



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



2026-0240
 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4800 Duvall Rd., Lot
 303, Ashville, OH 43103 (L)

Investigative Activity: Typed Statement Received
Involves: [REDACTED]
Activity Date: 02/17/2026
Authoring Agent: SA Joshua Welty, #173

Narrative:

On Friday, February 13, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joshua Welty (SA Welty) received a typed statement by email from Attorney Kaitlyn Stephens on behalf of [REDACTED]. Prior to receiving the statement, SA Welty was made aware by the legal representatives of [REDACTED], Attorneys Mark Collins and Kaitlyn Stephens, they would provide a statement and entertain written follow-up questions.

Preliminary and Demographic Information:

Name: [REDACTED]	Rank: [REDACTED]
Badge Number: [REDACTED]	Cruiser/Vehicle Number: Unknown
Radio Call Sign: [REDACTED]	Immediate Supervisor: [REDACTED]
Radio Channel Utilized: Pickaway County	Mobile Data Terminal: Present
Cruiser Description: White Ford truck with Ashville Police markings	Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions: [REDACTED] (Front Passenger), [REDACTED] (Driver)
Assignment: [REDACTED]	Normal Shift: [REDACTED]
In-Car Camera: Not Present	Spotlight: Present
Emergency Lights: Present & Utilized	Siren: Present & Utilized
Shift Day of Incident: [REDACTED]	Duty Status: On-Duty
Days Off: [REDACTED]	Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: 30 minutes of overtime
Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: Unknown	Consider Self Well Rested?: Yes
Total Length as Officer: Started service as a peace officer on [REDACTED]	Length at Current Agency: Started with Ashville P.D. on [REDACTED]
Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid): None	Corrective Lenses: No Corrective Lenses
Uniform Worn: Navy blue shirt with police	Equipment and Less-Lethal Options

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patches, navy blue vest, navy blue pants and black boots	Carried on Person/Belt/Vest: Handcuffs, flashlight, radio
Ballistic Vest: External Armor	Body Worn Camera: Present & Used
Other Recording Devices: None	Partner: [REDACTED]
Injuries: Unknown	Equipment Damage: Unknown
Training or Areas of Specialty: Polygraph Examiner	OPOTC Certification: Eastland Police Academy [REDACTED], Certificate date of [REDACTED]
Military Experience/Training: Unknown	Use-of-Force Training: May 2025
Prior Shooting Incidents: None	Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints: None
Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident: None	Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview: N/A
Alcohol in Past 24 Hours? None	Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident: N/A

Officer's Uniform:



(Figures 1-4: [REDACTED] uniform worn during the OCIC. (HVR_0024 - HVR_0027.JPG))

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Officer's Firearm(s):

Weapon #1 (Figure 5)

Make: Glock	Model: 45
Caliber/Gauge: 9 mm	Serial: [REDACTED]
Type: Semi-Auto Handgun	Method of Carry: Duty belt
Magazine Capacity: 17	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): Unknown
Extra Magazines: 2	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: 17
Discharged During Incident? Yes	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Rounds Remaining After Incident: 16	Number of Rounds Fired: 2 (estimated)
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned
Last Qualification Date: May 19, 2025	Type of Holster, if any: Retention



(Figure 5: [REDACTED] service weapon discharged during the OICI. (HVR_0029.JPG))

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Typed Statement:

"When I first got the call for the rape in progress, I was at the administration building located at 200 East State Street, Ashville, Ohio. I was there because I was reviewing security plans for the council meeting that night. We use the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office as our dispatch center, and I can monitor both County runs and Ashville Runs. I heard the radio traffic come out of a 48 in progress. 48 is code for rape."

"About 2 -3 minutes went by, and Pickaway County Dispatchers marked Ashville unit [REDACTED] to respond to 4800 Duvall Road, lot 303. I then followed [REDACTED] out to his vehicle, where I got in and was his front seat passenger. At or about St. Paul Road, [REDACTED] asked the dispatchers whether they wanted us to run lights and sirens to the call, and they advised yes so lights and sirens were activated. As we were traveling to the scene, the dispatcher put out that shots had been fired. I took this to mean that the suspect was armed and the danger and violence were increasing."

"As we arrived on the scene, a neighbor said it sounded like the gunfire came from the trailer next to 303. We started running in that direction and quickly realized there was a male suspect on the porch of 303. I started moving that way, and as I got closer, I could tell the person on the steps was a younger white male, maybe in his early twenties, very slender, and I saw a gun in his right hand that was down to his side. The gun was a silver semi-automatic pistol. I yelled to [REDACTED] that he had a gun, at which point I unholstered my firearm and took cover behind an overgrown pine bush."

"I asked the person to drop the gun several times. The subject did not respond at all to my command, did not drop the gun, or say anything back to me. From my position, I could see that the subject had a cell phone in his left hand and was holding it up to his face. [REDACTED] was able to get a little communication with the subject, and I heard the subject say to place shoot him in the head first."

"I then heard radio traffic from the Fire Department personnel stating that a subject was running from the front of the park where we entered towards the back, where we were at the present moment. As the subject approached the scene, he sounded extremely upset. I could not see him, because I was focused on the suspect with the gun and I was facing the gunman. The other person was coming from behind me but I could hear him get closer to us."

"The suspect on the porch raised his gun toward [REDACTED] which was to my right, and discharged at least one shot in that direction at the [REDACTED]. I then discharged my firearm twice towards the subject because I was in the immediate fear for my life as well as the lives of other officers and civilians in the area, and I had no other alternative"

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to protect my life or other. The suspect took away my other alternatives and took away my ability to physically take him down when he pointed his firearm and shot towards [REDACTED]."

