



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 205 US 250, Polk, Ohio 44866

**Investigative Activity:** Receipt and Review of Documents – 911 Call Audio  
**Involves:** Ashland County Sheriff's Department (O)  
**Activity Date:** August 8, 2023  
**Activity Location:** BCI - Richfield  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Nicholas Valente #139

**Narrative:**

On August 8, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente (Valente) received a collection of records from the Ashland County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) related to the death of Larry Dunham (Dunham). Included in these records was a copy of the 911 phone call, related audio files, and a text document.

SA Valente reviewed the 911 call, related audio files, and text document. SA Valente noted the following:

There was a collection of 14 audio files related to this event.

The first audio file was the 911 call placed by Dunham's sister, Carol Hess (Hess). Hess began the call by telling the dispatcher Dunham "had a brain injury and he had a brain bleed." Hess told the dispatcher that Dunham was "sitting up at his house with two loaded guns in his lap." Hess explained to the dispatcher she received a call from Dunham's neighbor who told her Dunham had been sitting by their fire ring with two guns. Hess, unaware Dunham still possessed the guns, went to Dunham's home to check on him. Hess stated "He (Dunham) has a suicide wish, so if you guys come in there with your blaze, with your lights and your noise he's gonna kill himself and his wife and try to take them too." After confirming Dunham's address for the dispatcher, Hess added "And he wants you guys to come because he wants to die." After making that statement the connection between the dispatcher and Hess appeared to lose connection intermittently. The connection picked back up as Hess, seemingly unaware the connection was temporarily lost, stated "...disability or whatever he's on ran out so he has..." The connection between the phones was then lost again. When the connection picked up Hess began to tell the dispatcher she was at her house two doors down at which point the connection was lost again and the call was ended.

The ACSO called Hess back multiple times. When the ACSO dispatcher was able to reach Hess again Hess stated she "got disconnected somehow." Hess sounded distraught and appeared to be

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crying. Hess confirmed Dunham's address and provided the dispatcher with a description of the clothing Dunham was wearing. Hess clarified for the dispatcher she saw Dunham remove then reinsert the magazine in one of the guns. Hess told the dispatcher she was unsure if the other gun Dunham possessed was loaded or not. Hess told the dispatcher when she last saw Dunham he was sitting in a lawn chair in his backyard. After briefly pausing, Hess stated "But he told me that if I send the cops there he's gonna go down with a blaze of glory." The dispatcher then told Hess deputies were now at Dunham's residence and the call was ended.

The remaining audio files included a duplicative copy of the above described second call, the sound of a phone ringing, Hess's voicemail prompt, and dispatchers communicating between themselves about personnel responding.

The text file contained notes related to the above described calls. Specifically, the console used, start time, duration, calling party, called party, and User ID for these calls were noted in this document.

The text file and above described call audio was attached to this report.

Attachments:

1. Collection of 14 audio files and the related text document corresponding to the calls.

Sequential export of 14 track(s) as Mu-Law, consisting of the following:

0000000022 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: ACSO NexLog, Ch: 1P Console 3 VOIP, Start: 2023-08-05 19:55:03, Dur: 03:13, CALLING\_PARTY: WCJ1C03 (8013), CALLTYPE: PHONE, EVALUATED: , USER\_ID: , DTMF: 8043, CALLER\_ID: WCJ1C03, ANNOTATIONS: , ui\_note: , FLAG: , CALLED\_PARTY: 8043 (8043), FLAGGED\_FOR\_EVALUATOR: , AGENT\_ID: 0000000023 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: ACSO NexLog, Ch: 1P Console 2 VOIP, Start: 2023-08-05 19:55:40, Dur: 00:26, CALLING\_PARTY: OHIO DEPARTMENT (3302640575), CALLTYPE: PHONE, EVALUATED: , USER\_ID: , DTMF: 8042, CALLER\_ID: OHIO DEPARTMENT, ANNOTATIONS: , ui\_note: , FLAG: , CALLED\_PARTY: 8042 (8042), FLAGGED\_FOR\_EVALUATOR: , AGENT\_ID: 0000000024 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: ACSO NexLog, Ch: 1P Console 3 VOIP, Start: 2023-08-05 19:59:04, Dur: 00:03, CALLING\_PARTY: Anonymous (anonymous), CALLTYPE: PHONE, EVALUATED: , USER\_ID: , DTMF: 8043, CALLER\_ID: Anonymous, ANNOTATIONS: , ui\_note: , FLAG: , CALLED\_PARTY: 8043 (8043), FLAGGED\_FOR\_EVALUATOR: , AGENT\_ID: 0000000025 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: ACSO NexLog, Ch: 1P Console 3 VOIP, Start: 2023-08-05 19:59:07, Dur: 00:05, CALLING\_PARTY: Anonymous (anonymous), CALLTYPE: PHONE, EVALUATED: , USER\_ID: , DTMF: 8043, CALLER\_ID: Anonymous, ANNOTATIONS: , ui\_note: , FLAG: , CALLED\_PARTY: 8043 (8043), FLAGGED\_FOR\_EVALUATOR: , AGENT\_ID: 0000000026 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: ACSO NexLog, Ch: 1P Console 3 VOIP, Start: 2023-08-05 19:59:19, Dur: 00:03, CALLING\_PARTY: Anonymous (anonymous), CALLTYPE: PHONE, EVALUATED: , USER\_ID: , DTMF: 8043, CALLER\_ID: Anonymous, ANNOTATIONS: , ui\_note: , FLAG: , CALLED\_PARTY: 8043 (8043), FLAGGED\_FOR\_EVALUATOR: , AGENT\_ID: 0000000027 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: ACSO NexLog, Ch: 1P Console 3 VOIP, Start: 2023-08-05 19:59:21, Dur: 00:04, CALLING\_PARTY: Anonymous (anonymous), CALLTYPE: PHONE, EVALUATED: , USER\_ID: , DTMF: 8043, CALLER\_ID: Anonymous, ANNOTATIONS: , ui\_note: , FLAG: , CALLED\_PARTY: 8043 (8043), FLAGGED\_FOR\_EVALUATOR: , AGENT\_ID: 0000000028 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: ACSO NexLog, Ch: 1P Console 3 VOIP, Start: 2023-08-05 19:59:29, Dur: 00:03, CALLING\_PARTY: Anonymous (anonymous), CALLTYPE: PHONE, EVALUATED: , USER\_ID: , DTMF: 8043, CALLER\_ID: Anonymous, ANNOTATIONS: , ui\_note: , FLAG: , CALLED\_PARTY: 8043 (8043), FLAGGED\_FOR\_EVALUATOR: , AGENT\_ID: 0000000029 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: ACSO NexLog, Ch: 1P Console 3 VOIP, Start: 2023-08-05 19:59:31, Dur: 00:05, CALLING\_PARTY: Anonymous (anonymous), CALLTYPE: PHONE, EVALUATED: , USER\_ID: , DTMF: 8043, CALLER\_ID: Anonymous, ANNOTATIONS: , ui\_note: , FLAG: , CALLED\_PARTY: 8043 (8043), FLAGGED\_FOR\_EVALUATOR: , AGENT\_ID: 0000000030 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: ACSO NexLog, Ch: 1P Console 3 VOIP, Start: 2023-08-05 19:59:56, Dur: 00:03, CALLING\_PARTY: Anonymous (anonymous), CALLTYPE: PHONE, EVALUATED: , USER\_ID: , DTMF: 8043, CALLER\_ID: Anonymous, ANNOTATIONS: , ui\_note: , FLAG: , CALLED\_PARTY: 8043 (8043), FLAGGED\_FOR\_EVALUATOR: , AGENT\_ID: 0000000031 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: ACSO NexLog, Ch: 1P Console 3 VOIP, Start: 2023-08-05 19:59:58, Dur: 00:07, CALLING\_PARTY: Anonymous (anonymous), CALLTYPE: PHONE, EVALUATED: , USER\_ID: , DTMF: 8043, CALLER\_ID: Anonymous, ANNOTATIONS: , ui\_note: , FLAG: , CALLED\_PARTY: 8043 (8043), FLAGGED\_FOR\_EVALUATOR: , AGENT\_ID: 0000000032 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: ACSO NexLog, Ch: 1P Console 2 VOIP, Start: 2023-08-05 20:01:12, Dur: 00:12, CALLING\_PARTY: Anonymous (anonymous), CALLTYPE: PHONE, EVALUATED: , USER\_ID: , DTMF: 8042, CALLER\_ID: Anonymous, ANNOTATIONS: , ui\_note: , FLAG: , CALLED\_PARTY: 8042 (8042), FLAGGED\_FOR\_EVALUATOR: , AGENT\_ID: 0000000033 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: ACSO NexLog, Ch: 1P Console 2 VOIP, Start: 2023-08-05 20:01:24, Dur: 02:14, CALLING\_PARTY: Anonymous (anonymous), CALLTYPE: PHONE, EVALUATED: , USER\_ID: , DTMF: 8042, CALLER\_ID: Anonymous, ANNOTATIONS: , ui\_note: , FLAG: , CALLED\_PARTY: 8042 (8042), FLAGGED\_FOR\_EVALUATOR: , AGENT\_ID: 0000000034 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: ACSO NexLog, Ch: 1P Console 1 VOIP, Start: 2023-08-05 20:01:30, Dur: 00:03, CALLING\_PARTY: Anonymous (anonymous), CALLTYPE: PHONE, EVALUATED: , USER\_ID: , DTMF: 8041, CALLER\_ID: Anonymous, ANNOTATIONS: , ui\_note: , FLAG: , CALLED\_PARTY: 8041 (8041), FLAGGED\_FOR\_EVALUATOR: , AGENT\_ID: 0000000035 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: ACSO NexLog, Ch: 1P Console 4 VOIP, Start: 2023-08-05 20:01:48, Dur: 01:50, CALLING\_PARTY: Anonymous (anonymous), CALLTYPE: PHONE, EVALUATED: , USER\_ID: , DTMF: 8044, CALLER\_ID: Anonymous, ANNOTATIONS: , ui\_note: , FLAG: , CALLED\_PARTY: 8044 (8044), FLAGGED\_FOR\_EVALUATOR: , AGENT\_ID: