



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



2024-3052

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 10300 block Silvercreek  
Road, Doylestown, Ohio 44230, Medina County

**Investigative Activity:** Review of Department Incident Reports and Information  
**Involves:** Medina County Sheriff's Office (O)  
**Activity Date:** 11/04/2024  
**Activity Location:** BCI - Richfield  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Allison Fletcher #187

**Narrative:**

On Monday, October 14, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jonathan Lieber (Lieber) received a copy of the Medina County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) incident reports related to the October 5, 2024, officer-involved shooting from MCSO Captain Kris Conwill.

SA Allison Fletcher (Fletcher) reviewed the reports and noted the following:

The report was titled "Response to Resistance." The incident/case number was [REDACTED], and it included supplemental narratives from the following deputies:

- Sergeant David King
- Deputy Eliza Postlethwait
- Deputy Gabriel Cotrufo
- Captain Kristopher Conwill

The report included a copy of the MCSO crime scene log.

An additional narrative supplement authored by MCSO Detective John Girard. The case number was listed as [REDACTED].

In reviewing the reports, it was learned that MCSO Sergeant King collected [REDACTED] firearms. The firearms were later turned over to BCI personnel.

According to narrative reports, MCSO Sergeant King and Ohio State Highway Patrol Sergeant Gasser rendered medical aid to David Septer until EMS personnel arrived and took over care.

Below is a portion of report # [REDACTED] that can be located on page ten of the report. For a full review of the incident report and crime scene log, review the document in its entirety.

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**Response to Resistance** Printed on October 14, 2024

**Date and Time of Incident** 10/05/24 **Case Number** [REDACTED] **Reporting Officer** 112 - King, David  
21:11

**Location of Incident** 625 BROAD ST, WADSWORTH, OH 44281

**Type of Response** Firearm- **Reason for Officer's response** Necessary for officer's defense-  
High Risk / Felony Traffic Stop-

**Officer Injury Sustained** No **Subject Injury Sustained** No **Other - Explain** No

**Arrestee / Inmate Information** **Witness Information**

<b>Name</b>	SEPTER, DAVID M	<b>Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	37 KING ST	<b>Address</b>	
	DALTON, OH 44618	<b>DOB</b>	
<b>DOB</b>	11/7/79	<b>Sex</b>	
<b>Sex</b>	Male	<b>Race</b>	
<b>Race</b>	White		

**Written Statement Obtained** No **Witness Statement Obtained** No

**Subject's Actions** Weapons used against officer and/or other person-  
Life-threatening assaults or conduct-  
Felony apprehension / high risk traffic stop-

**Officer's Response** Deadly Force-

**Assisting Officer** [REDACTED]

**Summary**  
On October 5, 2024 deputies were dispatched to the Wadsworth High School to assist the Wadsworth Police Department. Information was given that David Septer may be coming to the Wadsworth High School armed, and threatening suicide by cop. Dispatch gave information that David went to a relatives house to obtain firearms. The entrances were closed off to the school by deputy patrol cars. [REDACTED] located David's truck. When [REDACTED] was behind [REDACTED] a traffic stop was initiated. David Septer stopped his truck, exited his truck and presented an assault style rifle. David posed an immediate threat to both officers and deadly force was used.

**Signed** Sgt. [Signature] **Date** 10/14/2024

**Reporting Officer Signature**

**Shift Supervisor** Sgt. [Signature] #112 **Date** 10/14/2024

**Signed** [Signature] **Date** 10/15/24

**Shift Supervisor**

**Division Commander Signature**

**Administrative / Operations Commander**

**Signed** [Signature] **Date** 10/15/24

**Administrative / Operations Commander**

**Signed** [Signature] **Date** 10/15/24

**Sheriff Signature**

SA Fletcher did not identify any other relevant information which had not previously been discovered throughout the investigation.

**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

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1. Medina County OIS [REDACTED] (kconwill@ohmedinaco.org)
2. MCSO OIS DB Supplement (kconwill@ohmedinaco.org)

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Case [REDACTED]

Printed on October 15, 2024

Status	Approved
Report Type	Supervisor
Primary Officer	David King
Investigator	None
Reported At	10/05/24 21:11
Incident Date	10/05/24 21:11
Incident Code	AGENCY ASSIST : Assist other Agency
Location	625 BROAD ST, WADSWORTH, OH 44281 (WADSWORTH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL)
Zone	Wadsworth City
Beat	Wadsworth City
Court	None
Ereferral County	None

Disposition	Forward to Other Agency (Closed)
Disposition Date/Time	10/06/24 20:04
Review for Gang Activity	None

**Asst Officers**

143 - Cotrufo, Gabriel; 140 - McGurk, David; [REDACTED] 133 - Postlethwait, Eliza; [REDACTED]

