



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



2024-4066
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1004 Park Lane, Apartment A,
Middletown, Ohio (Butler County) (L)

Involves: ██████████ (S)
Date of Activity: 01/10/2025
Activity Location: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation – 1560 SR-56 SW, London,
OH 43140
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Narrative:

On Friday, January 10, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Steven Seitzman reviewed two prior BCI officer-involved critical incident investigations pertaining to Middletown Police ██████████

BCI Case # ██████████

This OICI occurred on April 24, 2023, at 1094 Park Lane, Apartment F, in the city of Middletown, Butler County, Ohio. The incident involved an armed suicidal subject who exited an apartment and fired at least one round toward Middletown police officers and SWAT officers at the scene. In response, four officers, including ██████████ returned fire on the subject. The subject subsequently survived the encounter.

On May 15, 2023, the portion of the case related to the officers' use of force was presented to the Butler County Grand Jury. The Grand Jury returned a "No True Bill."

BCI Case # ██████████

This OICI occurred on February 25, 2023, at 2900 Towne Boulevard (Walmart parking lot) in the city of Middletown, Warren County, Ohio. The incident involved a traffic stop initiated by ██████████. During the traffic stop, a passenger in the vehicle provided false information to the officer. The passenger was discovered to have an active arrest warrant. The passenger refused to exit the vehicle and resisted arrest. The subject then produced a handgun as he was fighting with another officer. The subject was shot twice by ██████████ and succumbed to his wounds.

On April 14, 2023, the lead BCI agent met with the Warren County Prosecutor to review the case. In a press release dated April 14, 2023, the following was quoted:

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"After careful review of all the facts and evidence, I have concluded that the application of the use of deadly force by Middletown Division of Police [REDACTED] and the use of force by Middletown Division of Police Officer Austin Renner 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 Warren County grand jury and this investigation will be considered closed." -David P. Fornshell, Warren County Prosecutor

In summation, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was cleared of any criminal wrongdoing in both cases. It is recommended that those cases be reviewed for additional details.