



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



2025-0513
Officer Involved Critical Incident -14000 OH-104
Chillicothe, OH 45601

Investigative Activity: Witness Interview
Involves: Deputy Ryker Nott (W)
Activity Date: 02/17/2025
Activity Location: 14000 State Route 104, Chillicothe, OH 45601
Authoring Agent: SA James H Gore

Narrative:

On Monday, February 17, 2025, at approximately 1948 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) James Gore (SA Gore) interviewed Deputy Ryker Nott (Dep. Nott), of the Ross County Sheriff's Office (RCSO). The interview took place at the site of an officer-involved shooting which occurred earlier on the same date near the entrance to the Chillicothe Baptist Church, 14000 State Route 104.

Dep. Nott was identified as a law enforcement member who either witnessed or had some level of involvement in the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain Dep. Nott's account of the events.

Dep. Nott stated that he has been employed with Ross County as a patrol deputy for approximately one year. Prior to that, he worked at the Chillicothe Correctional Institution (CCI). Dep. Nott said his unit number is 94, and his normal shift hours are [REDACTED], with rotating days off.

Dep. Nott was wearing the standard RCSO patrol uniform, and he was driving a marked patrol vehicle (Ford Explorer). Dep. Nott stated that his vehicle was not equipped with a dash camera, but he did have a body-worn camera (BWC) which was active during his response to the incident. Dep. Nott said his camera was a Motorola model which would have to be manually downloaded. Dep. Nott mentioned that he had not yet reviewed the footage of the incident.

Dep. Nott explained when the initial call (burglary in progress, 15000 block of Pleasant Valley) was broadcast, he was at the RCSO patrol office at Adena Medical Center. Dep. Nott recalled that dispatch referenced something about a male at the home, and the male suspect had a gun. Dep. Nott said he did not make it to Pleasant Valley. Instead, he stated the caller watched the suspect cross State Route 104 on foot toward the church entrance.

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Dep. Nott stated that while he was enroute, another deputy [REDACTED] advised that he was on scene, and he had the suspect at gunpoint. The deputy then advised that shots were fired. Deputy Nott estimated that he was around the interchange of State Routes 207 and 104 (approximately 3 miles north of scene) when the shots fired was broadcast. Dep. Nott said he blocked the entrance to the church on 104 with his vehicle when he arrived at the scene, then he ran up the driveway to assist.



Figure 1: General map of area

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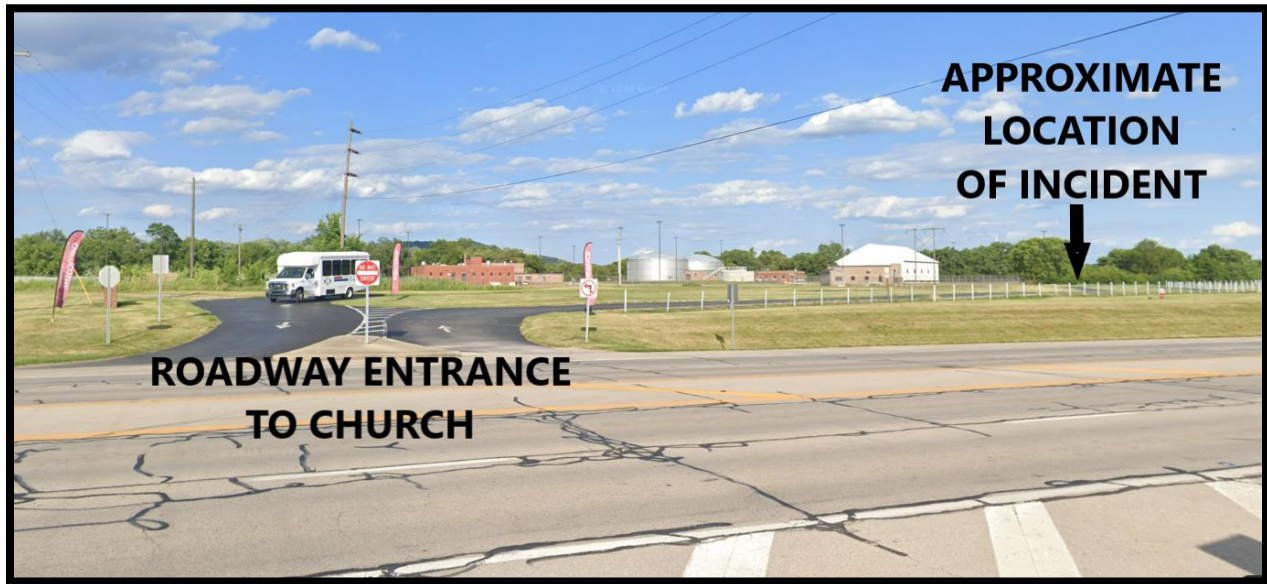


Figure 2: Google Maps street-view of church entrance on State Route 104

Dep. Nott said the suspect was already in handcuffs and on his back when he arrived. Dep. Nott described him as a thin White male wearing heavy layers of clothing. He said the suspect's eyes and mouth were open, but he did not appear to be breathing. Dep. Nott said he and the other deputies removed the suspect's clothing as they rendered aid. Dep. Nott recalled seeing a gunshot wound to the suspect's upper left chest, but he did not see an exit wound, and the wound bled very little. Dep. Nott said he, Dep. Ramsey, and Dep. VanGundy took turns performing chest compressions until medics arrived. He estimated that chest compressions were performed for at least 5-10 minutes, and there was no response from the suspect. Dep. Nott also stated that Sergeant Champion (who arrived with Dep. VanGundy) applied a chest seal to the suspect's wound. Dep. Nott estimated that medics showed up around a minute after the chest seal was applied. He advised that the handcuffs were removed from the suspect so that the medics could apply their automated chest compression machine.

Dep. Nott mentioned that prior to his arrival, Dep. Ramsey moved a handgun away from the suspect. Dep. Nott did not observe its location initially because he was focused on the suspect. Dep. Nott added that Dep. Ramsey later placed the handgun in his patrol vehicle. Dep. Nott retrieved the gun from Dep. Ramsey's vehicle, and he

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placed it in a paper evidence bag for Captain Adair. Dep. Nott said he was wearing gloves when he handled the weapon. He described it as a small, black 9mm handgun, but he was unsure of its make or model.

Dep. Nott was unaware of the suspect's name, and he said he did not recognize him from any prior contact.

The interview concluded at approximately 2000 hours. An audio copy of the interview is available for review as an attachment to this report.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

1. R20250217-195217 Dep. Ryker Nott interview - SA Gore 2-17-2025

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