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

2026-2566
Officer Involved Critical Incident - State Route 67 and Township Road 8, Republic, OH 44867, Seneca County

Investigative Activity:	Initial Response and Interview with Christine Sergent
Involves:	Christine Sergent (W), Jeffery Sergent (S), Seneca County Sheriff's Office (O)
Activity Date:	07/08/2026
Activity Location:	State Route 67 & Township Road 8, Republic, OH 44867
Authoring Agent:	SA Douglas A. Burke #162

Narrative:

On Tuesday, July 7, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Douglas Burke (Burke) responded to the scene of an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) at the intersection of State (St.) Route (Rt.) 67 and Township Road 8, Republic, OH, Seneca County, OH. SA Burke arrived on scene at approximately 1328 hours and was met by Seneca County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) Chief Deputy (CD) Charles Boyer (Boyer).

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 audio recording. 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 or responses. It is suggested that the reader refer to the audio recording in its entirety.

CD Boyer explained that the wife, Christine Sergent (Christine) of the involved subject, Jeff Sergent (Jeff), arrived at the scene where the OICI had occurred. Christine had not been notified of Jeff's death. SA Burke stated he would assist CD Boyer with Jeff's death notification to Christine.

Prior to making the death notification, SA Burke spoke with Crime Scene Special Agent (CSSA) Megan Roberts (Roberts) and Crime Scene Technician (CST) Emily Miller (Miller) to receive an overview of the scene where the OICI had taken place.

Shortly thereafter, at approximately 1332 hours, SA Burke and CD Boyer went to speak with Christine. Before SA Burke or CD Boyer could introduce themselves to Christine, Christine had exited her vehicle and approached SA Burke and CD Boyer stating, ***"I've been telling people for fucking months about mental illness." (00:53)***

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SA Burke and CD Boyer were eventually able to talk with Christine and CD Boyer briefly explained the circumstances surrounding the OICI which involved Christine's husband, Jeff. Furthermore, CD Boyer explained to Christine, that SCSO Deputies and Bloomville Police Department (BPD) had been attempting to contact Jeff regarding the Domestic Violence (DV) incident which had allegedly taken place a few days prior to the OICI.

Christine said she did not want DV charges filed against Jeff, adding, ***"I told them that he needs mental help." (1:33)***

That conversation between SCSO Deputies and Christine had taken place on July 4, 2026, at Christine's house, 16 N. Marion St., Bloomville, OH. Throughout the conversation with Christine, the alleged DV between Jeff and Christine took place on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at their house in Bloomville, OH.

CD Boyer further explained to Christine that Jeff did not survive the OICI involving SCSO Deputies. Christine had further questions about the OICI. SA Burke explained to Christine that she could speak with SA Burke about the OICI, if she was agreeable to that. SA Burke had questions about herself and Jeff. Christine, still very emotional, said she was fine to further talk with SA Burke surrounding the circumstances prior to the OICI.

Over the past six (6) months, Christine stated, ***"I've been telling him I think he's like schizophrenia. He gets paranoid. He thinks people are following him. He's just gets like paranoid. He's not on drugs." (5:38)***

According to Christine, Jeff had been going to work every day, working as a mechanic for a guy Jeff knew in Fostoria, OH. Christine further stated things had been really tense between herself and Jeff as of late, due to Jeff's schizophrenic state of mind. SA Burke asked Christine if Jeff was currently taking any medications for Jeff's alleged mental illness. Christine stated Jeff was not currently taking any prescribed medications for any sort of mental illness. Furthermore, Jeff did not have a regular doctor, and the only medication Jeff had been taking had been for high blood pressure. Christine then remembered that years back Jeff had been taking Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) medication, but Jeff did not like the reaction of the medication and discontinued taking the prescribed medication.

