



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



2025-2243

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 3013 Mohawk Street,
Middletown, Ohio 45044 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Officer Trent Oldham (W)
Date of Activity: 07/25/2025
Activity Location: Middletown Police Department – Business – One Donham Plaza,
Middletown, OH 45042
Author: SA Douglas Eveslage, #66

Narrative:

On June 25, 2025 at approximately 1322 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agents Steve Seitzman and Doug Eveslage interviewed Middletown Police Officer Trent Oldham (Officer Oldham). The interview took place at the Middletown Police Department. Also present for the interview was Attorney Rob Stokar. The interview was audio recorded.

The following summary of the recorded interview highlights the key points the author deemed most relevant, although it does not provide a verbatim account. Additionally, this report was placed in a chronology to enhance the reader's understanding of the information obtained during the interview. However, it is important to note that this may not reflect the actual order of the questions posed. Therefore, it is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed.

Officer Oldham was identified as being an officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the officer-involved critical incident that occurred on June 13, 2025, in the City of Middletown, Butler County, Ohio. Officer Oldham did not discharge his firearm during this incident. The primary objective of the interview was to gather all pertinent information known or observed. He confirmed that he was providing his statement voluntarily.

Officer Oldham prepared a typed statement, which was provided to investigators. The statement was signed and dated at the beginning of the interview. The typed statement read as follows:

"STATEMENT OF OFFICER TRENT OLDHAM, BADGE NO. 684

This statement is in regard to an incident that occurred on Sunday, July 13, 2025, at approximately 4:45 p.m. I am making this statement voluntarily as part of the investigation concerning this matter.

This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law – a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.

My date of hire as a police officer with the Middletown Division of Police was [REDACTED]. My regular assignment with Middletown PD is as a Patrol Officer, with [REDACTED] off. My regular duty hours are from [REDACTED], and on July 13, 2025, I was working my regular hours. On the day of the incident, I was working as a two-officer unit with Officer Jordan Griffin, and my call number was 2A12. At the time the incident occurred, I was wearing my regular duty police patrol uniform. The uniform included an outer ballistic vest, badge and nameplate. I was wearing a body worn camera (BWC) which recorded the event. I was carrying a department approved Glock 17, semi-automatic 9mm pistol, loaded with department approved ammunition. I most recently qualified with my weapon in April or May 2025 and am current with all required qualifications. I was not carrying a secondary weapon. My uncorrected vision and hearing are good, and I was not wearing glasses or contacts. I am in good health, and I do not take any medications that would impair my ability to perform my duties. I had not consumed alcohol in the 24 hours prior to my shift. I had not worked any overtime or extra details within the 48 hours prior to my shift on the day of the incident. I had approximately 8 hours of sleep the night before my assigned shift.

Immediately prior to being dispatched to the incident that resulted in the officer involved shooting, I had arrived at the jail and was engaged in booking a prisoner from an earlier arrest. I was not dispatched to the incident but responded when the information was aired. At approximately 4:45 p.m., the radio aired a "Signal 28," meaning a shooting had occurred, at 3013 Mohawk St. The correctional officers in the jail assumed custody of my prisoner and I immediately responded utilizing lights and sirens, arriving at the location approximately 5 minutes after the call was aired. While enroute to the location, I heard Officer Patterson state over the radio that the suspect had a firearm in his possession. I also heard Officer Kessler state the suspect had allegedly shot a family member inside the house. As I arrived on scene, responding officers had requested a unit at the rear of the residence, and Officer Griffin advised them that we would secure the rear of the structure. I drove the patrol vehicle down a path that paralleled the railroad tracks in an attempt to get as close to the residence as possible; however, the path ended several houses down from the residence. I parked the patrol vehicle and Officer Griffin and I walked the rest of the way to the residence. Officers in the front of the residence were able to relay their location, so that we could position ourselves at the rear of the correct residence to secure it. I do not recall having previously responded to calls for service to this location in my capacity as a Middletown Police Officer. I also do not recall having had previous contact with the suspect or the female victim involved in this incident. I assumed a position at the rear of the residence behind a shed. I heard Sergeant Wargo state that Officers would be making entry into the residence. I observed Officers [REDACTED] Harris, Rawlins, [REDACTED] and Sergeant Wargo assume a position at the rear of the residence to make entry at the rear door. I approached the residence and positioned myself on the Northeast corner of the residence along with Officer Griffin.

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the residence. It was clear to me that the suspect would not surrender if he was willing to fire upon the officers. Prior to [REDACTED] discharging his weapon, I heard [REDACTED] give the suspect loud verbal commands to drop the weapon. I then observed [REDACTED] who was positioned towards the front of the stack of officers, respond to the threat by firing several rounds from his patrol rifle into the rear of the residence where the suspect appeared to be positioned. I was not aware at the time that [REDACTED] fired. After [REDACTED] fired his weapon, officers made entry through the rear door in order to clear the residence, secure any persons inside, and render aid to the victims. I entered behind the other officers positioned at the rear.

Upon entry, I observed the suspect was on the ground and other officers securing the suspect in handcuffs. I then signaled the suspect was "42ed" (suspect in custody) over the radio. After the suspect was secured, I assisted Officer Rawlins in clearing the remainder of the structure before I exited the residence. After exiting the residence, I set up crime scene tape to secure the scene. I remained at scene until I was relieved by a supervisor.

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The interview concluded at 1340 hours. Officer Oldham's signed typed statement and a copy of the audio recorded interview are attached to this report.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2025-07-25 Interview of Officer Trent Oldham

Attachment # 02: Middletown Police Officer Trent Oldham Signed Statement

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