



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



2025-3447
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1642 Cherry Ln., Findlay,
Ohio 45840, Hancock County (L)

Investigative Activity: Case Closing and Evidence Return
Involves: Robert Norton (S), Findlay Police Department (O)
Activity Date: 02/02/2026
Activity Location: 300 S. Main St., Findlay, OH 45840
Authoring Agent: SA Douglas Burke #162

Narrative:

On Monday, January 26, 2026, the investigation regarding the Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred in Findlay, Ohio, on October 22, 2025, involving Robert Norton (Robert) was presented to Hancock County Prosecutor, Sean Abbott in Hancock County. On Friday, January 30, 2026, Hancock County Prosecutor Sean Abbott made a ruling of the OICI from October 22, 2025, which involved Findlay Police Department [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] without presenting the case to the Hancock County Grand Jury. Prosecutor Sean Abbott declined to file criminal charges regarding the actions of Findlay Police Department [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in relation to the death of Robert Norton.

On Tuesday, February 3, 2026, SA Burke returned the evidence, which BCI Bowling Green possessed, to the Findlay Police Department. It should be noted there had been further evidence which had still been at the BCI Lab in London, OH. On Wednesday, February 18, 2026, that remaining evidence was returned to the BCI Bowling Green Office. On Thursday, February 19, 2026, SA Burke returned the remaining evidence to the Findlay Police Department. At this time, all evidence pertaining to this case has been returned to Findlay Police Department.

Special Agent Douglas Burke and Special Agent Supervisor Charles Moran reviewed this investigation and discussed the documentation. During this discussion, it was determined that the investigation was sufficiently pursued and all investigative efforts and aspects of this case have been completed. Special agent assistance is no longer required by the requesting agency.

The documents received from the Hancock County Prosecutor's Office are attached to this report. Please refer to those documents for further information.

This case is closed.

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References:

None

Attachments:

1. OICI Press Release - 10.22.25 Robert Norton
2. Evidence Receipt from Findlay PD Evidence
3. BB Gun-DNA Blood Card-DNA Splits

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Prosecutor Provides Update on Cherry Lane Officer-Involved Shooting Incident

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 30, 2026

**SEAN M. ABBOTT
419-424-7089**

Hancock County Prosecutor Sean M. Abbott announced that the Hancock County Prosecutor's Office has concluded its review of the officer-involved critical incident that occurred on October 22, 2025 at 1642 Cherry Lane, in Findlay that resulted in the death of 90-year-old Robert Norton. The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation conducted the case investigation and presented all the evidence to the Hancock County Prosecutor's Office for its review. "After careful review of all the facts and evidence, I have concluded that the application of the use of deadly force by City of Findlay Police [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was objectively reasonable under the circumstances as defined by *Tennessee v. Garner*, 471 U.S. 1 (1985) and *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386 (1989). Therefore, our office will not be presenting this matter to the Hancock County grand jury and this investigation will be considered closed," Abbott said.

On October 22, 2025, Findlay Police Department officers were dispatched to 1649 Cherry Lane, Findlay, Ohio to investigate a 911 call of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers determined that the phone call originated from 1642 Cherry Lane and approached the home to investigate.

While approaching the home, an unknown male, later determined to be Robert Norton, is seen on police body worn camera footage opening the front door of the residence and pointing what appeared to be a handgun directly at [REDACTED] then directly at [REDACTED]. In response, [REDACTED] fired four rounds while [REDACTED] fired approximately three rounds. Mr. Norton was struck twice in the torso and once in the thigh. Through the investigation, the firearm brandished by Norton was determined to be a Daisy Phantom BB/Pellet Handgun. During a crime scene search and through further investigation, Norton was found to have left a suicide note on the counter in the residence and it was further determined Norton had recently attempted additional efforts to end his own life.

Norton was treated at the scene by the Findlay Police Department, the Findlay Fire Department, and Hanco EMS. Norton was transported to Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay where he succumbed to his injuries.



