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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 905 E. Warren St.,
Bucyrus, OH 44820, Crawford County

Investigative Activity: Interview with Tpr. Kyle Shearer
Involves: Tpr. Kyle Shearer (W)
Activity Date: 06/15/2026
Activity Location: 3617 State Route 4, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820 (Bucyrus OSP)
Authoring Agent: SA Daniel P. Boerner #135

Narrative:

On Monday, June 15, 2026, at 0906 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Dan Boerner (SA Boerner) and SA Dave Hammond (SA Hammond) interviewed Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Trooper (Tpr.) Kyle Shearer (Tpr. Shearer), who was not accompanied by an attorney. The interview took place at 3617 State Route 4, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820 (OSHP Bucyrus). The interview was audio recorded.

Tpr. Shearer was identified as being a trooper who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the May 11, 2026, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 905 E. Warren St., Bucyrus, Ohio. Reportedly, Tpr. Shearer did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this trooper.

Tpr. Shearer stated his radio call sign on May 11, 2026, was Shearer. He has been employed by the OSHP for about twenty-two years. He has been a trooper for a total of twenty-two years. During the incident, Tpr. Shearer wore his standard Special Response Team (SRT) uniform with multiple trooper identifiers affixed to it. He also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt. He drove a state issued 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe with emergency lights/siren. Tpr. Shearer considered himself to be well-represented as a trooper during the incident. Tpr. Shearer stated that he wore a Body Worn Camera (BWC) during the incident and that it was active during significant moments of activity. He stated was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer how he was dispatched to the incident, and he stated that his supervisor (Sergeant Erik Lofland) contacted him on his state issued cell phone.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer what happened when he arrived on scene. Tpr Shearer stated (06:02 mark):

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Once I arrived, I found my supervisor and went to the incident command vehicle, which was like a big RV and I can't remember what agency's incident command vehicle it was, but everybody was in there and just kind of just getting the lay of the land on what was, what had happened, what the scene looked like, looking at footage of from the drone overhead and things of that nature, just to figure out, come up with a game plan and figure out what we were gonna do from there where, uh, the agency in charge needed us basically to plug us in or implement us.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer what the weather conditions were like at the approximate time that he arrived (07:31 mark):

Uh, when I arrived it was still, sun hadn't risen yet, so it was still relatively dark and it was cool in the morning. Really cool. Almost you'd need a sweatshirt, but I didn't, I didn't wear a sweatshirt. I just had short sleeves, so I was kind of cool. Cold, but then it warmed up right throughout the day.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer what time he arrived on scene, and he stated that he arrived at approximately 0430hrs.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer what details were provided in the briefing and he stated (08:15 mark):

Uh, the information that I was provided was basically, it started off as a domestic situation and I can't remember when in, in, during this incident initially if shots were fired or not, but I knew that the agencies that were on scene at the time, most of them had been there throughout the night and the day before, so they were really lacking on on rest and things of that nature. So, I figured at some point we would probably end up having to supplement them with even more of our people to give them a break and rotate them out. Get them some rest. But other than that, uh, the game plan was basically to get the Rook there and then whatever they needed us or however they would like us to respond with that once the Rook got there, is, was our responsibility.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer to describe his task during the incident and he stated (09:08 mark):

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My task was basically just providing cover for our operator (Trooper Stephen Gillum) who drives the Rook, because when you're in, you're very vulnerable in that situation as far as being inside that vehicle. You are, um, you have a lot of things going on now. I'm not an operator of the rook, but we are just basically providing cover Overwatch to our piece of equipment because we know how it operates and we know, and we have constant communication with the driver inside the vehicle, and he's relatively vulnerable, especially to higher munitions. There's only a certain amount of, uh, ammunition that it will stop. So, we just, like I said, we know how it operates. We know what our like SOPs are for it, and that's why we're there just to provide cover.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer to describe what the Rook was and he stated (10:11 mark):

Yeah, it's basically, uh, up armored skid steer. That, uh, has a platform that you can put on a big, um, platform to deploy it into situations with other officers on that platform. And you can drop it in tactical positions. You can also introduce gas, or it has a giant ram that's, uh, run by hydraulics that can puncture through doors or buildings, walls, things of that nature. So that's primarily what it's for, moving vehicles, things of that nature. Heavy, heavy equipment.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer what he observed during the incident and he stated (10:57 mark):

