



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



2025-2243

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 3013 Mohawk Street,
Middletown, Ohio 45044 (L)

Investigative Activity: Records Received, Review of Records
Involves: Ronald Hazen Kerr (S)
Date of Activity: 07/21/2025
Activity Location: Middletown Police Department – Business – One Donham Plaza,
Middletown, OH 45042
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On July 21, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Steven Seitzman received Middletown Police Department Uniform Incident Report # [REDACTED]. The report documents a July 13, 2025, call for service to 3013 Mohawk Street in the City of Middletown, which resulted in an officer-involved critical incident.

The incident report is attached to this investigative report for further review.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: NIBRS pg1 – [REDACTED] (ryanm@cityofmiddletown.org)
Attachment # 02: NIBRS pg2 – [REDACTED] (ryanm@cityofmiddletown.org)
Attachment # 03: NIBRS Suspect – [REDACTED] (ryanm@cityofmiddletown.org)
Attachment # 04: NIBRS Narrative – [REDACTED] (ryanm@cityofmiddletown.org)
Attachment # 05: CLEIN–Officers(ryanm@cityofmiddletown.org)
Attachment # 06: CLEIN–Wargo(ryanm@cityofmiddletown.org)

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AGENCY NAME: MIDDLETOWN PD
CALL NUMBER:
GEOCODE:
OHIO UNIFORM INCIDENT REPORT
*INCIDENT NUMBER:
*CLEARANCES:
A [] Death of Suspect, B [] Prosecution Declined, C [] In Custody of Other Jurisd., D [] Victim Refused to Coop., E [] Juvenile/No Custody, F [] Arrest - Adult, G [] Arrest - Juvenile, H [] Warrant Issued, I [] Invest. Pending, J [] Closed, K [] Unfounded, U [] Unknown
*REPORT DATE/TIME: 07/13/2025 16:42
*INCIDENT OCCURRED FROM: 07/13/2025 16:42
*INCIDENT OCCURRED TO: 07/13/2025 16:42
INCIDENT LOCATION: 3013 MOHAWK MIDDLETOWN, OH
*OFFENSE: 1. Murder, 2. , 3. , 4. , 5.
*OFFENSE CODE: 1. 2903.02, 2. , 3. , 4. , 5.
*LOCATION OF OFFENSE: 1. 01, 2.
*METHOD OF ENTRY: 1 [] FORCE, 2 [] NO FORCE
*METHOD OF ENTRY - MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT: 01 [] Motor Running/Keys in Car, 02 [] Unlocked, 03 [] Duplicate Key Used, 04 [] Window Broken, 05 [] Towed
*METHOD OF ENTRY - BURGLARY/B&E: ENTRY 1 [] DOOR, 2 [] WINDOW, 3 [] GARAGE, 4 [] SKYLIGHT, 5 [] OTHER
*VICTIM: *NO. 1, *TOTAL VICTIMS 1, *VICTIM TYPE: INDIVIDUAL, *SEX: F, *RACE: W, *ETHNICITY: U, *HGT: 505, *WGT: 150, *HAIR: BRO, *EYES: BRO
NAME: KERR, CONSUELO, D
ADDRESS: 3013 MOHAWK ST MIDDLETOWN, OH 45044
EMPLOYER NAME AND ADDRESS:
*AGE: 53, *D.O.B.: 03/03/1972, *SEX: F, *RACE: W, *ETHNICITY: U, *HGT: 505, *WGT: 150, *HAIR: BRO, *EYES: BRO
OCCUPATION:
*VICTIM INJURED? [] Y [] N, IF INJURED, DESCRIBE INJURIES: Other Major Injury
*AGG. ASSAULT/HOMICIDE CIRC.: 01, *LEOKA INFORMATION: TYPE OF ACT., ASSIGN. TYPE, ORI - OTHER, *VICTIM/SUSPECT RELATIONSHIP: 0. SE, 1. , 2. , 3. , 4. , 5. , *VICTIM/OFFENSE LINK: 2903.02
My signature verifies that the information on this report is accurate and true
DATE:
REPORTING OFFICER: Ryan Kessler, BADGE NO.: 601, DATE: 07/14/2025
APPROVING OFFICER: Sam Allen, BADGE NO.: 448, DATE: 07/15/2025
FOLLOW-UP? [] Y [] N, If yes, follow-up Assignment:
ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS: [] VICTIM/WITNESS, [] PROPERTY, [] STATEMENTS, [] FORM RECEIVED BY: [] INVESTIGATION, [] INTELLIGENCE, [] RECORDS, [] SPECIAL COPIES
8/2011

