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

Investigative Activity: Witness Officer Interview
Involves: Sergeant Scott Davis (W)
Activity Date: 07/01/2026
Activity Location: Richland County Sheriff's Office
Authoring Agent: SA David Hammond

Narrative:

On Wednesday, July 01, 2026, at 1104 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) David Hammond (SA Hammond) and SA Dan Boerner (SA Boerner) interviewed Richland County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) Sergeant (Sgt.) Scott Davis (Sgt. Davis), who was accompanied by his attorney, Beth Liggett, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at Richland County Sheriff's Office - 597 Park Ave. E, Mansfield, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

Sgt. Davis was identified as being a police officer 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, Sgt. Davis did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

The following is a summary of the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. The information was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Sgt. Davis stated his radio call sign on May 11, 2026, was 725. He has been employed by the RCSO for about eight and one half years. He has been a police officer for a total of fifteen years. During the incident, Sgt. Davis wore his tactical Sheriff's Deputy uniform with Sheriff's Office emblems and patches. He also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt. He rode in a Bearcat Tactical Vehicle unit marked with law enforcement emblems and emergency lights. He considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident. He stated was not under the

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influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI.

Sgt. Davis advised that he had watched some of the video footage recorded during the incident. He stated he watched them "once or twice". He indicated that they had not changed his perception or memory of the event.

Sgt. Davis related that he was called out at approximately 0130 hours. He responded to the Mansfield Police Department to retrieve equipment, before responding to the scene. He described receiving a very basic briefing about the incident.

At the 08:40 mark, "I recall actually knowing when we left, um, I remember knowing that they had a guy alone in a house barricaded. He was, uh, some kind of domestic violence suspect, and that he was armed with, uh, body armor rifle, gas mask, and that he had threatened to shoot the police."

Sgt. Davis stated that he deployed to the front of 905 E. Warren St. in the newer Bearcat. He described receiving some additional information while on scene.

At the 11:39 mark, "I at least knew by the time I was on scene. He had an M-16 and possibly some sort of like high powered bolt rifle gun or something like that. And then, um, I believe that by the information that was given by patrol officers on scene there, they felt pretty confident he was upstairs in the house and that he was alone."

I knew that they tried to call him. Um, I was told that they tried to call several times to establish communication. He wasn't answering his phone."

Sgt. Davis described deploying gas into the home:

At the 11:59 mark, "I'm in the bearcat at the front of the house on the street. We got the one in the back. Um, each bearcat was, um, had 40-millimeter launchers for gas canisters. Um, the decision was made that since, you know, this had already been active for a few hours, and they weren't getting anywhere that we were going to start deploying gas, um, into the upstairs windows."

So basically, we had a volley of gas going through the upstairs from both sides, uh, front and the back of the house. Um, this went on for, uh, it didn't seem like that long, but it was probably like 20, 30, 40 minutes. I don't know. It, it, it went on for a while. Um, so that was the initial plan just to try to get some sort of activity, get, get things moving along to drive him out of the house or, you know, whatever the case may be."

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At the 14:50 mark, *"The gas is deployed to try to make the person uncomfortable and kind of drive them out of the house to give up, like surrender, like, I can't take it, you know, they're, it's, it's very unpleasant to sit in gas and, you know, a lot of physiological effects that just make it uncomfortable. So, it usually will make people want to come out."*

Sgt. Davis reported hearing possible gunfire while the gas was being deployed into the home.

At the 15:33 mark, *"At some point in, in the volleys that were going on, uh, we heard, uh, what it sounded like to me was two rapid bursts of gunfire fire. Um, it sounded like it came from the back of the house just from where I was positioned. Um, there was kind of like a pause from everybody, and then we confirmed from the guys in the back that, uh, they had shots fired from the second floor. Um, they specifically said it came from, um, it would be the, the two-three corner, so the east and south corner of the house upstairs."*

At the 16:27 mark, *"It sounded to me like I heard two very rapid, like a burst, just like very, like, faster than somebody pulling a trigger each, it sounded like a, like a, like a weapon on burst or like a three round burst or something like that."*

Sgt. Davis related that during the incident, tactical team members were briefed on the rules of engagement.

At the 19:20 mark, *"We were told that our rules of engagement were, if we see him, he presents himself in a window with a gun, then we were to shoot him. He's already shot at us once, and we are not to let him do it again. That's basically what was told."*

Sgt. Davis described efforts taken by tactical team members to clear windows. He was later relieved by other tactical team members and fell back to the command post for a break. After the break, he described being deployed to the back of the house. There he and other team members pulled the power meter to disable the power in the house. After another break, Sgt. Davis was inside the Bearcat at the rear of the home when the Ohio State Highway Patrol deployed their Rook at the rear of the home.

Sgt. Davis advised that he heard an additional burst of gunfire when the Rook deployed gas into the home.