**Unspecified****CAVALLARO, DANNY GENE**

Male, DOB 10/22/49

33 MILTON ST  
SEVILLE, OH 44273**SEPTER, DAVID MICHAEL**

Male, DOB 11/7/79

442 HARTMAN RD  
WADSWORTH, OH 44281

(330) 703-9151 Cell

(330) 317-8860 Cell

**Vehicles****KHN9669** OH - (Other)

2014 GRAY Ford

Owner DAVID M SEPTER

**Initial Narrative By David King, 10/06/24 20:08**

On October 5, 2024 the Wadsworth Police Department requested our assistance at the Wadsworth High School. The information I was given included a male coming to the school to do suicide by cop.

The vehicle was later found on Silvercreek Road and a traffic stop was initiated. Deadly force was used on the driver when he exited his vehicle with a rifle.

Case [REDACTED]

## Supplemental Narrative By David King, 10/06/24 21:43

On October 5, 2024 at approximately 2111 hours, dispatch advised me over the radio the Wadsworth Police Department was asking for assistance. Wadsworth Police advised Medina County dispatch of a male threatening suicide. The male said he was going to Wadsworth High School, 625 Broad St. The Wadsworth School was full of children as the homecoming dance going on. Dispatch also advised the male made threats of suicide by cop.

Dispatch advised the male was David Septer (Septer). Septer was supposed to be driving a gray F-150 with a license plate of KHN9669. When I ran this vehicle through LEADS, it returned to Septer, and it was on a 2014 gray F-150. I was also told Septer went to a relatives residence and obtained firearms. I advised my entire shift to respond to the area. My shift on this day consisted of myself, [REDACTED] Deputy Postlethwait, Deputy Cotrufo and Deputy McGurk.

When I arrived on scene in the front parking lot of the high school, I observed many vehicles coming and going. These vehicles were entering from the east, north and west entrances. At first, I did not see any Wadsworth Police cars. A few minutes later, Sgt. Patterson of the Wadsworth Police Department approached me in his vehicle. He explained the situation to me. Sgt. Patterson said they received information Septer was in a gray F-150 and made threats of suicide by cop. Sgt. Patterson said information is going out on social media and parents have been coming to pick up their kids. He advised they had an officer inside the school and the school is in lockdown. Sgt. Patterson advised the students have all been moved to the gymnasium. Sgt. Patterson said he will be with another officer closer to the school. I asked Sgt. Patterson what he wanted from the Sheriff's Office and he advised to be on the look out for the F-150.

As I was watching the parking lot, I still observed many vehicles entering the parking lot. I advised Deputy Postlethwait to cover the west entrance of the school on Durling Drive. I advised Deputy Cotrufo to cover the north entrance of the school on Broad Street. I advised [REDACTED] to cover the east entrance of the school on Silvercreek Road. A few minutes after they were into position, I advised them to shut down any traffic entering the school parking lot. My concern was Septer may get through without a deputy seeing him. My main concern is I did not want Septer entering the parking lot that was full of parents here to pick up their children. I did not want any innocent civilians to be harmed. I feared if Septer entered the parking lot and took his own life with a firearm, someone else could be struck with the round. I also feared if Septer showed up with a firearm and engaged with police, multiple civilians could be hurt. I remained centralized in the parking lot so I could respond to any problem area that occurred.

At 2145 hours, the Wayne County Sheriff's Office pinged Septer's cellular device. The ping showed on Seville Road between Acme and Rawiga Roads. I instructed Deputy McGurk to respond to that area to look for the vehicle. I also requested the assistance of Montville Police to go with him. I received information Septer's in-laws live at 33 Milton St. in Seville. I requested Sgt. Sams of the Lodi Police Department to respond to that address to see if Septer's truck was there. A little while later, the Wayne County Sheriff's Office shared his latest ping of his cellular device on Medina Line Road between Akron Road and State Route 76.

At this time, I advised dispatch to have Norton Police Department respond to the area as well as the Ohio State Highway Patrol to look for the F-150 in question. I also advised [REDACTED] to go mobile to start looking for the F-150 in question.

At 2204 hours, [REDACTED] advised over the radio that the F-150 just drove by him. It was later told to me the truck drove past the north entrance of the Wadsworth High School, where Deputy Cotrufo remained. [REDACTED] located the F-150 on Broad Street near Hartman Road. [REDACTED] followed the vehicle on Broad Street. Septer turned south on Silvercreek Road from Broad Street. I drove at a high rate of speed through the parking lot to the east entrance. Prior to me getting there, [REDACTED] left his position at the east entrance when [REDACTED] passed him. [REDACTED] was able to catch up to [REDACTED] and was in position directly behind him. When I got to the east entrance, there was a trooper from the Ohio State Highway Patrol sitting stationary. I motioned with my hand for him to come with me. I accelerated at a high rate of speed south on Silvercreek Road to try and catch up to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] advised me over the radio [REDACTED] was with him and asked permission to conduct the traffic stop on Septer prior to me getting there. I granted permission. The reason for approval was two deputies were present, I wanted them to pick their location instead of possibly being surprised of a location Septer picks and this was a more rural location than if Septer made it to Eastern Road. The traffic stop location was on Silvercreek Road near Madison Trail in the Township of Wadsworth and was at approximately 2208 hours.