INCIDENT REPORT – PART 2

REPORTER

INCIDENT NUMBER

VICTIM
KERR, CONSUELO, D

OFFENSE
Murder

INCIDENT DATE
AND TIME 07/13/2025 16:42

NO. 1

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

AGE/
D.O.B.

SSN

ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)

PHONE

EMPLOYER NAME AND
ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)

PHONE

STATEMENTS OBTAINED ☐ Y ☒ N TYPE: ☐ WRITTEN ☐ ORAL ☐ TAPED ☐ OTHER

VEHICLE

CHECK CATEGORIES ☐ STOLEN ☐ RECOVERED ☐ IMPOUNDED ☐ RECEIVED ☐ SUSPECT'S VEHICLE ☐ VICTIM'S VEHICLE ☐ UNAUTHORIZED USE ☐ ABANDONED

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VEHICLE ASSOC. W/ SUSPECT NO. VEHICLE ASSOC. W/ VICTIM NO. VEHICLE TOWED? ☐ Y ☐ N TOWED BY OWNERSHIP VERIFIED BY: ☐ TAG RECEIPT ☐ BILL OF SALE ☐ OTHER

STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE ONLY NO. STOLEN AREA STOLEN ☐ BUSINESS ☐ RESID. ☐ RURAL ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

AUTO INSURER NAME (Company) ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip) PHONE

MOTOR VEHICLE RECOVERY ONLY NO. RECOVERED DATE REC. STOLEN IN YOUR JURISDICTION ☐ Y ☐ N WHERE RECOVERED?

PROPERTY

*TYPE PROPERTY LOSS/ETC. (enter codes below) 1 NONE 2 BURNED 3 COUNTERFEITED/FORGED 4 DESTROYED/DAMAGED/VANDALIZED 5 STOLEN/ETC. 6 SEIZED 7 RECOVERED U UNKNOWN P PHOTO E EVIDENCE TOTAL VALUE \$0.00

*LOSS CODE QUANTITY DESCRIPTION *PROP CODE *VALUE \$0.00

VICT. NO. VEH NO. MAKE/BRAND MODEL DATE RECOVERED

SERIAL NUMBER NCIC NUMBER OTHER NUMBER

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VICT. NO. VEH NO. MAKE/BRAND MODEL DATE RECOVERED

SERIAL NUMBER NCIC NUMBER OTHER NUMBER

PROPERTY CODES: EXCHANGE MEDIUMS 01 Money 02 Credit/Debit Card 03 Negotiable Instruments 04 Other Exchange Mediums DOCUMENTS 05 Non-Negotiable Instruments 06 Personal (Identity) Papers 62 Documents/Personal or Business 07 Other Documents VALUABLES 08 Jewelry/Precious Metals 09 Art Objects, Antiques 10 Other Valuables PERSONAL EFFECTS 11 Clothing/Furs 12 Purses/Handbags/Wallets 13 Other Personal Effects HOUSEHOLD ITEMS 14 Household Items EQUIPMENT 15 Drug/Narcotic Equip. 16 Gambling Equipment 17 Computer Hardware/Soft. 18 Office Equipment 19 Stereo TV Equip. 20 Recordings-Audio Visual 21 Sports Equipment 22 Photographic Equipment 23 Farm Equipment 24 Heavy Construction/Industrial 25 Building Supplies-Const. 26 Tools 27 Vehicle Parts/Accessories 57 Aircraft Parts/Accessories 28 School Supplies 58 Artistic Supplies/Accessories 59 Camping/Hunting/Fishing Equipment/Supplies 67 Law Enforcement Equip. 68 Lawn/Yard/Garden Equip. 69 Logging Equipment 70 Medical/Medical Lab Equip. 72 Musical Instruments 73 Portable Electronic Equip. 74 Watercraft Equip./Parts/Acc. 29 Other Equipment CONSUMABLE ITEMS 30 Alcohol 31 Drugs/Narcotics 32 Consumable Goods 60 Chemicals 61 Crops 63 Explosives 65 Fuel ANIMALS 33 Livestock 34 Household Pets VEHICLES 35 Aircraft 36 Automobiles 37 Bicycles 38 Buses 39 Trucks 40 Trailers 41 Watercraft 42 Recreational Vehicle 43 Other Motor Vehicle WEAPONS 44 Firearms 45 Other Weapons 64 Firearm Accessories STRUCTURES 46 Single Occupancy 47 Other Dwellings 48 Commercial/Business 49 Industrial/Manufacturing 50 Public/Community 51 Storage 52 Other Structure OTHER 53 Merchandise 54 Other Property 55 Pending Inventory 66 Identity-Intangible 71 Metals, Non-Precious