"I saw the suspect fall from the porch and down the steps, which is when I stopped firing because at that time, the threat of being shot and killed and the threat of having either the [REDACTED] or someone else being shot and killed was over."

[REDACTED] wrote; *"I do not know the subject's name. I have never had contact with the subject before."*

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all information contained in the written statement. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information. It is suggested that the full written statement be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information.

The typed statement was attached to this report. Please see the attachment and reference (Evidence.com) for further details.

References:

Reference Item C: Scene 2- Involved Officers (Evidence.com)

Attachments:

Attachment # 1: [REDACTED] Statement to BCI

Statement of [REDACTED] - Badge NO. [REDACTED]

This statement is regarding my involvement in an incident that occurred on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, in Pickaway County, when I was dispatched to 4800 Duvall Road, lot 303, at or about 2:55 PM. I am voluntarily providing this statement as part of the investigation being conducted by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) into this matter.

My date of hire as a full-time [REDACTED] at the Ashville Police Department was [REDACTED]. Prior to that, I was a Reserve Officer and part-time Officer with the Ashville Police Department for [REDACTED]. Prior to that, I was a full-time Deputy Sheriff with the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office for about [REDACTED]. My Regular shift is for the [REDACTED] and I am currently a [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED] which means my hours were [REDACTED]. My days off are [REDACTED]. I earned my Ohio Peace Officer Training certification from Eastland Police Academy in [REDACTED]. I do not have any uses of force that have been found outside policy.

On the day of this incident, I was wearing my standard Ashville uniform consisting of a Navy Blue shirt with police patches on both shoulders, Navy Blue Vest, Navy Blue pants and black boots. I had the Asheville Police badge on the left side of my vest. I was carrying my division issued service weapon with Ashville Police ammunition. My service weapon is a Glock model 45. I am current in my range qualifications with this weapon. I was not carrying a backup firearm. I was with the [REDACTED] of Police.

I only wear reading glasses and my vision is good, I do not wear hearing aids, and my hearing is good. I do not suffer from disabilities. I was not taking any medication or over the counter drugs that could impact the performance of my duties. I had not consumed any alcohol in the last 24 hours prior to this incident and I was well rested. I had not worked any special duty 24 hours prior to this incident, and worked about 30 minutes of overtime 24 hours prior to the incident.

When I first got the call for the rape in progress, I was at the administration building located at 200 East Station Street, Ashville, Ohio. I was there because I was reviewing security plans for the council meeting that night. We use the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office as our dispatch center, and I can monitor both County runs and Ashville Runs. I heard the radio traffic come out of a 48 in progress. 48 is code for rape. About 2 -3 minutes went by, and Pickaway County Dispatchers marked Ashville unit [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) to respond to 4800 Duvall Road, lot 303. I then followed [REDACTED] out to his vehicle, where I got in and was his front seat passenger. At or about St. Paul Road, [REDACTED] asked the dispatchers whether they wanted us to run lights and sirens to the call, and they advised yes so lights and sirens were activated. As we were traveling to the scene, the dispatchers put out that shots had been fired. I took this to mean that the suspect was armed and the danger and violence were increasing. We turned onto

Duvall Road from Lockbourne Eastern Road, and just before pulling into the mobile home park (4800 Duvall Road), I turned the siren off, but left the overhead lights on. I turned the siren off so that whoever was shooting could not hear us getting closer to the scene because I did not want the suspect to know we were coming so he would have a chance to flee prior to our arrival. This is based on my training. I am familiar with this area due to my experience working here.

As we arrived on the scene, a neighbor said it sounded like the gunfire came from the trailer next to 303. We started running in that direction and quickly realized there was a male suspect on the porch of 303. I started moving that way, and as I got closer, I could tell the person on the steps was a younger white male, maybe in his early twenties, very slender, and I saw a gun in his right hand that was down to his side. The gun was a silver semi-automatic pistol. I yelled to ██████████ that he had a gun, at which point I unholstered my firearm and took cover behind an overgrown pine bush. I asked the person to drop the gun several times. The subject did not respond at all to my commands, did not drop the gun, or say anything back to me. From my position, I could see that the subject had a cell phone in his left hand and was holding it up to his face. ██████████ was able to get a little communication with the subject, and I heard the subject say to please shoot him in the head first.

I then heard radio traffic from Fire Department personnel stating that a subject was running from the front of the park where we entered towards the back, where we were at the present moment. As the subject approached the scene, he sounded extremely upset. I could not see him, because I was focused on the suspect with the gun and I was facing the gunman. The other person was coming from behind me but I could hear him get closer to us. The suspect on the porch raised his gun towards ██████████, which was to my right, and discharged at least one shot in that direction at the ██████████. I then discharged my firearm twice towards the subject because I was in immediate fear for my life as well as the lives of other officers and civilians in the area, and I had no other alternative to protect my life or others. The suspect took away my other alternatives and took away my ability to physically take him down when he pointed his firearm and shot towards ██████████. I saw the suspect fall from the porch and down the steps, which is when I stopped firing because at that time, the threat of being shot and killed and the threat of having either the ██████████ or someone else being shot and killed was over. As I approached the subject, I saw a black semi-auto firearm in a holster on the porch landing where the subject was standing. The suspect was placed in handcuffs for his safety as well as ours, and a Deputy started rendering aid on the suspect until a medic arrived. I did not see the silver semi-automatic pistol that the subject had fired at ██████████ on the ground or near the subject. I do not know the subject's name. I have never had contact with this subject before.

This concludes my statement, and I will answer any additional questions you have in writing.

01-22-2026

Date

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]