



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: [REDACTED] (S)
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 1121 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) [REDACTED], 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.

[REDACTED] 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: [REDACTED]	Rank: [REDACTED]
Badge Number: [REDACTED]	Cruiser/Vehicle Number: [REDACTED]
Radio Call Sign: [REDACTED]	Immediate Supervisor: [REDACTED]
Radio Channel Utilized: Brunswick Main	Mobile Data Terminal: Present; Not Used
Cruiser Description: Gray Dodge Charger, Marked Police	Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions: None
Assignment: Patrol	Normal Shift: [REDACTED]
In-Car Camera: Operational & Utilized	Spotlight: Present; Not utilized
Emergency Lights: Present & Utilized	Siren: Present & Utilized

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Shift Day of Incident: [REDACTED]	Duty Status: On-Duty
Days Off: [REDACTED]	Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: [REDACTED] prior to shift
Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: 8 Hours	Consider Self Well Rested?: Yes
Total Length as Officer: [REDACTED]	Length at Current Agency: [REDACTED]
Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid): None	Corrective Lenses: Glasses
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: Felt a pop and lost feeling in his elbow	Equipment Damage: items on his vest Due to blood decontamination
Training or Areas of Specialty: CIT, CQB instructor, Tactical Medical Instructor	OPOTC Certification: Yes
Military Experience/Training: No	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

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Officer's Firearm(s):

Weapon #1

Make: Smith & Wesson	Model: MP 2.0
Caliber/Gauge: 9 mm	Type: Semi-Auto Handgun
Discharged During Incident? No	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned

Less Lethal:

Weapon #2

Make: Taser	Model: X26
Magazine Capacity: 1	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 1
Extra Magazines: Yes but in Bag	Discharged During Incident? Yes
Rounds Remaining After Incident: 0	Primary or Backup Weapon: Backup
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Vest	Ownership: Department Owned

Narrative:

On September 26, 2025, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of the Brunswick Police Department was interviewed by Special Agents Jesse Bynum and Darien Spann regarding his involvement in a critical incident at the BP gas station on Pearl Road. [REDACTED], a patrol officer since [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was working his regular afternoon shift when he responded to a call involving a male, Jacob Derkin, breaking bottles inside the store. The situation escalated when dispatch updated that Derkin was attempting to break into a secured area where the female clerk was hiding.

[REDACTED] responded with lights and sirens and arrived to find [REDACTED] already on scene outside the store by the broken glass of the front doors. He described the scene **“a significant amount of blood on the door and in front of the store.”** [12:05]. [REDACTED] observed a trail of blood leading to a hallway and when he turned, there was a significant amount of blood covering the floor, walls, and Derkin. He noted **“I have not seen that amount of blood where somebody was conscious, let alone... able to have strength.”** [12:38]. [REDACTED] said Derkin was yelling obscenities and refused to comply with commands. [REDACTED] stated, **“He was yelling something to the effect of calling us pussies,”** and **“I’m the son of Satan.”**

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[13:25]. [REDACTED] saw glass that was sticking out of Derkin and it was hard to tell where cuts were. [REDACTED] described the blood coming from Derkin's left arm laceration as brighter¹ than the other blood on the walls. [REDACTED] stated, **"there was so much glass and blood, we were slipping around everywhere."** [13:02].

Due to the urgency of locating the clerk and Derkin's noncompliance, [REDACTED] deployed his taser from a distance of approximately eight to nine feet and despite striking him, Derkin continued to resist. [REDACTED] described the struggle stating, **"He fought us every step of the way and his strength, I haven't felt strength like that—it was like superhuman strength."**[14:28]. After Derkin was handcuffed, [REDACTED] applied a tourniquet to a Derkin's arm wound that he said he **"could see the blood squirting out of his arm,"** [13:38]. Despite being restrained, Derkin resumed fighting, prompting officers to apply a leg restraint. "Even putting that on, he was kicking us," [REDACTED] recalled.

[REDACTED] described the area as dark, with blood and glass on the floor making movement difficult. He stated that both he and other officers were slipping during the engagement. [REDACTED] arrived shortly after and was directed to locate the clerk, who was eventually found hiding in a closet near Derkin. [REDACTED] escorted the clerk outside and after she was safely removed from the store, [REDACTED] returned to assist and gain control of Derkin's legs. [REDACTED] retrieved a leg restraint from her vehicle, which was applied to prevent further kicking. [REDACTED] noted that the restraint was the only measure that effectively stopped Derkin's leg movement.

[REDACTED] was asked additional questions to clarify the actions of himself and others during the incident that he observed. EMS was requested early in the incident due to Derkin's injuries and bleeding. Once EMS arrived, officers cleared space for responders to enter and provide aid. [REDACTED] did not observe Derkin lose consciousness during the struggle but learned of it after EMS had arrived. He did not witness Derkin fall or strike his head. He confirmed that he did not issue verbal commands prior to deploying his taser, as those commands were given by [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] sustained an elbow injury during the struggle, describing it as a "pop" followed by a loss of feeling. He later sought medical attention for both the injury and the blood exposure. When asked if his actions were consistent with his training, he

¹ Fresh, oxygen-rich arterial blood actively flowing from a wound typically appears bright red due to its high oxygen content and rapid movement. This visual difference can help responders distinguish between active bleeding and older blood deposits at a scene.



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replied **“Absolutely”** [23:58]. When asked about the amount of blood he observed [REDACTED] stated that he thought it could be from the clerk and that they possibly arrived too late and **“Until we actually got the victim out, I fully believed that she was hurt by him.”** [17:59] He emphasized the urgency of the situation, stating, **“There was a lot of urgency that if we can’t get the subject in custody, not only can we not go help her, but we can’t get him any medical care”** [17:40].

[REDACTED] stated that his actions were consistent with his training and that he did not observe any criminal behavior by other officers. When asked about whom he discussed the incident with, [REDACTED] said he only discussed the incident briefly with those present at the scene. He confirmed that no one attempted to influence his statement and that it was accurate to the best of his knowledge.

When asked if the BWC footage was any different than his memory, [REDACTED] stated that the camera made it look a lot brighter than it was in person.

The interview concluded at approximately 11:48 hours.

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

None

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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 Name]

[Redacted Address]

01/26/2025 1122

Date / Time

SA Sesse Bynum
BCI Agent (Printed)

[Signature] #179
BCI Agent (Signature)