Uh, initially the first time that we went to approach, if I may use your diagram here. Um, this truck right here, this white, it was a white Ford truck, I believe was blocking our access to get to the house. In the back, which would be the side three. Area, we call this three. Um, it was blocking, so basically our Rook operator had to go up here, use, um, we have these like almost giant forklift. Uh, forks basically. And he had to get up underneath of it and drag it to this position where it's at in this photo. Okay. So, at that time I was here behind, uh, this Bearcat, um, in a behind a tree. And then I had another person, uh, which was another officer that was over here from our team providing cover, and we moved that vehicle to here so that we could approach with the Rook or the Rook could approach the house here. Because

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that's, we knew they had last contact or figured that last contact would be, would be side three up here in the second floor¹.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer to explain what happened after the pickup truck was moved and he stated (12:39 mark):

Uh, after that was moved, we basically, he, our Rook operator moved some other debris, some other things that were in the way out of the way. And then at that time he came back, the Rook operator came back, we went all the way back to the staging area where we had our trailer at. And then we changed out implements from those forks to a gas inducer. On the front of the, uh, Rook. Once we had that changed out, we approached again through the alley to side three, and then gas was deployed into the side three second story, uh, window area where the last time that shots were supposedly were fired from. And then that happened before I got there as far as shots fired. But you could see where the, the holes were from where the shots came out. So, everything was intact at that point as far as that side. Okay. There was no damage other than those bullet.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer what he was doing while the Rook was deploying gas and he stated (13:57 mark):

As the Rook was deploying gas, Trooper Robinson (Tpr. Corey Robinson) was over here somewhere, uh, observing. And then I was the Bearcat right now in this position, I don't believe was here. I think it was farther forward. Because we needed and there's a tree right here, and I took up a pos posting right here, um, on the other side of the alleyway where I could observe the top portion and have a little bit more cover while I could observe, uh, the second story of the structure. Okay. On side three.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer if anything happened when the Rook began deploying gas and he said "Yes". SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer to describe what happened and he stated (14:37 mark):

At that point, once the gas started to be deployed from the, uh, gas inducer on the Rook, uh, a round was fired. At least one round was

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fired from the building because none of us had shot, but you could hear it and it sounded like, uh, a relatively large caliber round. And now I don't know what it was from what kind of, uh, weapon it was from, but you could hear it. And I think there might have been actually more than one shot. I think there might have been maybe two or three, but that was like immediately as soon as the gas started exiting from that gas inducer on the, uh, Rook.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer if he observed any impacts or strikes and he stated (15:17 mark):

No, from where my position, basically the smoke. From that inducer, you couldn't see any flash or anything like that. And I deduced from that, that it seemed as though he was farther back into the, into the structure, but shooting towards wherever the action was taking place basically. Uh, kind of like, um, cover fire for himself.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer, relying on his training and experience, if he could determine if the gun shots sound like a handgun or a rifle. He stated, "And the large caliber and small caliber have very distinct sounds, and I can tell it was a large caliber firearm." (16:12 mark).

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer what happened next and he stated (16:36 mark):

I know I didn't get on the radio, but there was radio traffic that shots had been fired. I know that part of it. Um, but we still finish, or Steve still finished inducing, inducing the gas into the second story. Once that was done, he completely backed out. And then again, referring to this diagram on side three, this alleyway here to the right of where this truck is right now, the white truck that we removed Yep. We had cover here. So, we backed up into this area here and at that time, um, traded out canisters and, uh, went to, our plan was to reinduce more gas after some time. They were still trying, I, now, I don't know what was going on, on the other, on the other end of operation portion. They could have been trying to communicate with him or, uh, call him something of that nature to see what was going on. But basically, once that was finished with the first induction of gas, we just went back and found a cover area where we could change, uh, equipment and things out as needed.

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SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer if they attempted to initiate more gas into the residence and he stated (18:17 mark):

Yes. We do, we, we go and in reinitiate and, and introduce more gas into the building side three top floor, right side top window. Where the shots were, uh, coming from again, um, this time in reintroduced gas. And the decision was made to, as the gas was being introduced on the front side, which would be side one of the street side or address side of the target structure. Um, flash bangs were being deployed as a distraction so that we would eliminate the possibility hopefully of him wanting to shoot towards our equipment. And our operator again, so. But we received gunfire again at that time and you could tell, and I can tell from a flash bang and or noise flash distraction device if you wanna get technical about it. I can tell the difference between that and a rifle round being fired, I know what the difference.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer what happened next and he stated (20:12 mark):