SA Burke asked Christine about any illegal drugs Jeff might have been utilizing, including marijuana. Christine stated Jeff had not been using any drugs including marijuana, stating, ***"He was like a hard drug user back in the day, like years ago when we had a bunch of problems. He was on meth, hanging out with these freaking degenerates, freaking you know what I mean." (7:01)***

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According to Christine, she and Jeff were trying to just live their lives. Jeff worked and Christine was trying to take care of her six (6) children, one (1) who was handicapped. Christine stated Jeff had come home last night (July 6, 2026) from work and stayed the night at their house in Bloomville, OH. Furthermore, Jeff had not been home for a couple of nights because of an alleged DV which took place between Christine and Jeff.

Christine talked about the DV incident which took place between herself and Jeff on July 1, 2026, and Christine then reported the July 1st incident on Saturday, July 4, 2026, where SCSO Deputies responded to Christine and Jeff's house in Bloomville, OH. SA Burke asked Christine why she did not initially contact any law enforcement. Christine stated, ***"I didn't wanna fill out an incident report. (7:50). "Seneca County Sheriffs and I told them, I don't want him to be arrested" (8:22). "I'm just letting you know that if something crazy happens that he's been being very unstable." (8:42)***

Christine stated she continued to talk with SCSO Deputies about Jeff on where Jeff might be located and getting Jeff help for Jeff's mental health issues. Jeff had called Christine on the night of July 4th about needing a shower and Christine said she told Jeff to come home and shower, but ***"I said we're not figuring this out, you're not gonna fucking touch me. You're not gonna be aggressive with me. You're not gonna do any of that shit." (9:21)***

According to Christine, Jeff replied, ***"I don't wanna do any of that. I'm sorry. I love you" (9:27).***

SA Burke asked Christine about Jeff being aggressive with Christine. Christine stated on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, Jeff was:

> ***He was being really weird like three days, you know, he was just being really weird, and he was being like to get in my face and stuff like that. (9:40) You're not gonna be here and be all aggressive and shit and he's like, you're not gonna try and take me house from me, cause we were talking about getting divorce. (9:56) He like started walking up on me aggressively and I said Siri call 911. (10:09) He turned around and he swung on me, I mean full force hit me right in the side of the head. (10:17)***

SA Burke asked Christine if Jeff had struck her with an open or closed fist. Christine stated Jeff had struck her with a closed fist on the right side of her face. On July 4, 2026, Christine's children found out what had taken place between Christine and Jeff on July 1, 2026, and told Christine that she needed to contact law enforcement and report the incident. SA Burke asked Christine how many times Jeff struck her and

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Christine said it was just once and added, ***"He probably could have hit me a hell of a lot harder than he did. Then he instantly was like, 'I'm sorry, I'm sorry.' " (10:44)***

SA Burke asked Christine if Jeff had been back home on July 5th and 6th. Christine said that had been correct. Furthermore, SA Burke asked Christine if Jeff had stayed at the marital residence in Bloomville on the night of Monday, July 6, 2026, and Christine stated that was correct. Christine added, ***"He was fine. He was like, 'I love you'. He took a shower" (11:39). He got up this morning and he was fine. He was gonna go to work. He was getting ready to leave and Bloomville (Police Department Cruiser) drives by." (11:54)***

SA Burke asked what time Bloomville Police Department (BPD) had driven past Christine and Jeff's house. Christine stated it was prior to 1000 hours on Tuesday, June 7, 2026. According to Christine, once Jeff left for work, ***"I talked to him at like 10:05 a.m. on the phone and he was like this cop is fucking behind me and he's like he's (BPD Officer) not pulling me over." (12:14)***

Christine explained she was upset with the fact BPD did not come to the door when Jeff had still been at home. No BPD Officers went to Christine or Jeff's house to speak with Jeff. Christine said all anyone had to do was to simply come to the door to talk with Jeff, and that never happened. According to Christine, she and Jeff talked prior to Jeff leaving for work about if BPD came to speak with Jeff, that Jeff just to go with things as he might get arrested and to just go with the flow. Furthermore, Christine had told Jeff if all those things happened and he got arrested, ***"We'll figure it out." (12:41)***