When I arrived on scene, [REDACTED] patrol car was angled to the left directly behind Septer's truck in the right lane. [REDACTED] patrol car was positioned in the left lane, slightly angled toward Septer's truck (right). This patrol car positioning is commonly referred to as a high risk stop. As I got out of my patrol car, I heard [REDACTED] yelling commands to show hands. At this point, I was not in a position to have my service weapon out as [REDACTED] was standing between the two patrol cars. I was moving and trying to get beside [REDACTED]. Prior to me getting to [REDACTED] I observed Septer exit his truck. As he did this, I observed him to have a long gun in both hands. This long gun was an assault style, AK rifle. I noticed it had a long extended magazine in the bottom of it. As Septer turned toward the deputies, I heard what sounded like many, very quiet gunshots discharged from the deputy's handguns. I was able to determine the shots came from both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I observed Septer fall to the ground. I did not see or hear Septer discharge the rifle. The Trooper that followed me to this location was Sergeant Gasser. I advised him to move with me to clear the truck.

I moved first toward the truck with Sergeant Gasser behind me. We tactically cleared the truck to make sure nobody else was inside of it. Once it was determined nobody was inside the truck, Septer's rifle was moved slightly away from him. I advised dispatch to start EMS to our location as soon as possible.

Septer had blood coming from underneath his body. I noticed blood on Septer's hands. Sergeant Gasser ripped Septer's shirt so we could get to his bare body. I observed several bullet entry wounds above Septer's belt line. I noted some actual rounds were visible, just under Septer's skin. None of the wounds were squirting blood, but two appeared to have blood leaking out of them. [REDACTED] obtained his medical bag from his cruiser. Sgt Gasser applied chest seals to Septer, I used gauze over some holes and held pressure on others. At this point, Septer was unresponsive, appeared to have very shallow if any breathing and made some gasping noises.

Wadsworth EMS arrived on scene a very short time later and took over life saving measures.

I walked [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] behind their patrol cars and asked if they were alright. Both of them advised they were. I separated the two deputies and had someone stand with them. Deputy Postlethwait arrived on scene and I advised her to get crime scene tape to tape off the scene. Deputy McGurk arrived on scene and I advised him to start a crime scene log. He was instructed to log anyone coming in or out of the crime scene. With it being a large area, I assisted Deputy Postlethwait in taping off the area.

At this time, Sheriff Grice, Captain Conwill and Lt. Schmoll arrived on scene. At 2316 hours, Detective Girard arrived on scene.

I had [REDACTED] walk over to my patrol car and place his handgun on my passenger floor board. I put a piece of tape on the grip with his last name on it. The weapon was not manipulated with and it was not cleared. It was placed on the floorboard exactly how it was removed from [REDACTED] holster. I placed my firearm in [REDACTED] holster.

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Once both service weapons were inside of my patrol car, I locked my patrol car doors.

At 2235 hours, I was notified Septer was deceased. I had a patrolman from the Wadsworth Police Department stand near Septer to make sure nothing was tampered with. It should be known, after the shooting, nobody touched Septer's rifle. At time time all deputies secured from the scene, Septer's rifle had still not been touched. It was not cleared and remained in the same condition prior to the shooting. It should also be noted, it appears the rifle was struck with a round(s) as it was damaged after the shooting.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were taken back to the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Postlethwait drove [REDACTED] and Deputy Cotrufo drove [REDACTED]. Deputy McGurk remained on scene, still doing the crime scene log. I remained on scene as well until permission was granted for me to move my patrol car. It should be noted, [REDACTED] patrol car was moved from the left lane and placed south of the traffic stop location. I am unaware who moved the patrol car.

The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) arrived on scene. They conducted some initial investigation. Later, I turned over [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] handguns to them. BCI was advised I never touched the handguns. I advised them when I placed the tape on the grips, I only touched the tape.

I spoke with Patrolman Innocenti of the Wadsworth Police Department. He requested we have the Wayne County

Sheriff's Office do a death notification to Septer's parents who reside in Dalton, Ohio. He also advised Septer's wife was notified and she would also like to be notified when Septer's parents are notified. She feels she will be blamed for Septer's actions.