NARRATIVE

8/2011

SUSPECT/ARREST SUPPLEMENT

ARRESTING AGENCY MIDDLETOWN PD

INCIDENT NUMBER

VICTIM
KERR, CONSUELO DOFFENSE
Murder

INCIDENT DATE AND TIME 07/13/2025 16:42

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	ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip) 3013 MOHAWK ST MIDDLETOWN, OH 45044					PHONE						
	EMPLOYER NAME AND ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)					PHONE						
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	2.		2.		2.		2.		23B PURSE SNATCHING			
	3.		3.		3.		3.		23C SHOPLIFTING			
	4.		4.		4.		4.		23D THEFT FROM BUILDING			
	5.		5.		5.		5.		23E THEFT FROM COIN-OP MACH.			
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	REPORTING OFFICER Ryan Kessler							BADGE NO. 601		DATE 07/14/2025		
	APPROVING OFFICER Sam Allen							BADGE NO. 448		DATE 07/15/2025		
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NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT			INCIDENT NUMBER	
VICTIM KERR, CONSUELO, D		OFFENSE Murder		INCIDENT DATE AND TIME 07/13/2025 16:42
<p>OFFICERS responded to 3013 Mohawk St. in reference to a female with a gunshot wound, it was unknown where. OFFICERS arrived on scene, conducted the investigation and all OFFICERS later cleared.</p> <p>Kessler-601/2L6</p> <p>EKC/3</p>				
<div>REASON CLEARED</div> <div><div><div>A <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH OF OFFENDER</div><div>B <input type="checkbox"/> PROSECUTION DECLINED</div><div>C <input type="checkbox"/> EXTRADITION DENIED</div></div><div><div>D <input type="checkbox"/> VICTIM REFUSED TO COOP.</div><div>E <input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE/NO CUSTODY</div><div>F <input type="checkbox"/> ARREST – ADULT</div></div><div><div>G <input type="checkbox"/> ARREST – JUVENILE</div><div>H <input type="checkbox"/> WARRANT ISSUED</div><div>I <input type="checkbox"/> INVEST. PENDING</div></div><div><div>J <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED</div><div>K <input type="checkbox"/> UNFOUNDED</div><div>U <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN</div></div><div>DATE CLEARED</div></div>				
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Middletown Police Department
CONFIDENTIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATORY NOTES

[Not a "public record" as defined by R.C. 149.43]

[see *State ex rel. Beacon Journal Publishing Company v. Maurer, Sheriff (2001), 91 Ohio St.3d 54.*]

Reference CFS# [REDACTED]

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OFFICERS responded to 3013 Mohawk St. in reference to a female with a gunshot wound, it was unknown where. upon arrival, I drove my patrol vehicle from the northbound side of Mohawk St., as I observed Ofc. PATTERSON to be driving from the southbound side of 3013 Mohawk St.

Ofc. PATTERSON was observed to park her patrol vehicle directly in front of 3013 Mohawk St., as I had parked my patrol vehicle near the roadway of 3011 Mohawk St. Upon Ofc. PATTERSON and I exiting our patrol vehicles, I observed Ofc. PATTERSON to be retreating, stating that a male was pointing a gun at her. At that point, Ofc. PATTERSON and I began to be in cover, behind my patrol vehicle. I then stated to other UNITS the information of a male pointing a firearm at OFFICERS and not to cross the threshold directly in front of the residence.

