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Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 248 E. 11th Ave.,  
Columbus, OH 43201(L)

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Date: January 22, 2025  
Involves: Lamine Mahmoudi, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Case Title: Officer Involved Critical Incident - 248 E. 11th Avenue, Columbus,  
OH 43201 (L)  
BCI Case Numbers: Special Investigations (SIU): 2024-2718  
Crime Scene (CSU): 2024-2718  
BCI Laboratory: 24-115312

**Investigative Request**

On Tuesday, September 10, 2024, Sergeant Terry McConnell of the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident. The incident reportedly occurred on September 10, 2024 in the rear parking lot of the CPD Precinct 4 substation, 248 E. 11th Avenue, Columbus, and resulted in the death of Lamine Mahmoudi (Mahmoudi).

***Preface:***

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the September 10, 2024 officer-involved shooting in Franklin County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Not every fact or detail is presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is suggested that each individual report from which this document is derived be read to obtain a more thorough understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for many of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.

This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the

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legality of officers' actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.

**Investigative Team**

BCI Special Agent James Gore (SA Gore) was assigned as the lead SIU case agent. SA Gore received assistance in the investigation from SA Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass), SA Aja Chung (SA Chung), and SA James Poole (SA Poole). BCI Special Agents Kevin Wagner (SA Wagner) and Brittney VanBibber (SA VanBibber) of the Crime Scene Unit processed the scene of the incident, documenting, preserving, and collecting possible evidence. The investigation was supervised by Special Agent Supervisor Kevin Barbeau (SAS Barbeau). Additionally, various personnel from the BCI crime laboratory performed scientific analyses on submitted items of potential physical evidence.

**Summary of Process**

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during this investigation by the investigative team, to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Recorded interviews of the six officers who used force during the incident
- Recorded interviews of additional officers who were involved in the incident, at the scene, or otherwise deemed to potentially have relevant information
- Neighborhood canvass of the area surrounding the scene
- Interviews of associates of the decedent
- Obtained and reviewed post-mortem examination (autopsy) and toxicology reports
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on the involved subjects, to include criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.
- Review of all available dash cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available body cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available surveillance video which captured any portion of the incident
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting)
- 3D scans / model of incident area
- Processing of involved vehicle(s) for potential evidence

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- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident
- Review of 911/phone communications related to the incident
- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident
- Review of the department's reports, photographs, and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
  - Firearm identification testing of involved firearms, casings, and bullets
  - Firearm operability testing
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officers involved in the shooting, to include training and disciplinary records (if any)
- Reviewed firearm qualification and training records for involved officers
- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the officers involved in the incident
- Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding use of force for prosecutorial review
- Obtained subpoena for the decedent's medical records

**Incident Summary/Overview**

On the morning of September 10, 2024, at approximately 0130 hours, officers from the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) encountered Lamine Mahmoudi (Mahmoudi) in the alleyway behind the CPD Precinct 4 substation. Mahmoudi was armed with a meat cleaver and a butcher knife when he was confronted. Mahmoudi ignored the commands of the officers to drop the knives, and he was not receptive to the officers' pleas and efforts to de-escalate the situation. Mahmoudi was shot multiple times as he stepped into the parking lot of the substation and advanced toward officers. Six officers were involved in the incident; five discharged their handguns, while one deployed a Taser. Officers attempted to resuscitate Mahmoudi, but he succumbed to his injuries on scene. The involved officers were identified as:

- 1) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Police responded to Mahmoudi's residence twice on the evening of September 9, 2024, on complaints that Mahmoudi cut himself on the wrist with a knife, and that he barricaded himself within his home. Mahmoudi's residence, 235 Chittenden Avenue, was a short distance from the CPD Precinct 4 substation, within the same block. The Columbus Police Mobile Crisis Response Unit (MCR) responded to both calls at Mahmoudi's residence, but Mahmoudi refused assistance. As it was determined that Mahmoudi was alone in his residence, the CPD patrol shift leadership made the decision to disengage from Mahmoudi on both occasions.



Figure 1: Reference map of the area

### Decedent

The decedent was identified as Lamine Mahmoudi, date of birth October 23, 1989. According to data from the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG), [REDACTED] Mahmoudi was a native of Algeria, but he had resided lawfully in the United States since approximately 2012. Mahmoudi had no relatives within the United States. A close friend of Mahmoudi's, Messaoud Mezrar (Mezrar) of Columbus, has been communicating with authorities on behalf of Mahmoudi's family in Algeria.

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**Autopsy Report**

The autopsy report for Lamine Mahmoudi was obtained from the Franklin County Coroner's Office. A review of those documents revealed the following information:

The cause of death for Mahmoudi was determined to be [REDACTED]  
and the manner of death was ruled [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Physical Evidence**

The BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) was requested to respond to the scene of the shooting to document and preserve any items of potential evidence. Multiple agents responded and processed the scene, to include photographing and mapping the area, as well as the search for, documentation, and collection of items of possible evidence. Detailed crime scene reports were completed with the below information only summarizing some of the more significant findings.

SA Kevin Wagner noted that Mahmoudi's body was in a supine position near a curb on the north side of the parking lot. SA Wagner documented Mahmoudi's body with the assistance of a Franklin County Coroner's investigator. It was noted that Mahmoudi's hands were still handcuffed behind his back. The handcuffs were removed and returned to CPD. Multiple gunshot wounds were observed in various locations on Mahmoudi's body. A folded pocketknife was collected from Mahmoudi's pants pocket, along with a meat cleaver and kitchen knife that were located near his body. Twenty-three (23) 9mm casings were collected from the parking lot. Projectiles and Taser cartridge components were collected as well. Several vehicles and residential structures north of the alleyway were struck by gunfire. The impacts were photographed, and projectiles were collected.