Later, Captain Conwill advised the Wayne County Sheriff's Office made contact with Septer's parents and they were notified. I attempted to call Septer's wife with no answer. I called Patrolman Innocenti back to tell him I could not get a hold of Septer's wife. Patrolman Innocenti advised he would take care of notifying her.

After photographs were taken of my patrol car, I made additional contact with BCI agents to see if anything further was needed from me. They advised nothing further was needed of me and I cleared the scene at 0112 hours.

My dash camera and body camera were in operational mode during the events.

## **Supplemental Narrative By David McGurk, 10/06/24 22:04**

On October 5, 2024 at approximately 2144 hours, I was leaving Seville Police Department after assisting Seville Sergeant Banks with a BAC (blood alcohol concentration) test for an OVI. Sergeant King and [REDACTED] Postlethwait, and Cotrufo were assisting Wadsworth Police Department at Wadsworth High School. Wadsworth High School was currently having their homecoming dance. Medina County Sheriff's Office received information from Wayne County Sheriff's Office that a male, identified as David Septer, was threatening suicide by cop. We believed he was enroute to the Wadsworth High School. David was thought to be driving a gray Ford F-150 bearing Ohio license plate KHN9669. Dispatch advised a ping of his cell phone on Seville Road between Rawiga Road and Acme Road. I patrolled the area and but did not locate the truck. Information became available that David's father in-law, Danny Cavallaroi, lives at 33 Milton Street in Seville Village. I responded to Milton Street to see if David's truck was there. Sergeant King requested Lodi Sergeant Sams respond to assist me. I did not locate the truck at the residence.

Dispatch received an updated ping on S Medina Line Road between I-76 and I-261. A little while later, I heard [REDACTED] advise he may have located the truck in Wadsworth City. I began driving to Wadsworth while listening to radio traffic. [REDACTED] confirmed it was David's vehicle by verifying the license plate. [REDACTED] was following the vehicle southbound on Silvercreek Road. While watching my in car map, I saw [REDACTED] and Sergeant King southbound on Silvercreek Road, closing in on [REDACTED] I heard [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] conduct a high risk traffic stop on the truck on Silvercreek Road near Madison Trail in Wadsworth Township. A short time later, I heard [REDACTED] advising "shots fired" on the radio. I activated my overhead emergency lights and sirens and responded at a high rate of speed to the scene.

I arrived on scene at approximately 2215 hours. There were multiple law enforcement and EMS vehicles already on scene. I briefly assisted Deputy Postlethwait in securing crime scene tape to a tree. As I approached the scene, I observed a male laying on the ground near the truck. Medics were providing CPR to the male. Sergeant King tasked me with the crime scene log. At 2220 hours, I logged all personnel already on scene to include Medina County Sheriff's Office, Wadsworth Police Department, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Wadsworth Fire, and Wayne County Sheriff's Office. A Wayne County Sheriff Deputy was blocking Silvercreek Road just south of the scene. I maintained the crime scene log as Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) arrived and began processing the scene. At approximately 0100 hours, BCI advised I could discontinue the crime scene log. I cleared the scene.

The crime scene log was scanned and uploaded to this case.

Later in the morning, BCI released the scene. Deputies Postlethwait, Cotrufo, and myself assisted in returning [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] back to the Medina County Sheriff's Office.

END #140

## **Supplemental Narrative By Eliza Postlethwait, 10/07/24 02:02**

On October 5th, 2024, at approximately 9:17 p.m., I responded to Wadsworth High School located at 625 Broad Street in Wadsworth City due to the request of the Wadsworth Police Department. The Wadsworth Police Department was requesting additional units to help them assist with a potential threat. At the time, the threat in which we were made aware of was a male reportedly on his way to the Wadsworth City High School threatening suicide by cop. The male making the threats was identified to be David Septer. The vehicle he was suspected to be driving was a 2014 Gray Ford bearing license plate number KHN 9669.

At approximately 9:32 p.m., I arrived at the Wadsworth High School to assist the Wadsworth Police Department. Upon

arrival, I spoke with Sergeant King #112, who advised me to block the Durling Road entrance to the high school. I was also informed the high school was on lockdown. Sergeant King requested I block one of the entrances to the high school to ensure no one is able to get in or out of school. This was for the safety of the students and anyone else inside. It was still unknown whether or not David was coming to the high school or not, but it was the only location he had mentioned coming to. Therefore, I had the entrance to the high school off of Durling Road blocked and other Medina County Sheriff deputies had the other entrances blocked off.