After that, uh, our equipment, we took it back and this time we actually went all the way back to where our staging area was. Okay. For our equipment with the trailer and all the other tools that we had on it. And it was decided that, um, oh, and I forgot to mention our, the piece of equipment that we used to introduce the gas had bent the, it's like a long nozzle. Um, circular with a tip with a pointed tip on the end. And that's what we used to introduce the gas. At some point that broke and so it was almost like at a 90 degree. And so, we had to get, we had to change that out, get that changed out. Once we got that changed out, it was decided that we were going to, or it was decided that whoever was operating the rook was gonna go back reapproach this side three and then start, uh, taking away, uh, pieces of the structure so that we could get a better view inside the structure and see what was going on. So that's at some point how on side three up at the top floor we were, some of the damage was done. To open up that area so we could see better.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer what happened after they exposed the rear portion of the residence and he stated (21:45 mark):

After that, um, the Rook was taken back to the staging area and at that point, I know myself and the other operator from our team stayed

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on on that scene. We did not go back 'cause we had other officers that arrived to switch out equipment and things like that and implement us some more. They had arrived on scene. So myself and Robinson stayed on that side. Three providing just cover or implementing this, the other teams that were back here as well. On side three, uh, from the other agencies. And I know I took a position at some point, um, inside this truck, I actually was able to, I didn't break anything, but somehow I think the front door was unlocked and I was able to climb through the front pass right front passenger side into the back seat and open it up so I could get a better view into where we thought the suspect was. And we also had some other units that were from ASORT, I believe, and one of the other individuals was near the truck bed and he pointed out that he could see the individual in the very back left corner of this, this room up here on the second story.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer if another approach was considered at this point in the incident and he stated (23:35 mark):

Um, other than, uh, the only thing that I had heard that was possibly going to happen is that we were gonna drop that platform at some point or put people on that, that platform that we had. And, um, positioned them somewhere on side three, um, to observe this individual. But at some point it was also the individual who was held up in that house had made statements that he had a live grenade that he was sitting on. And I remember him making statements to the fact that as a negotiator was trying to talk with him and he was making statements to the fact that he couldn't get up. How the fuck is he gonna get up when he's sitting on a live grenade? Dumb ass.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer what happened next and he stated (25:04 mark):

Um, at some point, one of the snipers from, I don't know what branch or what actual, it was part of the, ASORT, I, I believe. Set up a, uh, viewing position on, uh, on this, uh, truck bed back here. Where he could observe inside, inside this room and see the subject. Now what he actually saw, I don't know 'cause I wasn't behind the scope, obviously. Um, but it's, he wouldn't have been there if he didn't have a good position and to see what he needed to do. And at some point during that, that whole incident, he was switched out with another sniper from the other team. I don't know, looking through a scope for a

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long time. I would imagine with the eye, having it on there too long, you need to change out and get a fresh eye on there. So, but I'm not, I'm not versed in sniping. And at some point we were just around and he kept making his statements and we were trying, the, uh, negotiator was trying to give him to give up. He wasn't complying with that. And I, it, it surprised me. I was not involved in, like I said, any of the operations of, or the orders that were given. But at some point, uh, a round was fired and it was confirmed that he had been struck.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer if he knew the name of the sniper and he stated that he did not. SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer where the sniper was positioned at the time of the shot and he stated at the back of the truck. Tpr. Shearer stated that after the shot was fired Tpr. Robinson deployed his drone and confirmed that the subject was deceased.

SA Boerner asked Tpr. Shearer what, if any, action was taken by him after the shooting and he stated (32:23 mark)

Um, they returned to this area here and, uh, got some of our gas masks 'cause the gas was really thick in there. I mean, it was pretty, pretty hefty. So once we, once, uh, the EOD guys got some of their equipment together, we went, we approached with the Rook back up there and several, we had two different, um, groups of people from our team along with the EOD that deployed up into that second story because the, the platform you can't fit, you can only fit probably maybe four guys that are fully kitted up in that. So, there were pro, possibly eight of us. So, the first group went in and then the second group went up and into that area to basically start to clear with EOD to, um, at least make it safe so that their investigation could continue after everything was over with. And at that point it was determined that there might be some sort of a, a powder or substance that may, might be an explosive, um, component. So, they had us, uh, return and they tested it and stuff and I think it ended up being maybe, um, that stuff that Tannerite maybe.

Tpr. Shearer stated that after EOD determined that the substance was Tannerite he did not return to the residence. He stated that he waited for EOD to finish clearing the interior of the residence. Tpr. Shearer stated that once completed he assisted with loading their equipment back onto the trailer. Tpr. Shearer stated that after everything was done their group conducted a debriefing.

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The interview concluded at approximately 0943 hours.

The interview was audio recorded (OSHP Kyle Shearer Axon Capture Audio 2026-06-15 090638 120). The audio recording was uploaded to Axon Justice as Reference Item G - Witness Officer Interviews > OSHP.

References:

Reference Item G - Witness Officer Interviews > OSHP stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

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