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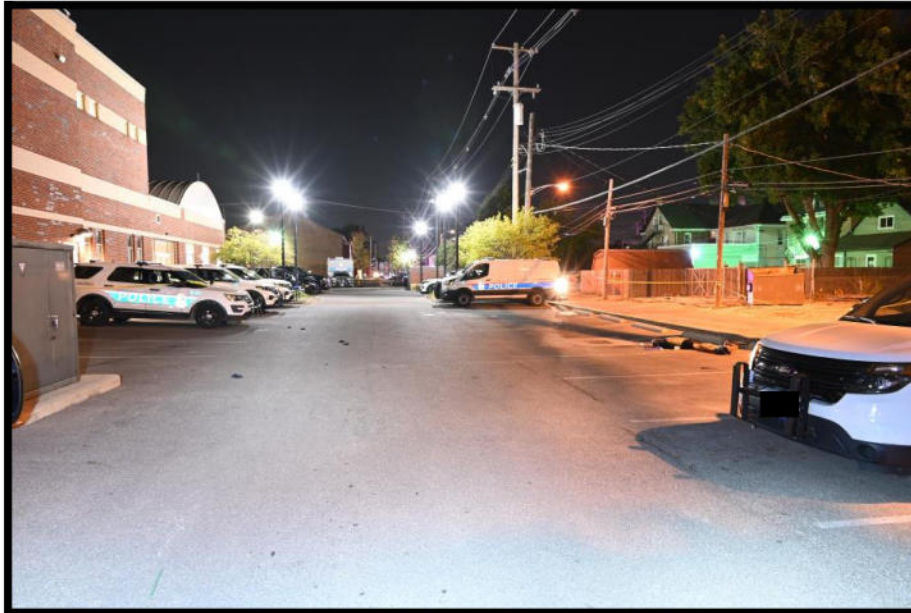




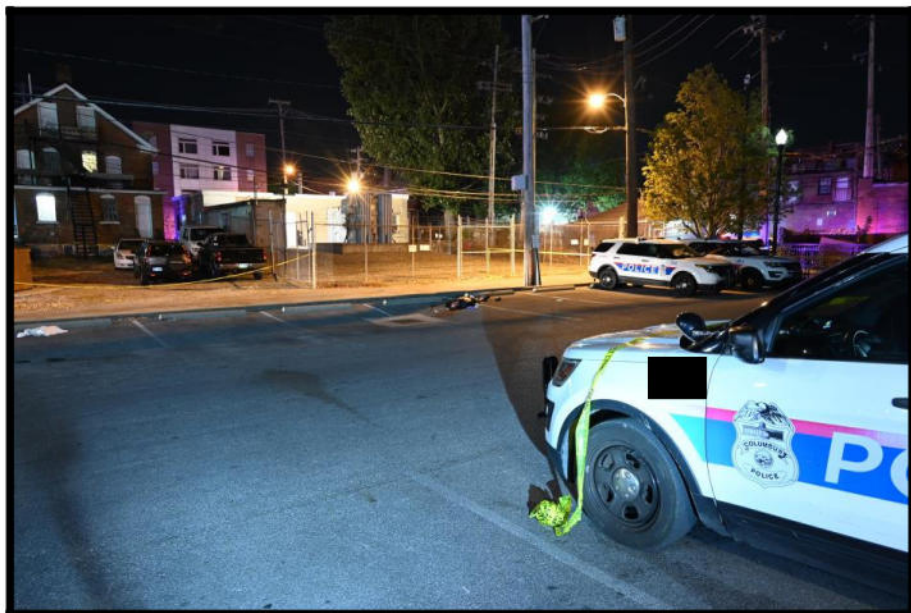
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*Figure 2: West-facing aspect of parking lot*



*Figure 3: Northeast-facing aspect of parking lot*

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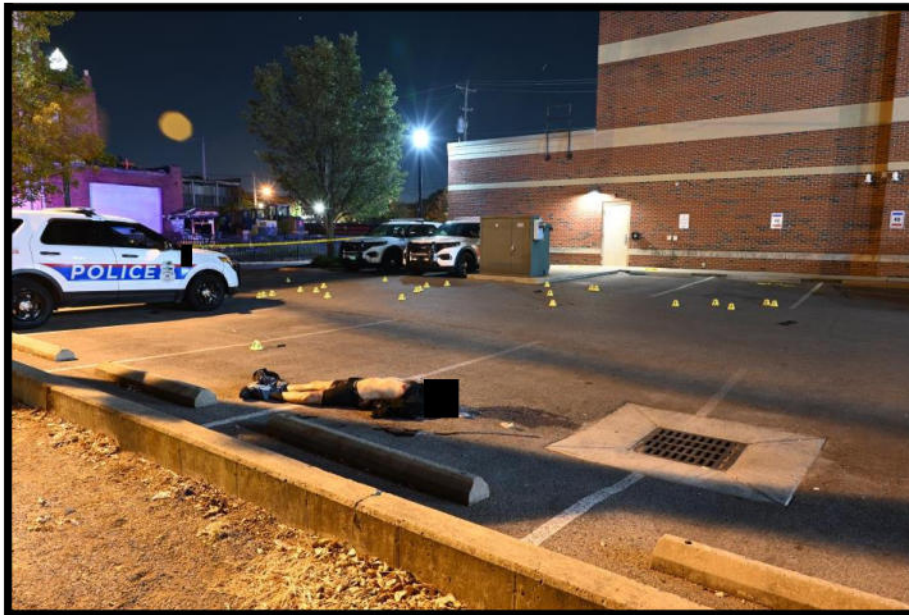




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*Figure 4: Southeast-facing aspect of parking lot, with evidence markers*



*Figure 5: Knives recovered at scene*

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Firearms discharged by the involved officers, shell casings, and projectiles recovered from the scene and autopsy were submitted to the BCI Laboratory for analysis and comparisons.

BCI Forensic Scientist (FS) Daniel Steiner, through visual, physical, and microscopic examinations, made the following determinations:

- [REDACTED] weapon was matched to four (4) cartridge cases and two (2) projectiles; one projectile was from the parking lot, and the other projectile was from Mahmoudi's body (autopsy).
- [REDACTED] weapon was matched to six (6) cartridge cases and two (2) projectiles; one projectile was found beneath Mahmoudi in the parking lot, and the other projectile was from Mahmoudi's body (autopsy).
- [REDACTED] weapon was matched to five (5) cartridge cases and two (2) projectiles; one projectile was found beneath Mahmoudi in the parking lot, and the other projectile was from Mahmoudi's body (autopsy).
- [REDACTED] weapon was matched to five (5) cartridge cases and two (2) projectiles; both projectiles were from Mahmoudi's body (autopsy).
- [REDACTED] weapon) was matched to three (3) cartridge cases and to one (1) projectile; the projectile was located beneath a Honda CRV at the scene, north of the alley.

The reports from the BCI Crime Scene Unit and BCI Laboratory should be consulted for additional details.

**Witnesses**

Messaoud Mezrar was the person who called 911 on the evening of September 9, 2024, to report that Lamine Mahmoudi cut his own wrist with a knife. Mr. Mezrar explained that prior to the incident, Mahmoudi had been preparing to return to Algeria to visit his family. Mahmoudi invited Mezrar over earlier that day to pay back money that Mahmoudi borrowed from him. According to Mezrar, Mahmoudi said he did not want to go back to Algeria, and he made delusional and paranoid statements about the Algerian government wanting to harm him.

Mr. Mezrar said he later returned to Mahmoudi's home to check on him. Mezrar stated he saw Mahmoudi in the doorway with a small knife in his hand, with blood on his wrist. Mezrar said he tried to grab the knife from Mahmoudi, but Mahmoudi shut the

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door on him and told him to leave. Mezrar called police, and this led to the first of two engagements officers had with Lamine Mahmoudi which preceded the fatal encounter.

Mezrar was not a witness to the second police encounter or the subsequent police-involved shooting. According to Mezrar, Lamine Mahmoudi spoke and understood English, and he worked as a food delivery driver (Door Dash or Uber Eats). Mahmoudi had no family in the United States.

### **Officer Interviews**

The following paragraphs are abbreviated versions of each officer's account of his or her actions pertaining to this incident and/or discharging their weapon. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of each interview.

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██████████ was a █████ shift officer on Precinct 4. She was present during the second barricaded event at Mahmoudi's residence, as well as the fatal encounter. █████ prepared a written statement which summarized her involvement in the incidents.

██████████ wrote in her statement that at the beginning of her shift, she learned of the encounter the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift had at Mahmoudi's residence:

*"During roll call at the start of my shift, Sgt. Van Dusen announced that earlier in the day, second shift officers had responded to a barricade at 235 Chittenden Avenue, very near the substation. Specifically, he relayed that a suspect had threatened others and/or himself with a knife which prompted officers to surround his house. A Mobile Crisis Response Unit (MCR)—a unit consisting of a police officer and civilian mental health expert trained to respond to mental health crises—also responded. At one point, the suspect opened his door before quickly slamming it shut. Ultimately, the suspect refused to leave his house. Once officers determined he was alone, the barricade ended, and officers left his residence."*

██████████ statement continued:

*"Immediately after roll call, dispatch aired that that very suspect reportedly had a knife and was threatening harm to himself and/or others at his house. Sgt. Van Dusen marked me and the other 4 Precinct officers on the call, advising dispatch we would be responding on foot from the substation. I responded with*

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*Sgt. Van Dusen and [REDACTED] The other officers and I left the substation on foot. I unholstered my weapon and kept it in a low ready position as we walked north towards the alley that runs east/west behind the substation. The suspect's residence, a duplex, at 235 Chittenden Avenue was only 30-40 yards west of the substation, accessible from the alley. The duplex faces north/ Chittenden Avenue, and the back faces the alley. There were two vehicles parked behind the duplex: a white/silver car with dark, tinted windows and a red car."*

[REDACTED] said she and [REDACTED] briefly detained a male from the white vehicle, but he was released once they determined he was a neighbor, not Mahmoudi. [REDACTED] said the MCR unit arrived and attempted to negotiate with Mahmoudi using a loudspeaker. [REDACTED] recalled seeing Mahmoudi briefly open the back door of his residence, and she observed a large knife in one of his hands. According to [REDACTED] Mahmoudi was unreceptive to the MCR's offers to help him, and after 30-45 minutes, the shift leadership again made the decision to disengage once it was determined Mahmoudi was alone in the dwelling.

[REDACTED] said after the event, she and [REDACTED] left the area (partnered in the same vehicle) to handle some calls. On their way back to the Precinct 4 substation, they observed a red car which they later concluded was Mahmoudi's. [REDACTED] wrote:

*"...While returning to the substation, we stopped at a red light at the intersection of E. 11th Avenue and Summit Street. When the light turned green, a red car in front of us tried to turn the wrong way down a one-way street. I honked my horn (which also activates my lights) and the driver went the other way instead. [REDACTED] pointed out that it looked like the same red car the suspect drove. When we got back to the substation, we noticed the red car was no longer parked behind the suspect's duplex, indicating it was likely the suspect on the road."*

[REDACTED] explained that a traffic stop was not performed on the car because the driver took corrective action when she activated her lights. At the substation, she and the other officers had their vehicles backed into parking spaces, where they chatted and completed paperwork. [REDACTED] statement continued:

*"...At some point not long after I parked, the suspect returned in his red car and parked behind his duplex before going back inside. I could see the upper portion of the backdoor to the suspect's residence from my cruiser. Several times after returning he came out that door before going back inside. One of the times he*





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*came outside [REDACTED] announced that he had changed clothes: He was now wearing darker colored clothing, what appeared to be a jogger suit.*

*I had been parked behind the substation for about 30-60 minutes when out of the corner of my eye I saw the suspect walking east in the alley, towards the substation. He was holding a large knife and was approximately 50 feet away. I immediately yelled that the suspect was approaching, got out and unholstered my weapon. The other officers got out of their cruisers, too. I aired that the mentally disturbed suspect from earlier was walking towards the substation with a knife and requested backup. At first, I only saw one knife, but once out of my cruiser I realized the suspect had a knife in each hand: one appeared to be a large meat cleaver, and the other looked like a large butcher's knife."*

[REDACTED] stated that she and the other officers formed sort of a semi-circle in the parking lot as they faced Mahmoudi, who was in the alley. [REDACTED] explained in her statement:

*"The suspect stopped at the threshold of the parking lot and faced us. The other officers and I were still in front of our cruisers. I would estimate the suspect was about 20-25 feet away. We were still giving commands to drop the knives, but he was not complying or otherwise responding. Instead, he quickly cocked back one of his arms and flinched like he was going to throw one of his knives at us. Officers yelled "don't do it!" It seemed like he might comply, but a second later the suspect looked at the officers on the eastern side of the line (who I believe were closest to him) and stepped into the parking lot, moving towards those officers. I believed he intended to attack me and the other officers with the deadly weapons he was wielding and that I and those officers would be grievously injured or killed, and it was at that moment I fired my weapon. In seemingly the same instant the other officers also fired their weapons."*

[REDACTED] then performed chest compressions on Mahmoudi until medics arrived on scene.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was partnered with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was present during the second barricaded event at Mahmoudi's residence, and he deployed his Taser during the final encounter. [REDACTED] also prepared a written statement which described his involvement in the events. Regarding the fatal

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confrontation, after Mahmoudi was spotted in the alley by [REDACTED] wrote:

*"I immediately got out of my cruiser and announced I was grabbing my taser. Initially, I did not see the suspect. But moments later he appeared in the alley from behind a CPD Prisoner Transport Vehicle. He was holding a large, edged weapon/knife in each hand. It looked as though one of the knives was a foot in length. At that time, he was approximately 50-60 feet away, walking east in the alley at a moderate pace.*

*The other officers were also out of their cruisers and had lethal cover on the suspect, loudly and repeatedly ordering him to drop his weapons. The suspect said "no" and kept moving east in the alley, closing the distance to us. [REDACTED] yelled for us to keep moving back as the suspect approached. The other officers and I stepped east, away from the suspect, to try to keep our distance. We were mostly in a line formation. I recall putting my taser into long range mode about that time. At one point I yelled for [REDACTED] who was standing near the alley, to get back because the suspect was closing the gap to him.*

*The suspect kept approaching, and after a few seconds, he stopped at the edge of the substation parking lot, facing us. He was approximately 20-25 feet from me and the other officers. He was still holding a knife/edged weapon in each of his hands despite officers' repeated commands to drop his weapons. A second or so after he stopped and faced us, he pulled one of his arms back and jerked it forward like he was going to throw one of his knives at us. Officers immediately yelled for him to stop. A moment later, the suspect, while still holding both weapons, started moving south towards me and the other officers, and it was then I deployed my taser. Nearly same instant, the other officers fired their weapons, stopping when the suspect collapsed a second later."*

Regarding his decision to use a Taser, [REDACTED] wrote:

*"When I fired my taser, I believed the suspect posed an imminent deadly threat to my life and the other officers' lives. My intent in deploying my taser was to incapacitate the suspect so that he could be secured. I wanted to use any possible means available to avoid having to use deadly force. Usually, my training would indicate not to deploy a taser in response to a deadly threat; but a taser can be used if there is time, distance, barrier, lethal force backup and reasonableness, which I believed were met in the instant I deployed my taser.*

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*Initially, I did not deploy my taser when the suspect stopped at the edge of the parking lot and faced us since I could not see the second laser projected on him, and I did not know if I had a shot. But moments after the suspect stopped to face us, he started moving towards me and the other officers. I still could not see the second laser on the suspect, but he was closing the gap between us, and I knew that was the last possible opportunity to deploy my taser and possibly incapacitate the suspect before the others would need to respond with deadly force. And while the suspect's movements toward us were deliberate, he was not sprinting or lunging such that I believed there was time, though a split second, to deploy my taser. I recall that as the suspect stepped south his torso was essentially parallel to me, creating a large area center mass for a taser deployment. I also believed the suspect was within the Taser's 24 feet radius; I knew there was lethal force backup from multiple officers; and I believed the use of my taser was reasonable in the split second I deployed it."*

After the shooting, [REDACTED] moved one of the knives away from Mahmoudi's body, then he assisted in securing the crime scene area with barrier tape.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also worked [REDACTED] shift on Precinct 4. He was present at the second event at Mahmoudi's residence and the fatal encounter. [REDACTED] also prepared a written statement which detailed his involvement in the events. Regarding the shooting, [REDACTED] wrote:

*"At some point I remember being informed that an individual matching the suspect's address had left the Chittenden house, gotten into the red sedan that we had previously noticed, left for a period of time, and then returned. At approximately 1:30 a.m., I was in my cruiser in the parking lot behind (north of) the substation. The cruisers were lined up east to west in, numerical order. [REDACTED] was in cruiser [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was in [REDACTED] I was in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was in [REDACTED] We all had our windows down and were talking amongst ourselves. A CPD prisoner transport vehicle (PTV) was parked on the other side of the parking lot, to my northwest. I saw a man generally matching the suspect's description walking eastbound down the alley behind the substation. I asked [REDACTED] words to the effect of "is this our guy?"*

[REDACTED] continued to describe the encounter:

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*"I activated my body worn camera and exited my cruiser. The other officers exited their cruisers. We walked north/northeast across the parking lot and then fanned out and created a diagonal/semi-circle; [REDACTED] was to my left; [REDACTED] was to my right. I temporarily lost sight of the suspect as my view was obstructed by the PTV. Once the suspect passed the PTV and continued to walk eastbound I could see that he had a large knife in each of his hands. I gave multiple commands to the effect of "Put it down. We don't want to hurt you". I heard other officers giving commands for the suspect to drop the knives. The suspect continued to walk east, toward officers. I moved backwards (southeast) in order to maintain distance between myself and the suspect.*

*After about thirty seconds of giving commands for the suspect to put down the knives, the suspect stopped walking and turned his body such that his left side was forward. I could see that he was swinging a large cleaver-style knife in his right hand and his hip level. I believed the suspect was going to throw the knife at me. I immediately told the suspect words to the effect of "do not throw that knife". I could hear other officers continuing to give commands. The suspect maintained the knives in both of his hands and turned to face south; squaring his body toward officers.*

*The suspect began advancing toward officers. I continually gave commands to the effect of "don't do it". As the suspect stepped on the curb to enter the substation parking lot, I fired my weapon. I heard other officers firing nearly simultaneously. The suspect fell to the ground with his head facing south. [REDACTED] radioed shots had been fired and for a medic. I cleared both knives- a meat cleaver style knife and a butcher style knife from the suspect and placed them outside of the suspect's vicinity. The suspect was placed in handcuffs. [REDACTED] began CPR, [REDACTED] maintained pressure on a headwound, and [REDACTED] searched the suspect's lower extremities for any wounds in need of attention."*

[REDACTED] assisted with securing the scene by blocking an entrance to the substation with his police vehicle.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was also assigned to Precinct 4 on [REDACTED], and he prepared a written statement regarding his involvement in the events. [REDACTED] was not present for either of the two barricade situations at Mahmoudi's residence, but he was involved in

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the shooting encounter. He said he heard about the first incident in roll call, and he overheard radio traffic on the second incident when he was on a guard duty shift at a hospital for an unrelated matter. After the guard duty shift, [REDACTED] returned to the Precinct 4 substation. He described the encounter with Mahmoudi:

*"I backed my cruiser into spot [REDACTED]. The front of my cruiser was facing the alley. I talked to a couple of officers regarding the run. They pointed out the duplex that he lived in and that he had also been getting into a red Hyundai driving around. As I was sitting in my cruiser, I saw a male walking east in the alley. Sgt. Van Dusen had shown us an OLEG (sp) [OHLEG; Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway database] photo of the suspect at roll call and I thought the male in the alley looked like him. The window to my cruiser was down and I asked [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who was in the cruiser next to me, if that was the guy. [REDACTED] got out of his cruiser and so did I.*

*Initially, I did not see anything in the suspect's hand. [REDACTED] walked north in the parking lot and was close to the alley. I had started walking north, when I heard someone, I believe [REDACTED] radio that he was in the alley and had a 33A (knife) in his hand. Other officers, who were either in the substation or in their cruisers, were now in the parking lot forming a half-circle along the south side of the parking lot. I unholstered my weapon and had it in the "low-ready" position. I walked back (south) to create more of a reactionary gap. It was dark outside but there are lights in the parking lot. Once the suspect walked east passed the police wagon, which was parked in the far northwest corner of the substation parking lot, I saw that he had 2 knives- one in each hand. I believe one was a large butcher knife, and the other knife had a large square blade, like a meat cleaver."*

[REDACTED] further wrote:

*"I was at the far east end of the line/semi-circle and [REDACTED] was north of me. Officers were yelling at the suspect to put the knife down. He continued walking east in the parking lot. Once he was about 30-40 feet east of the police wagon, he stopped and looked at us. I believe I raised my firearm up into the "high-ready." He drew back his right arm and pumped it forward, like he was going to throw the knife at us. Someone, I am not sure who, yelled at him not to throw the knife. The suspect stopped for a second or two and then began advancing southeast towards the northern edge of the parking lot.*

*He was closing the distance between himself and [REDACTED] who was several feet northeast of me. The suspect stepped up into the parking lot with*

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*his body bladed towards [REDACTED] He moved his right arm back and I believed he was going to attack [REDACTED] It is at that moment that I discharged my weapon. I also heard other officers simultaneously firing their weapons. The suspect fell to the ground."*

[REDACTED] assisted with securing the scene by blocking the alley and putting up crime scene tape.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was also assigned to [REDACTED] shift at Precinct 4. She was present at the second event at Mahmoudi's residence, as well as the shooting incident. [REDACTED] prepared a written statement describing her involvement. Regarding the fatal encounter with Mahmoudi, she wrote:

*"Just before this incident, I was sitting in my cruiser in the substation parking lot eating dinner. I had my cruiser backed into a parking spot with the rear of my cruiser towards the substation and the front of my cruiser looking north. I had the window to my cruiser partially down and I heard [REDACTED] stated he's back and got a knife in his hand or words to that effect. I believe she also aired that he was back with a 33A, which is the ten code for knife. I quickly got out and walked around the back of my cruiser while drawing my firearm. I saw the suspect in the alley just north of the substation. Since it was approximately 1:30 in the morning, it was dark out, but the substation parking lot has lights, and I could see the suspect walking east. He had a knife in each hand (one appeared to be a large butcher knife and the other a meat cleaver). [REDACTED] was yelling at the suspect that we did not want to hurt him. I had my firearm in a "low-ready" position while watching the suspect.*

*There were multiple officers there and we essentially formed a half circle in the parking lot. [REDACTED] was at the most northern position, closest to the alley. [REDACTED] and I were closer to the substation and more to the west.*

*[REDACTED] were also there. There were multiple commands being given to the suspect to put the knives down and that we wanted to help him. The CPD PTV (prison transport vehicle) was parked in the northwest corner of the parking lot. For a second, the suspect was behind it. Once he appeared from behind the PVT, I raised my firearm up to the "high-ready" position and the light from my weapon was on. He continued walking*





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*east and was getting close to [REDACTED] I yelled at [REDACTED] to back up and he walked backwards (southeast) in the substation parking lot."*

[REDACTED] expressed in her statement that Mahmoudi continued to ignore the commands and pleas of the officers:

*"The suspect continued to walk east, and we continued giving verbal commands. I repeatedly told the suspect that we wanted to help him. He stopped in the alley just steps north of the parking lot, he was approximately 5 or 6 parking spaces east of where the police PTV was parked. He looked directly at me. I tried to de-escalate the situation by telling him that we just wanted to get him help. [REDACTED] was to my right (east) and I told him to tase him if he got close enough. We were repeatedly telling him to drop the knife. He was approximately 15-20 feet to my north. He drew back his right arm (which was fully extended) straight back behind him and quickly swung his arm forward, like he was going to throw the knife or charge at us. Multiple officers yelled at him "don't do it" or words to that effect.*

*A few seconds later, the suspect seemed to direct his attention towards [REDACTED] who was the closest officer to him (probably within 15 feet). He turned and his body was bladed with his right side towards me. We yelled at him not to do it. He shrugged his shoulders (as if to signal he was not going to follow our commands) and started advancing toward [REDACTED] He stepped into the parking lot of the substation, still with a knife in each hand, and I thought he was going to charge at [REDACTED] to stab him or throw his knives at him. Either way, I thought he would seriously injure or kill him. I immediately discharged my firearm at the suspect, and I heard other officers firing at him. The suspect went down to the ground and dropped the knives. I stopped firing my weapon. I believe the other officers also stopped firing, as I did not hear any additional rounds being fired."*

[REDACTED] rendered aid to Mahmoudi by applying pressure to wounds and stabilizing his head while [REDACTED] performed chest compressions.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was also assigned to Precinct 4 on [REDACTED] shift. [REDACTED] was present during the second event at Mahmoudi's residence, and he also overheard the radio traffic from the first event as he was working a special duty shift at a [REDACTED] Kroger. [REDACTED] was also present during the fatal encounter with Mahmoudi. He prepared

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a written statement describing his involvement in the events. Regarding the shooting, [REDACTED] wrote:

*"At approximately 1:30am, I was in the parking lot north of the Substation 4 in my cruiser facing outward (north) in one of the parking spaces. Other members of Zone 4 were with me in their cruisers with their windows open. Officers were talking. From west to east, [REDACTED] was in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in [REDACTED] I was in Cruiser [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was in Cruiser [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was in [REDACTED] Unoccupied CPD Wagon 48 parked facing south on the northwest side of the parking lot and a few other cruisers (also unoccupied) were parked in the northeast corner of the lot. The substation parking lot and parking lot directly to the north across the alley is well lit with several overhead lighting sources. I heard another officer ask something to the effect of: "is this our guy?"*

According to [REDACTED] Mahmoudi disregarded the numerous pleas and commands of the officers for him to drop his knives. [REDACTED] described the moment the officers responded with force:

*"The suspect continued to walk east. The lighting in the parking lot made it easy to see the knives in the suspect's hands as they would glint when the edges caught the light. It appeared to me that he had a cleaver-like knife in his right hand and a longer, large kitchen knife in his left. The suspect stopped walking east and turned to face us. We continued to all give commands for him to drop his weapon. I remember saying "don't do it" several times. I was afraid that we would have no choice other than to fire. We were basically begging him to stop, so we would not have to fire. He was saying something, but I could not tell what. He walked south/southeast towards us, but more towards the direction of [REDACTED] brandishing his knives. He walked up over the curb between the parking lot towards us from the alley onto the parking spaces on the north side of the lot. It appeared to me at the time that he made a movement in preparation to charge or throw the knives. I and the officers around me fired at what seemed to be at the same. I stopped firing when the suspect fell to the ground, as did the other officers. I aired that shots had been fired."*

[REDACTED] assisted officers with handcuffing Mahmoudi. He reported seeing injuries to Mahmoudi's head, chest, and legs. [REDACTED] also suggested to others that they check the residences north of the alley for potential bullet strikes and bystander injuries, since the buildings were in the backdrop of the shooting.

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Two 911 calls were received by police regarding the incidents, and they both pertained to the barricade events at Lamine Mahmoudi's residence on September 9, 2024. The calls were reviewed, and the following was noted:

- File '911 Audio 9-09-2024 1903 hours - Messaoud Mezrar' – This was the first dispatch call to Mahmoudi's residence. The caller, Messaoud Mezrar, told the call taker/dispatcher that his friend cut his wrist. Mezrar also stated that Mahmoudi was delusional and hallucinating earlier in the morning. Mezrar told the call taker that he thinks that Mahmoudi consumes marijuana. Mezrar said Mahmoudi had a small knife in his hand, and he described Mahmoudi's clothing. The call ended when Mr. Mezrar was contacted by responding officers.
- File '911 Audio 9-09-2024 2246 hours - Hossam Hasan' – This was the second dispatch call to Mahmoudi's residence. The caller, Hossam Hasan (Sam Hasan, landlord/property owner), claimed that a tenant (Mahmoudi) barricaded himself in the residence with a knife. Mr. Hasan further claimed that other tenants tried to enter the dwelling, but Mahmoudi forced them out and shut the door. Mr. Hasan stated, *"...He's threatened everybody around him; Uh, would not let his roommates get in the house."* Mr. Hasan stated that one of his employees from a gas station next door went with a tenant to try to get into the dwelling. When the door was opened, the employee (Naier Badawy) observed Mahmoudi armed with a knife. Hasan said the name of the tenant who tried to enter was "Annas." Hasan said the barricaded tenant was "Amin" [Lamine]. Mr. Hasan told the call taker that Mahmoudi was alone in the residence.

The audio from the calls was largely consistent with what was observed in the call dispatch notes.

**Video Recordings**

Video footage regarding the events was available from several sources, including security cameras from nearby businesses, police body-worn cameras (BWC), police vehicle dash-mounted cameras, and a camera overlooking the police substation parking lot.

***Video from Chittenden Veterinary Clinic:***

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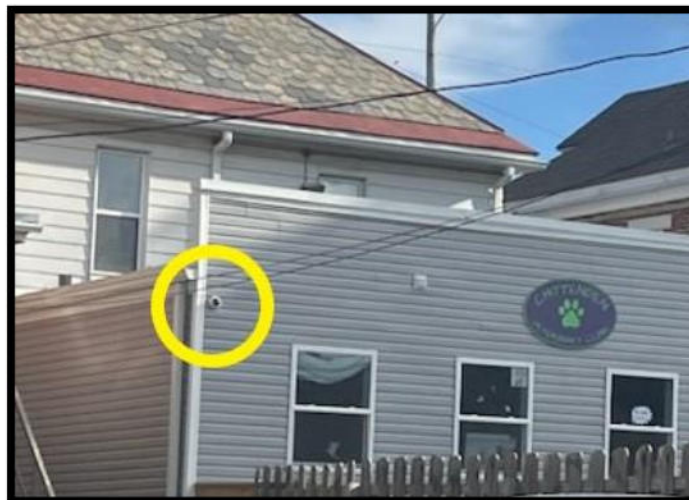


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The Chittenden Veterinary Clinic, 239 Chittenden Avenue (next door to Lamine Mahmoudi's residence), had an exterior camera on the rear of its building which faced south toward the alley.



*Figure 6: Map depicting Chittenden Veterinary Clinic location*



*Figure 7: Location of camera at rear of Chittenden Veterinary Clinic*

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The timestamp on the video was found to be one hour behind Eastern Standard Time. The following images are screenshots from the footage which were notable. Some of the images were enlarged for clarity.

At approximately the 0007 timestamp (0107 hours), lights flashed on a red vehicle parked behind neighboring 233/235 Chittenden Ave.



*Figure 8: Chittenden Veterinary Clinic image, 0107 hours*

The vehicle was later confirmed to be Mahmoudi's. The vehicle backed out at around 0119 hours and drove west in the alley.

Around 0124 hours, Mahmoudi's vehicle returned and parked in the same spot behind 233/235 Chittenden. It had traveled west on 11th Avenue and cut through a parking lot just west of the Precinct 4 Substation.

At about 0128 hours, a male, presumed to be Lamine Mahmoudi, appeared near the vehicle. The subject held a shiny object which was believed to be a knife.

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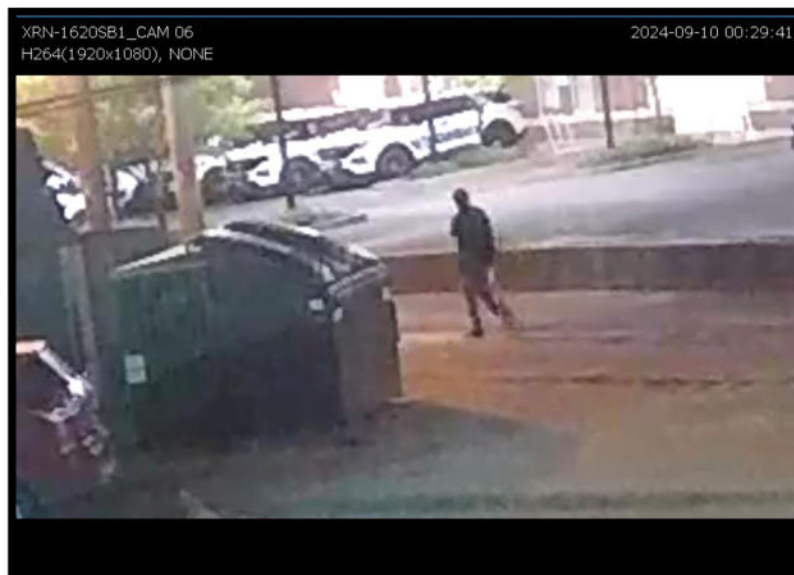


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*Figure 9: Chittenden Veterinary Clinic image, subject holding suspected knife*

Around 0129 hours, the subject entered the vehicle again briefly, then walked eastward in the alley toward the Precinct 4 substation.



*Figure 10: Chittenden Veterinary Clinic image, subject walking toward police substation*

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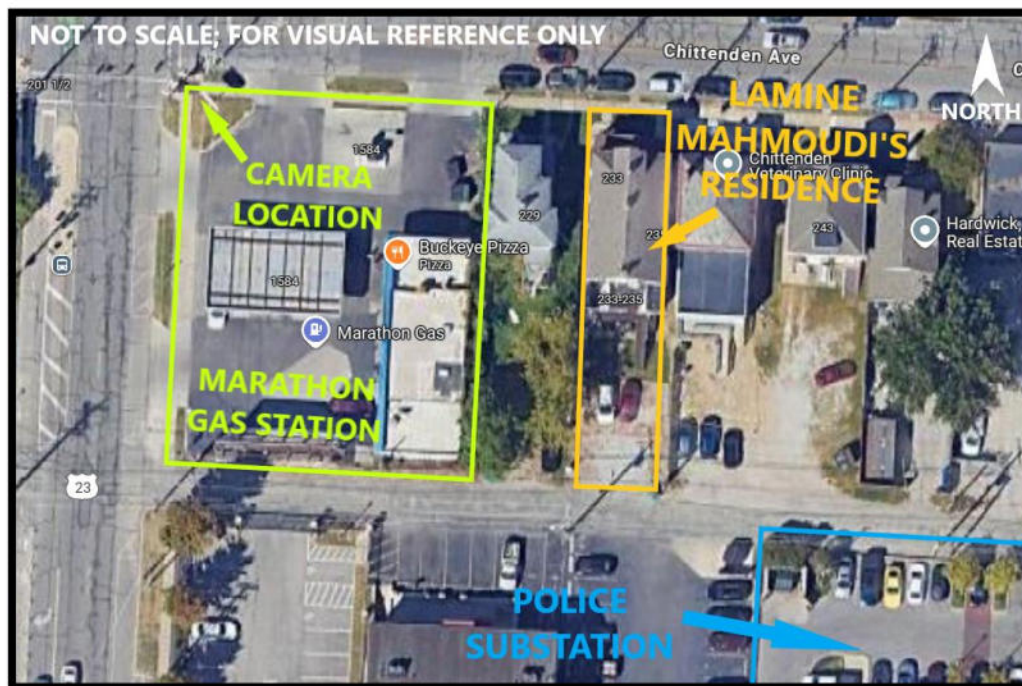


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The footage from the clinic concluded with police vehicles blocking off the alley with emergency lights activated.

***Video from Marathon gas station:***

The Marathon gas station at 1584 Summit Street had a pole-mounted camera which faced south-southeast toward the gas pumps and alley way.



*Figure 11: Map depicting Marathon gas station location*

The video did not have a date or time stamp; therefore, any times noted herein refer to the timer on the video, not the actual time of day. The following images were enlarged for clarity.

Around the 7:52 mark and just prior, a male, believed to be Lamine Mahmoudi, walked from left to right in the alley (east to west), and peered around the corner down Summit Street. The subject then walked back eastward (left) in the alley.

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*Figure 12: Marathon video, 7:52 mark*

At the 7:55 mark, as the subject walked back eastward in the alley, a shiny object appeared in the video. This was suspected to be one of the knives Mahmoudi had.



*Figure 13: Marathon video, 7:55 mark*

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The video footage concluded several minutes later with police and paramedic vehicles arriving with emergency lights activated. The medics entered the alleyway with a gurney.