While stationed on Durling Road, I was making sure the 2014 Gray Ford registered to David was not going to enter the school. Not long after I parked my patrol car at the entrance, [REDACTED] arrived to assist with some of the frustrated parents wanting inside of the high school. During the time of blocking the entrance, dispatch was able to get updated locations on where David was driving. At approximately 9:51 p.m., dispatch advised the 2014 Gray Ford truck was pinged on Medina Line Road between Interstate Route 261 and Interstate Route 76. In knowing that information, [REDACTED] left Durling Road where I was at, and proceeded to patrol the area due to the request of Sergeant King.

Not long after [REDACTED] left, he radioed that a gray Ford had passed him. I continued to block the entrance to the school while [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] caught up to the suspect car. While [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were behind the 2014 Gray Ford on Silvercreek Road, a woman walked over to my patrol car to speak with me about what was going on. Not long after the woman approached my window, [REDACTED] said shots fired over the radio. The woman immediately got scared because she thought it was inside of the school. I advised the woman it was not inside the school and immediately drove to Silvercreek Road where [REDACTED] and Sergeant King were at. Myself and Deputy Cotrufo #143 were behind the ambulance and followed them to the scene.

Once myself and Deputy Cotrufo arrived on Silvercreek, I ran up to the patrol vehicles and suspect vehicle to see where I needed to assist. I observed life saving measures being administered to David while he was lying on the roadway. Due to the Wadsworth Fire Department taking over and continuing medical attention to David, I was not needed to assist them. Sergeant King advised me to get the crime scene tape in order to secure the scene. I taped off multiple areas on Silvercreek Road.

Once I was no longer needed at the scene, I drove [REDACTED] back on station so he could speak with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI).

Later, on October 6th, 2024, I went back to the crime scene due to needing to relieve an Ohio State Highway Patrol trooper who was blocking the intersection of Silvercreek and Wall Road. Once I was informed I no longer needed to block off the intersection, I drove [REDACTED] patrol vehicle back to the Medina County Sheriff's Office due to BCI no longer needing it at the scene.

Nothing further to report regarding my involvement in this incident.

Deputy Postlethwait #133

## **Supplemental Narrative By Gabriel Cotrufo, 10/07/24 02:40**

On October 5, 2024 I responded to Wadsworth High School, located in Wadsworth City for a report of a suspect who is having suicidal ideation. Upon my arrival to the Wadsworth High School, I met with Sgt. King in the parking lot of the YMCA outdoor pool. Once I arrived I was informed that we were to be on the lookout for a Grey F-150. This was the vehicle that may be driven by the suspect. Initially it was being reported that this suspect was having a suicide by cop ideation, and that he may come to the Wadsworth High School to do it. This was particularly troublesome, due to the large amount of high school children having their homecoming dance during the time this suspect was planning on arriving.

The decision was made, that the best interest was to stop all incoming traffic to the school. This was slightly difficult, because the parents were notified that the school was on lock down. Having the large amount of kids at the school was already problematic, and it would only intensify if the parking lot and streets were filled with concerned parents, who were already starting to arrive on scene. Sgt. King decided to have Deputies block the three entrances to the high school campus. We would still allow cars to leave, however we would not allow anymore cars to enter.

I was positioned at the north end of the campus on Broad Street. Here I blocked all incoming traffic, and any attempts to enter I redirected to Overlook Elementary school parking lot across the street. As the scene was secured, we were initially notified that the suspects phone had pinged at approximately 3300 meters away. We knew that was over 2 miles away, and that he hopefully was not going to come to the school. As I stood at my post I retrieved my

patrol rifle, and was looking for the suspects vehicle. As I held this position I heard over the radio, that [REDACTED] was going to canvass the area as all of the entrances to the school were presently secured. I saw [REDACTED] drive east on Broad St. and within several minutes [REDACTED] communicated over the radio, that he believed he saw the suspects vehicle at the light heading south at Hartman Road and Broad Street. [REDACTED] communicated that he was going to turn around in the Grizzly Mart parking lot to try and view the license plate, and follow the vehicle. [REDACTED] shortly thereafter, was able to confirm that this vehicle in question was the suspects vehicle as they both now traveled southbound on Silver-creek Road. It was at this point [REDACTED] who was maintaining the east side entrance followed behind [REDACTED] as they continued to follow southbound on Silver-creek Road. This continued on and [REDACTED] requested permission to conduct a felony traffic stop. Shortly after the request for the traffic stop, [REDACTED] radioed that there was shots fired. [REDACTED] was calm and spoke clearly into the Mic, as he communicated this information. I quickly left my position and drove lights and sirens to their location. While en route I was behind Wadsworth EMS. Once on scene I approached the direct scene and observed the suspect on the ground and it appeared that he had several chest seals on his body. I also noticed at least one neon orange medical kit. Next to the body their was a AK-47 type rifle, with a broken wooden butt stock. EMS began their life saving intervention. I then put my rifle away, and stayed with [REDACTED] to make sure he was OK. [REDACTED] was calm, and quite.

