin was then able to get footing against the wall and used that to pin [REDACTED] against the opposite wall.

[REDACTED] indicated that she had something to secure his ankles and retrieved it from her vehicle. Once back with it [REDACTED] used it to secure his ankles which made it easier to control Derkin. [REDACTED] said that Derkin would escalate his amount of resistance then calm down and then escalate again. An example of this was while Derkin appeared to be calmed down [REDACTED] sent [REDACTED] to the sink to clean the blood off of hands and Derkin began to fight again, so [REDACTED] had to return. [REDACTED] remembered using his radio to let [REDACTED] talk over it asking where the ambulance was and that all of the involved officers believed that the ambulance should have already been on scene. [REDACTED] said that EMS finally arrived and when they rolled Derkin over to check him, [REDACTED] said there was fluid coming out of his mouth, which [REDACTED] believed was vomit. EMS loaded Derkin onto a flexible stretcher and moved him to the bigger area of the business and then into the ambulance.

[REDACTED] then was going to take pictures, but due to dead batteries he was unable to and collected a statement from the clerk. [REDACTED] then assisted with securing the scene until [REDACTED] advised him to go to the hospital. [REDACTED] went to the Brunswick Police Department to change out of his uniform and met with SA Bynum who collected part of his uniform and then he went to the hospital for a blood test.

SA Bynum asked several follow up questions after [REDACTED] was finished telling him what happened from his perspective. [REDACTED] was asked when he watched his body camera video footage if anything was different than he remembered and he stated that he remembered most of it. [REDACTED] then talked about when he retrieved a medical kit and attempted to locate additional injuries, though Derkin's constant movement made treatment difficult. He recalled [REDACTED] applying a tourniquet to a visible arterial bleed on Derkin's arm. [REDACTED] noted that Derkin would alternate between violent outbursts and brief periods of calm, which he interpreted as possible exhaustion or effects of blood loss.

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██████████ stated that he had not encountered an incident similar to this one and had not had any prior involvements with Derkin. Throughout the incident, ██████████ reported hearing consistent verbal commands from officers and observed no criminal behavior by any of them. He did not discharge his firearm or taser and stated that his actions were consistent with his training, including training for a previous position as a firefighter and EMT in Cleveland, CIT, and a combative subject course. He expressed concern for the safety of the female clerk, stating **“There was just blood everywhere”** [40:15], he said, **“the first thought was, oh man, I hope he didn’t get his hands on her”** [40:17] who was found to be locked in the office behind the register.

When asked about other officers’ positions during the time when Derkin was prone before he was found to be unresponsive, ██████████ stated that ██████████ had control of Derkin’s head, noting that Derkin was able to lift ██████████ with just his head and neck. Then ██████████ was in the middle and himself, ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████ were controlling his lower half. ██████████ described the lighting as kind of dark and that at one point he used his flashlight.

██████████ attorney asked him to state when he learned of the location of the clerk. He explained that he learned of her location when he made contact with everyone and ██████████ advised him. ██████████ further stated that the office was located in the same area as Derkin and other officers told her to stay in the office while they were dealing with Derkin.

██████████ was asked when he noticed that Derkin lost consciousness and he stated Derkin would go back and forth during the incident like he was resting and then he would continue to resist. ██████████ advised that he did not know when specifically Derkin became unconscious and that he is more aware of that than most police officers because of his previous occupation³.

██████████ confirmed that he had not been influenced in his statement and had only discussed the incident with fellow officers in a debriefing style of conversation. ██████████ concluded the interview stating that his statement was accurate and that he did not have any changes to make.

The interview concluded at approximately 1448 hours.

The interview was audio and video recorded. The recording was uploaded into Axon Justice / Evidence.com in Reference item E – Interviews as a file named “2025-09-26

³ ██████████ was previously employed by the City of Cleveland as a Firefighter and EMT.

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██████████ 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 - Stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

1. 2025-09-26 ██████████ 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).

Printed Name of Interviewee

9/26/25 1404 hrs.

Date / Time

BCI Agent (Printed)

BCI Agent (Signature)