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2026-2448

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 613 Orange Street,  
Conneaut, Ohio 44030 Ashtabula County (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with [REDACTED]  
**Involves:** [REDACTED] (W)  
**Activity Date:** 07/21/2026  
**Activity Location:** 25 W. Jefferson St., Jefferson, Ohio (Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office)  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Daniel P. Boerner #135

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 1000 hrs, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Dan Boerner (SA Boerner) and SA Joe Goudy (SA Goudy) interviewed Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) [REDACTED] who was accompanied by her attorney, Amanda Hays-Genetin, from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA). The interview took place at 25 W. Jefferson St., Jefferson, Ohio 44047 (Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office). The interview was audio and video recorded.

[REDACTED] was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the Thursday, June 25, 2026 officer-involved critical incident which occurred in the area of 613 Orange St., Conneaut, Ohio. Reportedly, [REDACTED] 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 officer.

[REDACTED] stated her radio call sign on Thursday, June 25, 2026, was [REDACTED]. She has been employed by the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) for about [REDACTED]. She has been a police officer for a total of [REDACTED]. During the incident, [REDACTED] wore her standard SRT uniform (camo, BDU pants, t-shirt). She also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt with Sheriff's patches on the front and back. She was a passenger in an unmarked ACSO SRT van. She considered herself to be well-represented as a deputy sheriff during the incident. She stated was not under the influence of any substance that would impair her memory or judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI. [REDACTED] was not wearing a Body Worn Camera (BWC) during the incident.

SA Boerner asked [REDACTED] to describe how they got to 613 Orange St. and [REDACTED] stated the following:

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*Um, we were doing, um, like an operation of just people with high-risk warrants. Um, I think we've, our, we did three or four and that was our, um, last target of the day. Um, we kind of, um, looked at our, on LEADS. On our computer just to see who else we could try to get. Um, and the one, uh, Deputy Painter, he was familiar with this subject, uh, Brandon Butts. So, we, um, looked into him, made sure that he had active warrants, still contacted Conneaut Police. They advised yes, he still had multiple warrants. Um, and they said that they would take him on the warrants if we came in contact with him.*

██████████ stated that once they arrived on scene she went to the side door and made contact with Brandon Butts' mother. ██████████ recalled bringing Butts' mother out of the house and dealing with her while other deputies indicated that they saw Butts going into the basement.

██████████ recalled deputies calling out to Butts and receiving no response. ██████████ stated that it was at this time that they learned there was another individual in the basement with Butts.

SA Boerner asked ██████████ what happened once they determined there was another individual in the basement with Butts and ██████████ stated the following:

*Um, we kept calling out, um, and, um, still no response after a short time. Then, um, she called, I believe the brother's phone, and they were Lieutenant Sullivan from Conneaut was on the phone and I believe Detective Wolff was with, um, Lieutenant Sullivan. They were talking with her, telling her to try to come out. She said she couldn't get outside, um, that he screwed the door shut.*

██████████ continued stating:

*Um, I believe that's when Conneaut Police started using the pepper ball. Um, they hit one of these windows here first. Um, they're like the glass block, but they have like the little vents. They broke that out and then, um, then they hit this one and you, at that time you can hear him coughing and, um, telling him, telling us to stop. Um, and then Lieutenant Sullivan was still on the phone with her and told her to move away from the door and that's when, um, two of our deputies from SRT went down and rescued the hostage.*

██████████ stated that during the incident she grabbed a 40 millimeter less lethal launcher (rubber projectile). ██████████ recalled being called up to the side door to deploy the less lethal. ██████████ described the deployment of the less lethal as the following:

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*Um, the first time I went up, um, there was no, I never got like a clear shot 'cause he just like kind of cracked the door. Um, so I wasn't able to shoot into the door. Um, and then, um, so then I backed off. I came over, I believe in front of the car. Um, they called me up again and that's when he was at the doorway. Um, and that's when I shot. Um, but I missed the first shot. And then, so I would stand back over here and I reloaded. Um, and then that's when they kept yelling to him to, you know, drop the gun, come outside. Um, Deputy Warsing was speaking with him and um, you know, just trying to, to get him to come up. Um, and then that's when they called me back up and he got to like the third or fourth step. Um, and that's when he had the, the gun under his chin. And then I shot him, um, in like the chest, like stomach area.*

SA Boerner asked [REDACTED] to describe what she saw when Butts came out the second time and [REDACTED] stated the following:

*Um, uh, you can just see like the barrel. I thought it was a, a shotgun, but like the barrel of the gun, um, you can see him holding it, making, he's yelling at us, telling, uh, us to shoot him. Um, and he's like started advancing towards us. So that's when I shot at him.*

SA Boerner asked [REDACTED] to demonstrate how Butts was holding the firearm and [REDACTED] stated the following:

*Um, it was under his chin, and he was just walking towards us telling us, um, to shoot him (Figure 1, [REDACTED] demonstrating positioning of firearm, 00:17:25 mark). Um, and that's when I shot and it hit him. It looked like it hit him like right in the stomach or chest, and then that's when he, you know, like back down the steps and go, went into the door again.*



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*Figure 1, [REDACTED] demonstrating positioning of firearm, 00:17:25 mark*

[REDACTED] stated that after deploying the less lethal she took cover and reloaded. [REDACTED] recalled that deputies continued to try and speak with Butts and have him drop the firearm. [REDACTED] indicated that is when shots were fired.

[REDACTED] recalled that after the shooting Det. Wolff used a drone and confirmed that Butts was down. [REDACTED] stated that the drone was not recording. [REDACTED] indicated that Fire/EMS subsequently determined that Butts was deceased.

[REDACTED] stated that after the shooting she obtained a recorded and written statement from the female that was in the basement (Heather Duva).

SA Boerner asked [REDACTED] if she thought there was any other possible solution to the incident and [REDACTED] stated, "Um, I believe we tried everything we could at, with what we were given. Um, everything happened so quickly. Um, I don't think it would've, we could've ended it a different way." (00:28:28 mark).

The interview concluded at approximately 1040 hrs.

The interview was audio/video recorded. The recording was uploaded to Axon Justice as Reference Item J - ACSO Deputy Interviews > Witness Deputies. Please see the attachments for further details.

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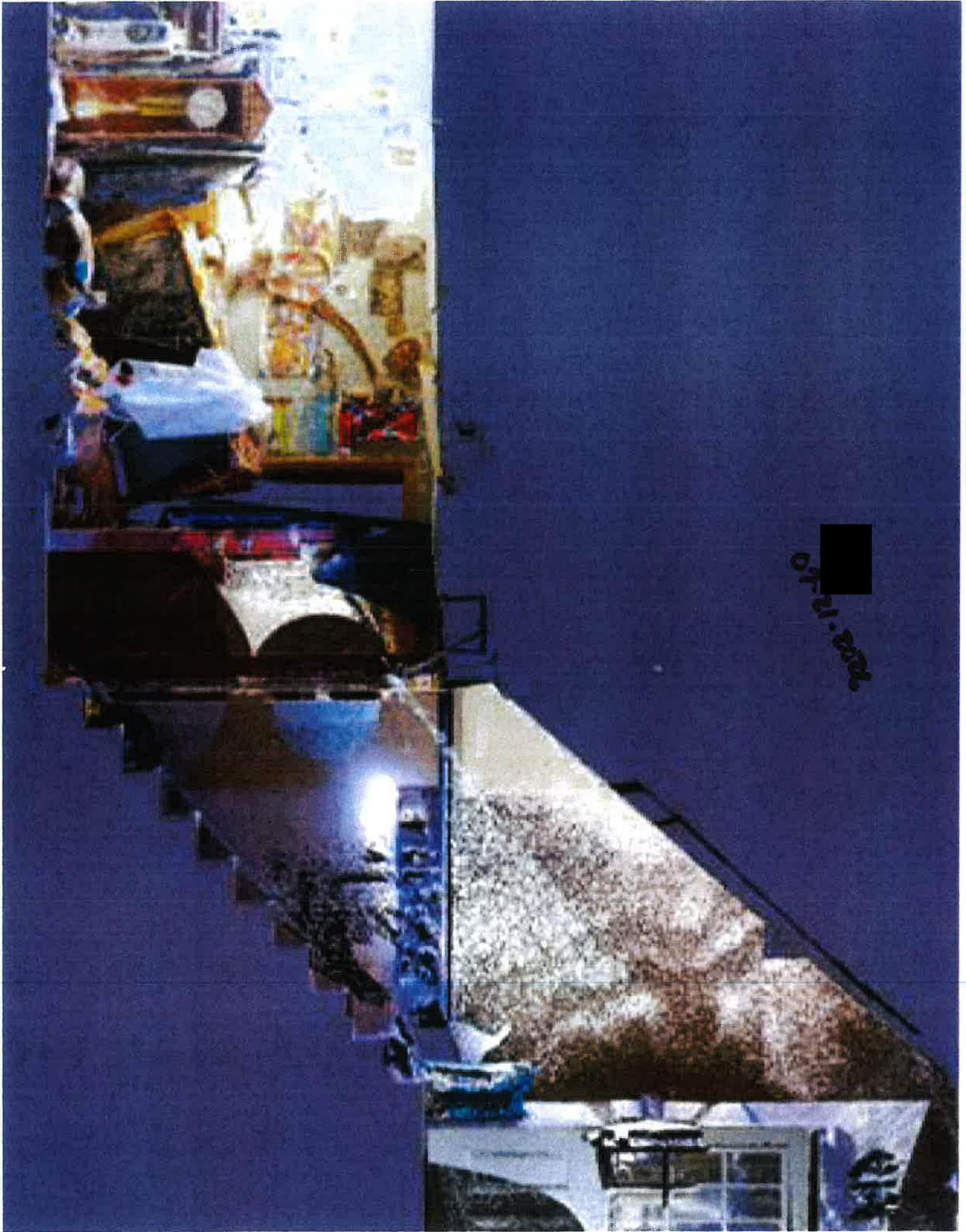
**Attachments:**

1. 2026-07-21 Witness Officer Diagram - [REDACTED]

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