



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



2024-0109  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 9714 St Route 93, Pedro, OH  
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**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** Deputy Brandon Cochran (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 01/24/2024  
**Activity Location:** Lawrence County Sheriff's Office Annex – 715 Lane Street, Ironton, OH 45638  
**Author:** SA Chad Holcomb, #61

**Narrative:**

On Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 1110 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) and SA Matt Collins (SA Collins) interviewed Lawrence County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Deputy (Dep.) Brandon Cochran (Cochran), who was accompanied by his attorney, Keith Washburn, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at the LCSO Annex located at 715 Lane Street, Coal Grove, Ohio 45638. The interview was audio recorded.

Dep. Cochran was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the January 9, 2024 officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 9714 State Route 93, Pedro, Ohio. Reportedly, Dep. Cochran did not discharge a firearm during the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Dep. Cochran stated his radio call sign on January 9, 2024, was 35. He has been employed by the LCSO for about 6 years. He has been a police officer for a total of 7.5 years. During the incident, Dep. Cochran wore his standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt. He drove LCSO unit #35, a marked SUV, marked with LCSO emblems and emergency lights. He considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident. 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. He does not wear corrective lenses.

Dep. Cochran stated that he was standing in dispatch when he was informed of a heated domestic violence call in the 9700 block of State Route 93. Both Dep. Cochran and [REDACTED] went to their vehicles and headed towards the scene in an emergency response.

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While enroute to the scene, he was advised by dispatch that the male, Skylar Corbin (Corbin) and two other female parties were out front still actively fighting. Deputies were then informed who the male was and that he had stabbed the female in the face with an icepick. Once Dep. Cochran arrived on scene, he pulled in the driveway, and saw all three parties in the front yard. Dep. Cochran said Corbin and the female, ██████████ ██████████ were near the front porch and were still actively fighting. He positioned his vehicle as such to light up the front yard with his headlights and spotlight. Dep. Cochran exited his vehicle and drew his firearm. Corbin was pulling ██████████ away from the front porch area. Corbin positioned himself so that he was behind ██████████ and Corbin had the instrument to her throat.

Dep. Cochran stated that as ██████████ exited his vehicle, ██████████ ██████████ saw his firearm and was telling Corbin to drop and lower his weapon repeatedly. Corbin was heard yelling over ██████████ ██████████ Dep. Cochran stated that Corbin was saying, "He was going to kill her; he was going to kill her. He wanted the ambulance there." At that point, ██████████ ██████████ was moving around the front of his vehicle. Dep. Cochran stated that based on the angle that he was at, Corbin had ██████████ on his right side. "It completely eliminated any vision that I had as far as being able to draw down for any kind of clear shot" Dep. Cochran stated. Corbin was holding Jenkins in a manner that he had an instrument to her throat and was still using her as a shield and trying to back away.

When ██████████ ██████████ took his shot, Corbin fell away from his girlfriend. Dep. Cochran ordered ██████████ over to the sheriff vehicles. He then holstered and went and secured Corbin and removed the weapon from his left hand. The weapon was described as a "... flat head screwdriver kinda, small in size." Dep. Cochran said dispatch stated it was an icepick over the radio but thought it looked more like a screwdriver. ██████████ ██████████ then radioed 'shots fired' over the radio and shortly after those two more deputies arrived on scene and EMS was staged down the road.

Dep. Cochran was standing off the front driver side fender of his cruiser when ██████████ ██████████ discharged his weapon. Dep. Cochran's cruiser was positioned about 10-15 feet to the left (when looking from behind) of ██████████ ██████████'s vehicle.

Dep. Cochran was asked that based on his belief and understanding of the situation, was Corbin a threat? He replied with, "He was. He was actively threatening to end her life, to kill her. At that point in time, I didn't feel like he was going to threaten us or myself anyways." Dep. Cochran was asked based on his training and experience whether the other deputy's presence and actions were consistent with his training; he replied with, "Yes."

Dep. Cochran has had prior encounters with Corbin in the jail and during a short pursuit about two months before the shooting. He does not have any kind of personal relationship with Corbin.

The interview concluded at approximately 1125 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

#### **Attachments:**

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Attachment # 01: 2024-0109 – Deputy Brandon Cochran Interview

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