As OFFICERS began to arrive on scene, we notified Ofcs. GRIFFIN and OLDHAM to respond to the rear of the residence to maintain security at the backdoor and the back of the residence. As several moments passed and OFFICERS obtained a secured perimeter of 3013 Mohawk St., I then moved my vehicle, as there was no clear line of sight directly to the front door from the roadway, to the front yard of 3011 Mohawk St.

As I parked my vehicle, I began announcements through the patrol vehicle's PA system, indicating Middletown Police, at the residence of 3013 Mohawk St. and the suspected lone occupant, being Ronald KERR, to exit the residence with his hands visible. As I was attempting announcements, I recently spoke with Timothy McNEELY, who was stated to be the son of Consuelo and Ronald KERR, in which he stated his father, being Ronald KERR, was a paraplegic and he had shot his mother in the chest.

As I continued announcements over the patrol vehicle's PA, OFFICERS observed the front door of 3013 Mohawk St. to be slammed shut. As moments passed, OFFICERS began to proceed to the backdoor in attempt to try to make contact with anybody inside of the residence, as it was stated it was a hostage situation.

As OFFICERS proceeded to the backdoor, Ofc. PATTERSON and I maintained security at the front door, in which I was later called to the rear of the residence to perform communication as a hostage negotiator. As I immediately responded to the backdoor, I heard a gunshot, which sounded as if it had come from inside of the residence. I then continued trying to speak with Ronald, in which he continuously did not wish to speak with OFFICERS and was heard stating if OFFICERS came into the residence, they would be shot.

Reference CFS# [REDACTED]

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As several moments passed with continued failed negotiations, I observed [REDACTED] to look through the open doorway. I had heard a mention of a firearm and then observed OFFICERS fire their duty weapons. Once duty weapons were fired, it was stated that the subject had been struck and OFFICERS began rushing into the residence.

As OFFICERS rushed into the residence, I proceeded past Ronald KERR and located the victim, Consuelo KERR, to be laying, unconscious, in the living room. I then felt for a pulse on Consuelo, however did not feel a pulse and she felt cold to the touch and was observed to be covered in blood.

Upon immediate observation, I observed a firearm to be laying on a recliner chair in the living room and blood to be smeared on the couch. I also did observe approximately six shell casings in the area of the couch, Consuelo and the area where the firearm was located. The firearm being a possible .9mm handgun.

I then relayed information to Middletown MEDICS, in which they had stated it appeared that both parties were deceased.

I then instructed OFFICERS to clear out of the residence, as I maintained security inside of the residence and of the scene. While maintaining security inside of the residence, at roughly 1719 hours, I smelled, what I believed to be, something burning. Upon waling to the kitchen, where Ronald KERR was deceased, I observed the stove burner to be on and a plastic bowl to be sitting on said burner and smoke coming from the bowl. I then moved the contents from on top of the stove and turned the stove off.

Once all items were safely moved and the stove was safely turned off, I maintained security inside of the front half of the residence until I later cleared.

Once I cleared, I proceeded to Middletown Police Department. While at Middletown Police Department, I completed the Crime Scene Log. Once the Crime Scene Log was completed, I later cleared.

Kessler-601/2L6

EKC/2

ADDENDUM

On 7/13/2025, at approximately 1644 hours, OFFICERS responded to 3013 Mohawk St. on the report of a female subject with a gunshot wound, unknown where. Upon Ofcs. KESSLER's and PATTERSON'S, they advised over the radio that the male was inside, had a firearm still on him,

Reference CFS# [REDACTED]

pointing it at OFFICERS. as myself and [REDACTED] began to approach the residence from the southside of Mohawk, Ofc. KESSLER made it known to OFFICERS not to park directly in front of the residence, due to the fact that subject had the firearm, pointing it at OFFICERS.

[REDACTED] and I both parked our patrol vehicles on the south side of 3013 Mohawk and each got our patrol rifles and set up at [REDACTED] patrol vehicle as a form of cover, with a clear sight of the front door to the residence.

Ofc. KESSLER and Ofc. PATTERSON were on the north side of the house, at which point, they began making announcements over the cruiser's PA system. [REDACTED] and I could both see the male subject coming to and from the front door, on the inside of the house, behind the screen door, and you could see the firearm in his hand each time he went to the door. On one particular occasion, he did come to the front door, look out it and then shut the door behind him, where OFFICERS did call that out so everyone on scene was made of the situation.

Upon Sgt. WARGO arriving on scene, he advised that he had a shield in his vehicle and OFFICERS needed to make entrance, due to the fact that the female with the gunshot wound was inside and OFFICERS were unsure on her health and needed to get to her, to try and do medical aid on her.

Ofc. HARRIS grabbed the shield, [REDACTED] was directly behind him and I was behind [REDACTED] as we approached the residence. As we approached the front door, there was only a metal wheelchair ramp, leading to the door, OFFICERS then went to the back door because we were made aware that it was unlocked at the time.

Upon going to the backdoor, Ofc. HARRIS used the shield as an extension of the wall, using the peephole on the shield, trying to observe the subject, however he was unable to.

The subject did hear OFFICERS on the back porch and he advised multiple times for us not to come inside, due t the fact that he would shoot us. OFFICERS still tried to speak with him, trying to get him to drop the gun and come outside to us, where the subject inside refused to do so. That subject was later identified as Ronald KERR.

While still on the back porch, trying to speak with Ronald, he did fire one shot at OFFICERS, where nobody was struck. We still, again, started to try to speak with Ronald to get him to drop the gun and come outside peacefully, which he refused to do so, still.

OFFICERS could hear, what sounded like a pop can, coming open form the inside, at which time, [REDACTED] took the doorway and began giving verbal commands for Ronald to drop the firearm. [REDACTED] did call out to other OFFICERS that he did observe a gun, at

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which time, OFFICERS then heard gunfire. After the gunfire stopped, [REDACTED] again, advised that the subject was down, inside, at which time, OFFICERS then went inside to clear the residence and try to perform aid on Mr. KERR.

I went directly to Mr. KERR, at which time, I rolled him over, he was unresponsive and not breathing. He was placed into handcuffs by [REDACTED] and I and then I observed Firefighter KLUG to be coming inside of the residence. I then went and secondary searched the house to make sure that there was nobody else inside of the residence.

After clearing the residence, I asked Firefighter KLUG if they needed anything specific done by OFFICERS, where they advised for us to clear out of the residence. I did go out through the front door. After exiting the residence, I did go to [REDACTED] and placed him in my patrol vehicle and later transported him to the Middletown Police Department, where we both then cleared the scene.

Rawlins-627/2L5

EKC/2

ADDENDUM

I was dispatched to 3013 Mohawk Street in reference to a female suffering from a gunshot wound. At this time I was the initial officer to arrive on the scene first. I parked my cruiser directly in front of the house facing northbound. As I was exiting my cruiser, I began running up towards the driveway, being a gravel driveway.

I then observed an unknown white male sitting in front of the doorway, and it appeared that he was holding a firearm in my direction. At this time I observed the firearm to be black and at this time the unknown male subject advised me "You come any closer and I will shoot you." At this time I re-directed by route and ran to the closest cover, being Officer KESSLER'S cruiser. At this time other officers were advised to step it up and they had arrived on the scene shortly after.

At this time Officer KESSLER gave several commands to the subject, who was later identified as RONALD KERR, to step outside with his hands up, however he continued to ignore those orders.

While officers were holding the scene and attempting to make contact with RONALD, it was known to officers that RONALD had shot his wife and was wanting suicide by cop.

At this time Officer HARRIS, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Officer RAWLINS, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and SGT. WARGO had directed themselves to the rear of the residence. Several

CFS # [REDACTED]

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commands were made; however, they were ignored. At this time officers breached entry into the back door, where RONALD was apprehended.

Shortly after, BCI took over the scene and officers later cleared.

Patterson-641, 2L8

Tjc/2

ADDENDUM

While on patrol at approximately 1644 hours, while en route to Aaron Drive for a separate call for service, myself and [REDACTED] were riding as an [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. While en route to the disturbance, we were leaving the area of Towne and Village when I observed the call for service to come out of a female with a gunshot wound at 3013 Mohawk Street. At that time I then activated my overhead lights and began emergency response to 3013 Mohawk Street. While en route in about the area of Roosevelt and Jackson, Officer PATTERSON and Officer KESSLER arrived on the scene, where they began to approach the house. Officers PATTERSON and KESSLER began to approach the house and the male suspect individual came up to the door with a gun. At that time Officers KESSLER and PATTERSON fled from the front porch to cover and advised that the male had a gun and advised officers to step it up.

At that time, I then began to continue emergency response as safely and quickly as possible to 3013 Mohawk Street, where myself and [REDACTED] arrived on the scene. At that time I could observe Officers RAWLINS and [REDACTED] to have their long guns out. [REDACTED] was then able to grab his long gun, being his rifle, and I then grabbed the pepper ball gun. Officers then continued to stay out in the street in front of 3013 Mohawk Street. While out front, I was able to charge the pepper ball gun and prepare for any possible situation.

After standing out front for a little while, SGT. WARGO advised that we were going to force entry into the residence. At that time officers formed a stack formation to enter into the residence. I was fifth in line, behind [REDACTED]. At that time we approached and found from family that there was an unlocked back door. Officers then went around the building on the north side of the residence, where we approached the rear deck. After we were on the rear deck, [REDACTED] opened the rear door, where we began announcing and speaking with the male individual. I did hear the male individual state if we came inside he would shoot. SGT. WARGO then continued announcements, where I heard what I believed to be one shot fired from the male individual inside. At that time I was able to key up on the radio advising that there was a shot fired and for Officer KESSLER to come around back to continue hostage negotiations.

Officer KESSLER continued the hostage negotiations while all officers were out back, still in stack formation. While continuing the stack, we could hear what appeared to be a can open. At CFS # [REDACTED]

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that time I saw [REDACTED] pivot around the door frame and around the shield that Officer HARRIS was holding up and I could see [REDACTED] aim down on his rifle, where he was advising the male individual "Don't do it" and "Drop it". At that time he then fired rounds down through the house at the male suspect. After [REDACTED] fired his rifle, [REDACTED] fired his rifle in front of me into the house. After all shots were fired and all

officers ceased fire, they advised that the male individual was down. At that time we all entered inside of the residence, where I announced that I would cuff the male individual. All officers cleared past the male subject that was down on the ground in the kitchen area. After other officers walked past, I then placed the male suspect into custody in handcuffs. While down on the ground I observed him to have a gunshot wound to the face and he was not breathing. After the male suspect was placed into handcuffs, I then stood back up, where [REDACTED] began to walk out. I then walked out with [REDACTED] where we helped strip him of his firearms and placed him in the rear of a patrol vehicle and helped calm him down.

At that time Officer RAWLINS was able to bring out the other rifles, which were all cleared and put in the back of the patrol vehicle.

While out front, medics advised that I did have blood on me and it was unknown where it came from. They began to wipe off the blood and cleared me of any other blood or debris. They wiped off my uniform and my vest.

At that time we were out front with other suspects advising them that they needed to stay back behind the tape and helped set up tape. After being out front for several more minutes, I then cleared the scene. I then transported the patrol rifles back to the POLICE DEPARTMENT and left them in the Squad Room.

Officers then cleared and BCI conducted the rest of their report.

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ADDENDUM

On July 13th, 2025, Officers responded to 3013 Mohawk St for a female with a gun shot wound. Around that time, I was at the Middletown City Jail after arresting a subject. Hearing of someone shot, I left the jail, around the same time as Ptl. Oldham and Ptl. Griffin, and responded to the scene. At first routine response was taken and at one point I asked Sgt. Wargo about the legitimacy of the call while en route. Shortly after, I heard Ptl. Patterson on the radio explain that a subject had a firearm. At that time, lights and sirens were activated for an emergency response.

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As I made my arrival on scene, I grabbed my personal patrol rifle and remained in the area in front of the house. A short time later, contact was attempted with a subject inside, but I observed the front door of the residence to be shut, assumed to be the suspect. At that time, there was talk of it now being a hostage situation and Sgt. Wargo explained that we needed to make entry. As a part of the entry group, I grabbed a shield and became the front Officer in the group for most, if not all, of the time.

Officers did not make entry to the front of the house due to it being fitted with a wheelchair ramp. We went around the back and were made aware that there was a back door. After going to the back, I was able to open the back door of the residence. Officers then created a position in the back-porch area.