EVIDENCE RECEIPT



Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Case Number
2025-3447

Case Title
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1642 Cherry Ln., Findlay, Ohio 45840, Hancock County (L)

Transfer Date

2/3/2026 10:18 AM

RELEASED FROM

Releasing Agency
Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Case Number
2025-3447

Released By
Tracy Lembke

RECEIVED BY

Receiving Agency
Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Case Number
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Received By
SA Douglas Burke

RELEASE REASON

Returned to Agency

EVIDENCE

001 - Fired Cartridge Casing - P00020-1045227, 001 (<i>Other Property</i>) in Envelope C00020-1026426	Outside - 1642 Cherry Lane
002 - Fired Cartridge Casing - P00020-1045228, 002 (<i>Other Property</i>) in Envelope C00020-1026437	Outside - 1642 Cherry Lane
003 - Fired Cartridge Casing - P00020-1045229, 003 (<i>Other Property</i>) in Envelope C00020-1026436	Outside - 1642 Cherry Lane
004 - Fired Cartridge Casing - P00020-1045230, 004 (<i>Other Property</i>) in Envelope C00020-1026435	Outside - 1642 Cherry Lane
005 - Fired Cartridge Casing - P00020-1045231, 005 (<i>Other Property</i>) in Envelope C00020-1026434	Outside - 1642 Cherry Lane
006 - Fired Cartridge Casing - P00020-1045232, 006 (<i>Other Property</i>) in Envelope C00020-1026433	Outside - 1642 Cherry Lane
007 - Fired Cartridge Casing - P00020-1045233, 007 (<i>Other Property</i>) in Envelope C00020-1026432	Outside - 1642 Cherry Lane
009 - Mobile Phone - Gray Motorola Moto G 5G XT2417D - P00020-1045235, 009 (<i>Device</i>) in Clear Evidence Bag C00020-1026430	Dining room - 1642 Cherry Lane
010 - Mobile Phone - Blue Motorola moto G Pure XT2163DL - P00020-1045236, 010 (<i>Device</i>) in Clear Evidence Bag C00020-1026429	Kitchen - 1642 Cherry Lane
011 - Paperwork - P00020-1045237, 011 (<i>Documents and Files</i>) in Envelope C00020-1026428	Kitchen - 1642 Cherry Lane
012 - Fired Bullet - P00020-1045238, 012 (<i>Other Property</i>) in Envelope C00020-1026427	Livingroom - 1642 Cherry Lane
013 - Firearm - Handgun - Glock 21 Gen 4 - P00020-1045239, 013 (<i>Weapon</i>) in Gun Box C00020-1026438	Findlay Police Dept
014 - Firearm - Handgun - Glock 45 - P00020-1045240, 014 (<i>Weapon</i>) in Gun Box C00020-1026439	Findlay Police Dept
015 - Knife - P00020-1045243, 015 (<i>Weapon</i>) in Brown Paper Bag C00020-1026442	Findlay Police Dept
C01 - Fired bullet - P00020-1045246, C01 (<i>Other Property</i>) in Envelope C00020-1026443	Lucas County Coroner
C02 - Fired bullet - P00020-1045247, C02 (<i>Other Property</i>) in Envelope C00020-1026447	Lucas County Coroner

C03 - Fired bullet - P00020-1045248, C03 (*Other Property*) in *Envelope C00020-1026446* Lucas County
Coroner
H02 - Clothing - P00020-1045853, H02 (*Personal Property*) in *Brown Paper Bag C00020-1026839* from Hospital
H03 - Clothing - P00020-1045854, H03 (*Personal Property*) in *Brown Paper Bag C00020-1026843* from Hospital
H04 - Clothing - P00020-1045855, H04 (*Personal Property*) in *Brown Paper Bag C00020-1026842* from Hospital
H05 - Clothing - P00020-1045856, H05 (*Personal Property*) in *Brown Paper Bag C00020-1026841*
H06 - Clothing - P00020-1045857, H06 (*Personal Property*) in *Brown Paper Bag C00020-1026840* from Hospital
H07 - Socks - P00020-1045256, H07 (*Personal Property*) in *Brown Paper Bag C00020-1026451* from Hospital

PACKAGING

Brown Paper Bag C00020-1026840 - Sealed
- H06 Clothing

Brown Paper Bag C00020-1026839 - Sealed
- H02 Clothing

Brown Paper Bag C00020-1026451 - Sealed
- H07 Socks

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Brown Paper Bag C00020-1026442 - Sealed
- 015 Knife

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Clear Evidence Bag C00020-1026429 - Sealed
- 010 Mobile Phone - Blue Motorola moto G Pure XT2163DL

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Clear Evidence Bag C00020-1026430 - Sealed
- 009 Mobile Phone - Gray Motorola Moto G 5G XT2417D

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Envelope C00020-1026432 - Sealed
- 007 Fired Cartridge Casing

- Brown Paper Bag C00020-1026840 - Sealed*
 - H06 Clothing
- Envelope C00020-1026432 - Sealed*
 - 007 Fired Cartridge Casing
- Envelope C00020-1026433 - Sealed*
 - 006 Fired Cartridge Casing
- Envelope C00020-1026433 - Sealed*
 - 006 Fired Cartridge Casing
- Envelope C00020-1026434 - Sealed*
 - 005 Fired Cartridge Casing
- Envelope C00020-1026434 - Sealed*
 - 005 Fired Cartridge Casing
- Envelope C00020-1026435 - Sealed*
 - 004 Fired Cartridge Casing
- Envelope C00020-1026435 - Sealed*
 - 004 Fired Cartridge Casing
- Envelope C00020-1026436 - Sealed*
 - 003 Fired Cartridge Casing
- Envelope C00020-1026436 - Sealed*
 - 003 Fired Cartridge Casing
- Envelope C00020-1026437 - Sealed*
 - 002 Fired Cartridge Casing
- Brown Paper Bag C00020-1026841 - Sealed*
 - H05 Clothing
- Envelope C00020-1026437 - Sealed*
 - 002 Fired Cartridge Casing
- Envelope C00020-1026426 - Sealed*
 - 001 Fired Cartridge Casing
- Envelope C00020-1026426 - Sealed*
 - 001 Fired Cartridge Casing
- Envelope C00020-1026446 - Sealed*
 - C03 Fired bullet
- Envelope C00020-1026446 - Sealed*
 - C03 Fired bullet
- Envelope C00020-1026447 - Sealed*
 - C02 Fired bullet
- Envelope C00020-1026447 - Sealed*
 - C02 Fired bullet
- Envelope C00020-1026443 - Sealed*
 - C01 Fired bullet
- Envelope C00020-1026443 - Sealed*
 - C01 Fired bullet
- Envelope C00020-1026427 - Sealed*
 - 012 Fired Bullet
- Brown Paper Bag C00020-1026841 - Sealed*
 - H05 Clothing



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RELEASE REASON

Transported

EVIDENCE

008 - BB Gun - Phantom - P00020-1045234, 008 (Weapon) in Gun Box
C00020-1026431
C05 - DNA - P00020-1045250, C05 (Biological Evidence) in Envelope C00020-1026444

Livingroom - 1642
Cherry Lane
Lucas County
Coroner

PACKAGING

Envelope C00020-1026444 - Sealed
- C05 DNA
Gun Box C00020-1026431 - Sealed
- 008 BB Gun - Phantom

SIGNATURES

X	Tracy Lembke	2/19/2026	X	SA Douglas Burke	2/19/2026
	Released From	Date		Received By	Date

RECEIVED 2026 FEB 19 10:12 AM



Evidence Release Receipt
Department Name: Ohio Attorney General's Office

Lab Case	Item	Container	Package, Description and Item Type	Dept Case #	Dept Item #
25-23655	7		White box containing Daisy Phantom BB/Pellet Gun; also found to contain magazine and pellets Firearm Evidence	2025-3447	7
25-23655	7.4	1	None Swab of buttons Swab of textured buttons/levers	2025-3447	7
25-23655	7.5	1	None Swab of front sight area	2025-3447	7
25-23655	7.6	1	None Swab of base of magazine	2025-3447	7
25-23655	7.7	1	None Swab of body of magazine	2025-3447	7
25-23655	8		One manila envelope containing from Robert Norton at Autopsy Known blood sample	2025-3447	8

Returned By: Judy Wilhelm
Custody Date Time: 2/19/2026 10:06:07AM

Judy Wilhelm

By signing below, I acknowledge receipt of the listed items.
Received By: S/A Burke 2/19/2026 10:06:08AM

SABurke