Jeff had stayed on the phone with Christine as BPD had continued to follow Jeff around in his vehicle. Christine said she had asked Jeff if BPD was trying to make a traffic stop on him and allegedly Jeff had told Christine, BPD lights were not activated. He was just being followed. Christine then told SA Burke,

> ***And then he FaceTimes me. So, I'm talking to him and he's like, 'I love you.' I'm like, I love you. I said, 'Is the cops still behind you?' He said yes. I said, 'Is lights on'? He (Jeff) said no. (13:02) He gets off the phone with me and he said, 'I'll call you right back.' I said OK and he calls Jake which is somebody that he works with. That's how I found out about the whole incident because he was on the phone with Jake when shots were fired. (13:15)***

SA Burke asked Christine about Jake. Christine stated she did not know anything about Jake other than Jeff had worked with Jake at a garage as a mechanic in Fostoria, OH. Throughout the initial investigation, Jake was found to be Jake Kendrick (Jake) from

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Fostoria, OH. SA Burke asked Christine if she had known the owner of the garage, Jeff and Jake worked for in Fostoria, OH. Christine said it was Scott Maier (Scott). Furthermore, Christine said Scott had been her ex-husband who Christine had six (6) children with. Jeff and Jake were employees for Scott.

Christine explained to SA Burke that she learned about the shooting involving Jeff, from her son, Peter Maier (Peter). Jake, who had been on the phone with Jeff allegedly at the time of the OICI, had called Peter, and Peter then called Christine to notify Christine of the OICI. Christine added, ***"Jake was on the phone with him. Jake was on the phone with him when shots were fired." (15:47)***

SA Burke asked Christine if Jeff had prior law enforcement contacts and Christine stated Jeff had been involved with law enforcement on numerous occasions. According to Christine, Jeff had possibly gone to prison for Failure to Comply then after Christine and Jeff were married, Jeff got involved in drug activity along with other illegal activity.

Christine started to talk again about Jeff's mental illness and how Christine could not get Jeff the assistance he needed. Christine added, ***"I swear he has schizophrenia, but he's never been diagnosed." (19:48)***

SA Burke asked Christine if Jeff was permitted to be in possession of any firearms or deadly weapons. Christine stated Jeff was not permitted to have firearms and had been disqualified to do so, due to prior criminal convictions. Christine added there were no firearms in the marital home due to the children and Jeff not being permitted to be in possession of weapons. SA Burke asked Christine if she thought Jeff might have any weapons on himself she may not know of. Christine did not think Jeff would have any sort of weapon with him. However, she did acknowledge Jeff would carry pocketknives for work and normal jobs around the house.

Christine continued to talk about Jeff's mental illness and how Christine told Jeff to get help, but that would simply upset him.

Christine had no other relevant information and the conversation concluded at approximately 1403 hours.

On Thursday, July 16, 2026, at approximately 1339 hours, SA Burke made contact via phone with Christine. The purpose of this phone call had been for further follow-up questions for Christine about Jeff.

Upon making phone contact with Christine, Christine stated she would further talk with SA Burke. SA Burke asked Christine if she was ever aware of Jeff making any comments

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about hurting and making aggressive actions towards law enforcement. Christine replied, ***"No, No, never." (2:11)***

Christine added that Jeff had been under the perception that if Jeff did anything wrong, law enforcement was going to "kill" him. Christine continued to talk about how she wished BPD or SCSO would have just come to the house to speak with Jeff rather than let him leave and follow him in his vehicle. Furthermore, Christine said Jeff probably would have been more at ease talking with law enforcement if they had just come directly to Christine and Jeff's house, due to Christine being at the house. Christine stated, ***"He wasn't trying to elude them." (2:59)***

Christine said this all reverted back to Jeff's mental illness that he would not seek help for.

Christine had no other relevant information and the conversation concluded at approximately 1345 hours on July 16, 2026.

The interviews with Christine were audio recorded and were placed into Axon Justice/Evidence.com as part of Reference Item A – Interviews.

References:

Reference Item A – Interviews folder > Christine Sergent subfolder

Attachments:

None

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