***Police video footage:***

Upon reviewing the BWC and available vehicle dash-camera footage, SA Gore noted that the footage from each officer was substantially similar, differing slightly from alternate angles and vantage points. The following images are screenshots from the videos, and they should serve as a collective, visual summary of the event. Most of the images were enlarged for clarity.

Prior to the incident, the officers were in their vehicles, chatting and typing reports. The vehicles were parked facing north, toward the alley, directly behind the substation.

Lamine Mahmoudi first appeared in the lower-left corner of [REDACTED] dash camera footage at approximately 0129 hours, highlighted in the image below.



Figure 14: Screenshot from [REDACTED] dash camera footage, 0129 hours, 9/10/2024

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Seconds later, [REDACTED] could be heard saying, "He's got a knife in his hand," as she exited her patrol vehicle. Mahmoudi walked eastward in the alley, and he paced back and forth momentarily as officers exited the vehicles. The officers shouted commands for Mahmoudi to put the weapons down, and they told him that they wanted to help.

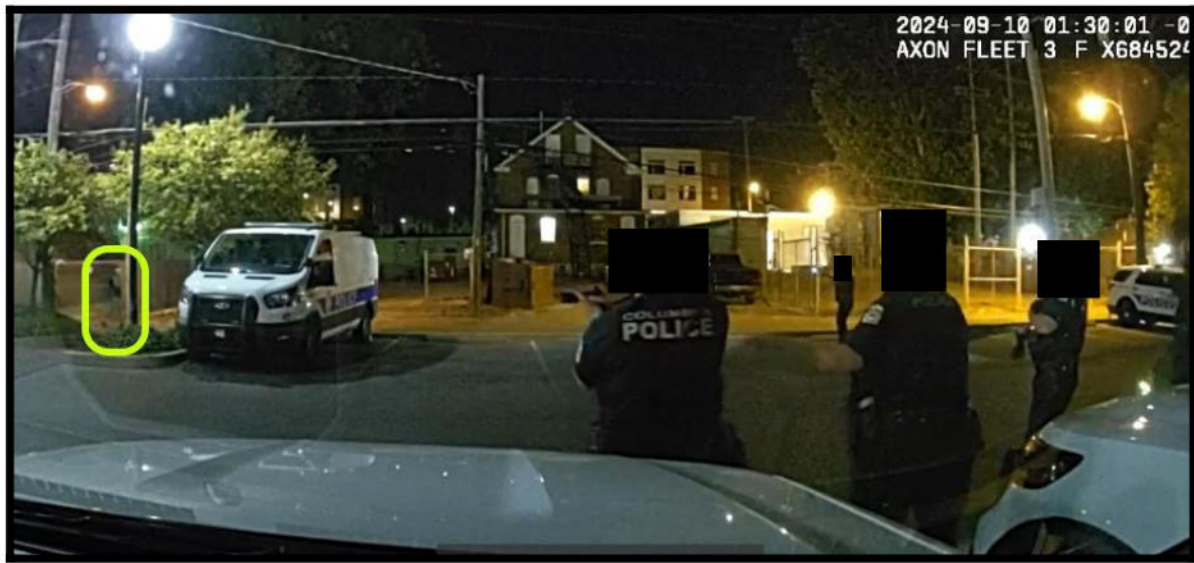


Figure 15: Screenshot from [REDACTED] dash camera footage, 0130 hours, 9/10/2024

Mahmoudi disregarded all the commands and pleas from the officers as he continued to walk east. Large knives were visible in both of Mahmoudi's hands.

Mahmoudi paused, and in the image below, he appeared to cock his right arm and shoulder rearward, as if he was going to throw one of the knives at the officers. Officers repeatedly yelled, "Don't do it!" and "Do not throw it!" and "We just want to help you!" and other similar phrases. Mahmoudi could be heard saying, "No, I'm not dropping nothing."

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Figure 16: Screenshot from [REDACTED] BWC footage, 0130 hours, 9/10/2024

In the following image, Mahmoudi thrust his right shoulder and arm forward slightly, gesturing again as if he was going to throw the knife.



Figure 17: Screenshot from [REDACTED] BWC footage, 0130 hours, 9/10/2024

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Ignoring all commands, Mahmoudi stepped onto the parking lot and advanced directly toward [REDACTED].



Figure 18: Screenshot from [REDACTED] BWC footage, 0130 hours, 9/10/2024

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The officers then simultaneously discharged their weapons at Mahmoudi. The following image is from a camera overlooking the parking lot of the substation. It depicts the positions of the officers the moment they discharged their weapons.



*Figure 19: Screenshot from camera overlooking rear parking lot of Precinct 4 substation; west-facing aspect*

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The following image, from the same camera view, depicts the officers immediately after their weapons were discharged. The officers then approached Mahmoudi to secured him in handcuffs and render first aid. The officers' positions were documented in the image.



*Figure 20: Screenshot from camera overlooking rear parking lot of Precinct 4 substation; positions labeled*

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██████████ moved one of the knives from beneath Mahmoudi's body with his foot, while ██████████ moved the other knife by hand.



Figure 21: Screenshot from ██████████ BWC footage, 0131 hours, 9/10/2024

██████████ performed chest compressions while ██████████ maintained pressure on wounds on Mahmoudi's head.



Figure 22: Screenshot from ██████████ BWC footage, redacted, 0132 hours, 9/10/2024

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Officers continued to render aid until they were relieved by medics at approximately 0136 hours.



Figure 23: Screenshot from [REDACTED] dash camera footage, 0136 hours, 9/10/2024

### **Conclusion**

All persons known to have relevant information regarding this officer-involved critical incident have been interviewed (or attempted), and all known pertinent records and evidence have been obtained and reviewed. BCI's investigation into this matter has concluded. BCI will, however, continue to offer investigative services regarding any new leads or witnesses identified via the grand jury process or by other means.

### **Contact Information**

The preceding information comprises only a portion of facts and circumstances collected during the investigation of the officer-involved critical incident. For further review of specific information or documentation collected during the investigation, please refer to the individual reports and documents from which this summary was derived. Any questions regarding the content or context of the information contained in this document can be directed to the attention of Special Agent James Gore. SA Gore can be reached via email at [James.Gore@OhioAGO.gov](mailto:James.Gore@OhioAGO.gov).

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