It was then decided to take [REDACTED] to the Sheriff's Office and there he would await for Ohio BCI. BCI later showed, and photographed [REDACTED] and asked him a few questions.

Body Camera:

Dep. Cotrufo #143

Patrol Car:

#11

## Supplemental Narrative By Kristopher Conwill, 10/10/24 13:00

On October 5, 2024, at approximately 9:41p, I received a message from Sgt. King stating his shift was assisting Wadsworth P.D. at Wadsworth High School due to a male threatening suicide by cop. At this time, I was off duty; however, I was in Wadsworth. After several exchanges with Sgt. King, I elected to drive to Wadsworth High School to meet with Sgt. King in person. I arrived at the High School approximately 10 minutes later and met with Sgt. King. Sgt. King gave me a brief update of what occurred up to this point. I'll note, little information seemed to be known at this point due to information being relayed through multiple agencies (Wayne County, Wadsworth and Medina County); however, there was a concern David Septer may have been driving to Wadsworth High School and he likely was armed.

Shortly after I met with Sgt. King, Sgt. King sent [REDACTED] to check the area of the last ping on Septer's phone, which was near Septer's previous home. A few minutes later, [REDACTED] radioed that he located the vehicle near Broad St. and Silvercreek Road, Wadsworth. Sgt. King left the parking lot to assist [REDACTED]. At that time, I left the parking area too. I continued to monitor the radio traffic as [REDACTED] provided updates. [REDACTED] did initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle on Silvercreek Road near Madison Trail. Shortly after the stop was made, [REDACTED] made a "shots fired" radio call.

I drove to the area of the traffic stop. When I arrived on scene, I observed several deputies and a trooper administering

aid to Septer. Septer was lying next to his truck on the driver's side. The driver's side door to the truck was open. Wadsworth EMS arrived on scene around the same time as I did. I assisted an EMS worker with rolling their cot to the area of Septer. After a brief assessment, I moved what I later learned to be [REDACTED] patrol vehicle to the south of the scene to block northbound traffic on Silvercreek Road. At this point, I did not know the deputies had fired their weapons. I initially thought the injuries were self-inflicted by Septer. A few minutes later, I learned both deputies had fired their weapons.

Based on the deputy's involvement, I had dispatch contact BCI for their assistance in processing the scene and completing the investigation. I also requested the on-call detective respond to the scene for assistance. At this point, I began to engage in administrative functions. While near [REDACTED] patrol car, I did kick a bullet casing on the ground. When I met with BCI on scene, I noted I moved [REDACTED] vehicle and identified the casing I had kicked.

I spoke to Sgt. Shelly with Wayne County Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Shelly provided me with a summary of Wayne County's involvement. I did ask Sgt. Shelly to make a death notification to Septer's parents, who resided in Dalton, Ohio. I was able to confirm Sgt. Shelly made the notification. Initially, I was under the impression Septer was divorced and his parents were the next of kin. I later learned Septer was not divorced and was separated from his wife and recently was served with divorce papers.

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, I learned BCI processed Septer's vehicle and stated it could be released to the family. The Vehicle was processed and stored in Montville Police Department's garage. I contacted Heather Septer and advised her the vehicle could be picked up at her convenience.

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## Crime Scene Log

## Medina County Sheriff's Office

Twp:

Village:

City: Wadsworth

Offense:

OIS

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Date: 10/5/24

Incident#

Name	Dept. or Address	Date, Time on Scene	Date, time off Scene	Logging Officer / Unit#
Dtc Amburgey	WPD	10/5/24 2220	10/5/24 2338	140
ofc Gramley	WPD	"	10/5/24 2245	"
Sgt. Patterson	WPD	"	10/5/24 2245	"
	MCSO	"	10/5/24 2254	"
	MCSO	"	10/5/24 2254	"
Sgt. King	MCSO	" Terminated by BCI	<del>10/5/24 2254</del>	"
Dep. Cetrullo	MCSO	"	10/5/24 2254	"
Dep. Postkhumatt	MCSO	"	10/5/24 2254	"
Dep. McBurnk	MCSO	"	10/6/24 0100	"
Cap Connell	MCSO	"	10/5/24 2352	"
Lt. Dorland	WPD	10/5/24 2224	10/5/24 2240	"
Rep. Butler	MCSO	10/5/24 2220	10/5/24 2247	"
Sgt. Gasser	OSHP	10/5/24 2220	10/5/24 2240	"
Dep. Hankins	Wayne Co. So.	10/5/24 2220	10/5/24 2215	"
Andy Campbell	WEMS	"	10/5/24 2244	"
Sean Kelley	WEMS	"	"	"
Jim Fox	WEMS	"	"	"
Pat Kingle	WEMS	"	"	"
Eric Bowling	WEMS	"	"	"
Det. Seiberting	MCSO	10/5/24 2239	10/5/24 2254	"
Sheriff Grace	MCSO	10/5/24 2250	10/5/24 2352	"
Sgt Gasser	OSHP	10/5/24 2257	10/5/24 2300	"
Finest Thompson	Medina County Prosecutor	10/5/24 2308	10/6/24 0007	"
Charles Moran	BCI	10/8/24 2308	Terminated by BCI	"
Lt. Schmall	MCSO	10/5/24 2315	10/5/24 2328	"
Det Girard	MCSO	10/5/24 2319	Terminated by BCI	"
Lt Dorland	WPD	10/5/24 2326	10/5/24 2328	"
Sgt. Patterson	WPD	10/5/24 2336	10/5/24 2340	"
Jesse Bynum	BCI	10/5/24 2337	Terminated by BCI	"
Sgt Patterson	WPD	10/5/24 2344	"	"
Sgt. Gasser	OSHP	10/5/24 2335	"	"
John Tinsley	BCI	10/5/24 2347	"	"
Lauren McClintock	BCI	10/5/24 2350	"	"
Larry Hootman	BCI	10/8/24 0002	"	"
S Lt. Leashick	OSHP	10/6/24 0002	"	"
John Liber	BCI	10/6/24 0007	"	"
Sgt. Patterson	WPD	10/6/24 0020	10/6/24 0020	"
S. Lt. Brad Bucey	OSHP	10/6/24 0040	"	"
Joe Gaudy	BCI	10/6/24 0040	"	"

<b>Crime Scene Log</b>  <div style="text-align: center;"><b>Medina County Sheriff's Office</b></div>	Twp:
	Village:
	City: <u>Wadsworth</u>

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Name	Dept. or Address	Date, Time on Scene	Date, time off Scene	Officer / Unit#
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Chad Posen	Bcl	10/6/24 0030	Terminated by Bcl	140
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**MEDINA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**555 Independence Drive Medina, OH 44256  
330-725-0028

TERRY GRICE, SHERIFF

Response to Resistance

Printed on October 14, 2024

Date and Time of Incident 10/05/24 Case Number [REDACTED]  
21:11

Reporting Officer 112 - King, David

Location of Incident 625 BROAD ST, WADSWORTH, OH 44281

Type of Response Firearm-

Reason for Officer's response Necessary for officer's  
defense-  
High Risk / Felony Traffic Stop-

Officer Injury Sustained No

Subject Injury Sustained No

Other - Explain No

**Arrestee / Inmate Information**Name SEPTER, DAVID M  
Address 37 KING ST  
DALTON, OH 44618  
DOB 11/7/79  
Sex Male  
Race White**Witness Information**Name  
Address  
DOB  
Sex  
Race

Written Statement Obtained No

Witness Statement Obtained No

Subject's Actions Weapons used against officer and/or  
other person-  
Life-threatening assaults or conduct-  
Felony apprehension / high risk traffic stop-

Officer's Response Deadly Force-

Assisting Officers [REDACTED] (MCSO)  
[REDACTED] (MCSO)**Summary**

On October 5, 2024 deputies were dispatched to the Wadsworth High School to assist the Wadsworth Police Department. Information was given that David Septer may be coming to the Wadsworth High School armed, and threatening suicide by cop. Dispatch gave information that David went to a relatives house to obtain firearms. The entrances were closed off to the school by deputy patrol cars. [REDACTED] located David's truck. When [REDACTED] was behind [REDACTED] a traffic stop was initiated. David Septer stopped his truck, exited his truck and presented an assault style rifle. David posed an immediate threat to both officers and deadly force was used.

Signed

Reporting Officer Signature

Date

Shift Supervisor

Signed

Shift Supervisor

Date

Signed

Division Commander Signature

Date

Administrative / Operations Commander

Signed

Administrative / Operations Commander

Date

Signed

Sheriff Signature

Date



Case [REDACTED]

Printed on October 15, 2024

Status	Approved
Report Type	Investigations
Primary Officer	John Girard
Investigator	John Girard
Reported At	10/05/24 21:11
Incident Date	10/05/24 21:11
Incident Code	AGENCY ASSIST : Assist other Agency
Location	625 BROAD ST, WADSWORTH, OH 44281 (WADSWORTH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL)
Zone	Wadsworth City
Beat	Wadsworth City
Court	None
Ereferral County	None
Disposition	Closed
Disposition Date/Time	10/15/24 13:19
Review for Gang Activity	None