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At the 19:20 mark, *"They raised the boom up to that second-floor window, um, where the gunfire had come from, and then they started deploying gas through it into the house. Um, shortly after they started doing that, I heard that rapid gunfire again. I don't know if they retreated because of that or if they just ran out of gas that fast, but pretty, pretty much around that same time they had backed up to go refill their gas on the Rook again."*

Sgt. Davis described the Rook inserting another round of gas into the home which was met with additional gunfire.

At the 27:11 mark, *"They drove back up and redeployed again. And then when they redeployed again, I was still in the turret, and I heard more gunfire come from the house again. Um, but I couldn't see where it was coming from or I couldn't see, like, I couldn't see the suspect inside, nothing like that. So, um, nobody returned fire or anything like that, just because we couldn't see him, or it just seemed like he was, um, just shooting through the walls. Like he couldn't necessarily, maybe he couldn't see us either. It was just, it was just kind of random gunfire because just to try to make the gas go away, like whatever we were doing to make the gas go in, he wanted it to stop, is kind of how I took it."*

Sgt. Davis explained how he knew the bullets were originating from the inside of the home, on the back side.

At the 29:59 mark, *"I remember seeing like there's bullet holes here and then after the gas was getting deployed and I heard more gunshots, there was more bullet holes in the same general area."*

After the two rounds of gunfire, Sgt. Davis related that the tactical teams wanted to open up the home with the rook, to open sight lines to the subject.

At the 32:40 mark, *"I know that we were really wanting to get better visuals through that upstairs window because we couldn't really tell, um, it was like dark. There were curtains in the way and stuff like that. Um, I know I remember the Rook eventually coming back into play and they took the, the boom back up with the gas, but instead of deploying it, they were trying to knock the curtains down and just try to open up that window visually more so we could try to see exactly what the layout was in there. And we didn't know when he was shooting out, if he was coming right up to the window or something like that."*

So, we wanted to try to take away the, the idea of concealment, I guess just better vantage point. That was, there was some time spent doing that. Um, and

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then after that was deployed in the back several times, eventually the Rook drove around to the front of the house, and they started doing the same thing to an upstairs window on that side as well."

Sgt. Davis described being given another break at the command post. During that time, he was able to view the events at home, via drone footage. He advised that the Rook returned to the back of house. He related that at times; tactical team members were communicating with the subject.

At the 39:36 mark, "I think it was Patrick Williams said that they were, they had somebody screaming at them inside the house. Um, and we had the drone footage live feed going. We couldn't see anybody moving inside from that vantage point, but they could see him and were, had some sort of dialogue back and forth with him screaming. Um, so this went on for several minutes. Um, they were trying to get him to surrender. He, he was communicating something about how he couldn't move because of debris or he may have been like, pinned down by something.

At some point in this dialogue, he claimed to have a, like a frag grenade that he was sitting on it and that it was live. Um, and he just, you know, he refused to come to the team or come downstairs or anything or put his hands up. Nothing. He didn't seem to want to follow instructions."

Sgt. Davis recalled speaking with Sgt. Kingsborough about the incident.

At the 41:10 mark, "So, at the command post, it was me and, um, Caleb Ivy, uh, [REDACTED] and, uh, Travis Stanz. Um, we were briefed by, um, Kingsborough, our SWAT Commander, that we were going to go back to the back of the house and we were going to escort, uh, Ronnie Swisher, who is a Detective from Mansfield. She's a hostage negotiator. Um, since nobody at this point had had contact with him to our knowledge, um, we were going to take her to the backyard and let her start talking to him to try to get into surrender or deescalate him. Um, so we walked from command post back down to the alley, down the alley, um, where Crawford, our Crawford County guys were actually in our SWAT truck with Patrick Williams, who's on our team."

Sgt. Davis described additional efforts on the part of the hostage negotiator to deescalate the situation and plans to potentially make entry into the home if needed. He then heard the command to fire given to [REDACTED] over the radio.



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At the 43:37 mark, "I don't remember it verbatim. No, but it's pretty like, like Kingsborough radios to [REDACTED] acknowledges and he says, you have the command of fire. And then he's like, okay, command to fire. And then, you know, moments later, [REDACTED] fires, uh, one round from that, that position at the back of the truck."

Sgt. Davis was asked about the risk level and what he thought would have happened if the Tactical Team had gone into the home.

At the 48:21 mark, "I think there's an extremely high likelihood that we would've been shot."

I was concerned that somebody would be hit by the gunfire that was coming from the house."

The interview concluded at approximately 11:56 hours. A copy of the recording was uploaded to Reference Item G - Witness Officer Interviews - Richland County Deputies - Axon Capture Audio 2026-07-01 110444 Sgt. Scott Davis.

References:

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Attachments:

None