



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



2026-2448

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 613 Orange Street,
Conneaut, Ohio 44030 Ashtabula County

Investigative Activity: Scene Response
Involves: Brandon Butts (S)
Activity Date: 06/25/2026
Activity Location: 613 Orange Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030
Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Goudy

Narrative:

On Thursday, June 25, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) was notified by Crime Scene Unit (CSU) SA Megan Roberts (Roberts) regarding an officer-involved critical incident (OICI) had occurred at 613 Orange Street in the City of Conneaut, Ohio. SA Goudy notified additional agents to respond and assist with scene processing to include agency response, neighborhood canvass and any other OICI tasks to be completed.

As agents arrived, they were assigned to complete various OICI tasks. SA Dan Boerner (Boerner) responded to the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) and the Conneaut Police Department to meet with the officers involved. SA Goudy, SA Darien Spann (Spann) and SA John Tingley (Tingley) responded directly to the scene to assist with scene processing and neighborhood canvass. CSU SA Ed Lulla (Lulla) and SA Laurna McClintock (McClintock) also responded to process the scene. Prior to the agent's arrival, SA Goudy spoke with the initial scene contact, Lieutenant (Lt.) Matt Johns, and was apprised of the situation. Lt. Johns advised that they were already in the process of obtaining a search warrant for the residence to be entered and the scene to be processed. Once SA Goudy was notified as to the warrant being signed, CSU was advised and they began to process the scene.

When SA Goudy arrived on scene, he spoke with ACSO Detective Evan Wolff (Wolff), who became the new point of contact for ACSO. He advised that a tactical team from ACSO and officers from the Conneaut Police Department (CPD) arrived at 613 Orange Street in the city of Conneaut regarding a warrant service attempt. Det. Wolff further stated that there were multiple felony and misdemeanor warrants for the subject, Matthew Butts (Butts). It was learned that when the tactical team arrived at the residence, they first encountered the mother and brother of Butts. While they were speaking with them, it was alleged that deputies observed Butts running through the house and entering the basement, where he eventually barricaded himself.

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It was alleged by ACSO that Butts held his girlfriend hostage in the basement but later in the incident, she was able to get out and exit the residence. During the incident, multiple commands were given to Butts to comply to which he refused. Gas was eventually introduced into the basement through a broken-out basement window. Despite the gas being deployed, Butts continued to not comply with commands by law enforcement personnel. It was alleged that Butts made several threats to kill law enforcement officers on scene. It was also alleged that he made several statements of suicide by cop. Once the decision was made for the tactical team to enter the residence, it was reported that Butts pointed a "long-gun" at the breaching officers, which resulted in two ACSO deputies and one CPD officer discharging their firearms. ACSO fired approximately 43 .223 rifle rounds and the CPD officer fired approximately 15 9mm rounds.

The ACSO deputies were identified as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The CPD Officer was identified as [REDACTED]. Photographs of the involved deputies and officer were taken, along with their respective firearms. The two ACSO rifles and one CPD semi-auto handgun were taken and secured to be logged in as evidence.

Due to the containment of the scene, there was no surveillance video of the incident from the neighborhood canvass. There were cameras present at the Butts' residence which were alleged to have recorded parts of the incident. While agents were processing the scene, the family of Butts, along with other neighbors, were visibly upset and yelling obscenities at all law enforcement personnel on scene. The crime scene was eventually expanded to prevent any outside interference. ACSO deputies and CPD officers remained on scene to provide scene security.

After the scene was processed, SA McClintock transported the evidence to the Richfield Office to be held and analyzed. All agents were clear.

References:

None

Attachments:

None

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