**Unspecified****CAVALLARO, DANNY GENE**

Male, DOB 10/22/49

33 MILTON ST  
SEVILLE, OH 44273**SEPTER, DAVID MICHAEL**

Male, DOB 11/7/79

442 HARTMAN RD  
WADSWORTH, OH 44281

(330) 703-9151 Cell

(330) 317-8860 Cell

**Vehicles****KHN9669** OH - (Other)

2014 GRAY Ford

Owner DAVID M SEPTER

**DB Supplemental Narrative By John Girard, 10/07/24 07:07****Supplemental**

On Saturday, October 5th at approximately 10:15 PM I received a phone call from the Medina County Sheriffs Office Dispatch Center, advising that there was an officer involved shooting. I asked where the location was after I was advised that our Deputies were okay. I arrived at the scene at approximately 11:15 PM. When I arrived Sheriff Grice, Lt. Schmoll and Captain Conwill were all on scene. There were several State Troopers on scene as well and traffic was stopped at Johnson and Silver Creek. I observed crime scene tape on the perimeter of the area and within the crime scene tape were the following items. Three Medina County Sheriff's Officer cruisers, one Ford F-150 crew cab, gray in color, a State highway patrol vehicle, two medical bags near the Ford pickup truck and a human body laying on the ground next to the Ford pickup truck with a sheet placed over the decedent. I also observed several shell casings

Cas [REDACTED]

laying on the ground near the Ford pickup and the closest cruiser. Near the decedent was a rifle with a broken wooden stock. The rifle appeared to be an AK-47 model, and had a 30 round magazine inserted into the mag well. The rifle was several feet away from the decedent at about 90 degrees reference to the body (decedent).

I entered the crime scene (taped perimeter) and met with Deputy David McGurk #140 who was keeping a log of all personal entering the scene. I asked him if he needed anything and then began to observe the area in closer detail. A short while later a B.C.I. representative arrived and I introduced myself to him and advised I would be available for any assistance that they may need. The Deputies directly involved in this incident were [REDACTED] and Sergeant David King #112. Sergeant King's report [REDACTED] is linked with this report as well as the initial Medina County Sheriff's Office call for service log [REDACTED]

While on scene I observed B.C.I. conduct their investigation as I continued to offer any assistance they may need. I had several discussions with B.C.I. personnel regarding the decedents remains and when to contact the Medina County Coroner, as well as contacting dispatch to send a tow truck for the decedents vehicle. I assisted B.C.I. with locating 9mm spent casings which were in the grass off the passenger side of [REDACTED] assigned vehicle. I was later contacted by the Sheriff asking a few questions and requesting that I power down the camera systems on both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] assigned cruisers. I asked B.C.I. if I could enter the vehicles to shut down the camera systems. Once they gave me permission to do so I completed this task for both patrol vehicles.

I was asked to contact the Medina County Coroner as B.C.I. was finishing the scene processing, and also to contact dispatch for a tow truck. Once both had arrived on scene, I assisted them both with logistics and removal. When Dr. Deranek arrived I assisted her and the transport personnel with photographing the remains of the decedent and placing the decedent onto a gurney. Once Doctor Deranek had cleared the scene I assisted the tow truck company (Wadsworth Towing) with removing the Ford F-150 belonging to the decedent. I did not have an MCSO tow sheet so I completed a detailed note and gave the tow company employee my business card with a sheet of paper with all pertinent information. I was also asked by a member of B.C.I. to ask if Mr. Septer's vehicle could be taken to Montville Police Department storage/maintenance building for safe keeping until they could later process the vehicle for evidence. I contacted the Montville Police Department O.I.C. to ask for this assistance for B.C.I., per their request.

It should be noted that Doctor Daranek had looked through the vehicle (F-150) for paperwork regarding a civil annulment between the decedent and his wife. When Dr. Deranek arrived on scene she had told me she was contacted by a family member of the decedent and was given a back story of the problems which possibly led to the events which occurred here this evening. Dr. Deranek stated that the decedent was served with, or given annulment paperwork by his wife, on Wednesday (10/02/2024) and this was not well received by him. She also mentioned that Mr. Septer had been struggling with substance abuse, P.T.S.D., and other factors over the last several years. Dr. Deranek located what appeared to be a cellular device asking if I wanted to take possession of it. I advised I would not be taking this cellular device as the truck and all that is contained would be under the control of B.C.I. and the lead investigator.

Once both the remains were removed and the Ford F-150 belonging to Mr. Septer had been towed from the scene, I contacted the Patrol supervisor to advise the patrol vehicles could be relayed back to the Sheriff's Office. Deputy McGurk, Montgomery, Cotrufo, and Postlethwait all arrived a short while later to assist with taking the vehicles back to the Sheriff's Office. Once this was completed I secured from the scene. Crime scene tape was also removed by myself and B.C.I. personnel.

Nothing further to report at this time.