



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



2024-3294

Officer Involved Critical Incident - Portage Bike Trail near
North Freedom Street, Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Investigative Activity: Case Opening
Involves: Ravenna Police Department
Activity Date: 10/22/2024
Activity Location: Portage Hike and Bike Trail near North Freedom Street -
Ravenna, Ohio
Authoring Agent: SA Allison Fletcher #187

Narrative:

On Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at approximately 1148 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Captain Jason Smallfield of the Ravenna Police Department (RPD) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting which occurred on the Portage Hike and Bike Trail near North Freedom Street in Ravenna, Ohio, Portage County. Agents from the BCI Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) responded to assist. Agents from SIU who responded included: Special Agent (SA) Allison Fletcher, SA Jesse Bynum, SA Joseph Goudy, SA Cory Momchilov, and SA Nicholas Valente. SA Lurna McClintock and SA Dan Boerner responded from CSU.

The shooting incident involved a subject, Matthew Fries, and two members of the RPD. The incident resulted in the death of Matthew Fries.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. 2024-10-22 Ravenna PD RFA Letter

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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 that reads "Capt Jake Smallfield".

Captain Jake Smallfield
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