While at the back door, Officers made verbal contact with the suspect inside. He made comments explaining that he would shoot, to go away, and that he did not want to hurt us. At one point, I was able to hear what sounded to like a slide "racking," of a handgun. At some point after, there appeared to be a shot fired from the suspect inside. I did not have a visual on the suspect at that time.

Ptl. Kessler came to the back of the house and tried to speak with the suspect. The suspect spoke back, but would not cooperate. At some point during the incident, he mentioned that he was a "pervert." At one point, still being at the rear of the residence, I was able to see that the fridge in the residence had opened. The sound of a carbonated can was also heard. Around that time, [REDACTED] who had his rifle, and I moved over to our left. I had positioned myself more in front of the door and [REDACTED] ended up stepping to the left. There he was able to engage the suspect. Shots were then fired by police and once they ended, I asked [REDACTED] if he had got the suspect. [REDACTED] confirmed that he did and entry was made into the residence.

Making entry, I had sat the shield down and transitioned to my handgun. After entering the home, the suspect laid still on the ground with what appeared to be a teal and silver, small Glock handgun in the area above his body. I continued my way through the house where the victim laid on the ground. I did yell at her and moved her body, but she ultimately appeared beyond help. I did not render any aid to either the victim nor suspect on scene.

After exiting the residence, I spent a brief period with [REDACTED] and also spoke with the son, who was said to be present for the initial incident. The son explained that the suspect and victim were arguing and he heard the suspect shoot the victim. The suspect then allegedly pointed the firearm at his son, and the son fled to a neighboring residence. I asked the son if he would be okay with going to the police station reference what had happened. He did agree to do so. I had also spoke with another child/family member in relation to the suspect and victim while on scene.

After staying at my vehicle on Mohawk street, I was relieved at one point and responded to the Middletown Police Department. Other Officers on scene also went to the police

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department and had contact with Ohio BCI (Bureau of Criminal Investigations) who responded to investigate the incident.

Respectfully,

Ptl. Harris #683 / 2L9

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[see *State ex rel. Beacon Journal Publishing Company v. Maurer, Sheriff (2001), 91 Ohio St.3d 54.*]

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On 7/13/2025 at approximately 1642 hours, POLICE DISPATCH advised all units of a subject who had been shot at 3013 Mohawk Street. I was enroute to an overdose call when Officer PATTERSON had arrived at the scene and immediately had radio traffic stating that a subject inside the house had a gun and had threatened to shoot her.

I immediately responded to the scene. On my way to the scene, I contacted LT. TREY PORTER and advised him of the situation. I advised that we had a subject inside a house who had already shot one person and that the subject had a gun and he had threatened to shoot officers, and the subject was also wanting suicide by cop. I advised him we would need a SWAT response. LT. PORTER acknowledged my response and we ended our phone call and I proceeded to the scene.

Upon arriving at the scene, I made contact with Officer HARRIS and then [REDACTED] and Officer RAWLINS, and had asked them which house was the correct house of the incident. They advised me it was the tannish brown colored house. They also advised me that we had officers surrounding the house and we were keeping it contained.

I then noticed in the parking lot across the street from this house that there were family members and I responded to the family members. One subject, who was a larger subject, wearing a Superman t-shirt, advised that it was his father inside the house. I asked this subject to call his father and get him on the phone and to try to talk him out of the house. The subject did call and made contact with his father and was trying to convince him to come out of the house, however the father refused and ultimately ended up hanging up the phone.

After the phone conversation, LT. PORTER called me and he advised me that due to the subject inside being injured that we needed to breach entry into the house. I then ran over to officers who were at one of their cruisers and at the cruiser was [REDACTED] Officer HARRIS, Officer RAWLINS, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I advised them that we needed to breach the house and that I would retrieve the shield out of the back of my cruiser.

After giving the protective shield to Officer HARRIS, we formed a stack with Officer HARRIS up front, [REDACTED] behind him, [REDACTED] was next, then Officer RAWLINS behind him, [REDACTED] behind him, and I was at the rear of the stack.

The family members had told us that the back door was unlocked and we proceeded down the driveway on the north side of the house to a fence that we had to open up to

make entry. Upon getting to the back of the residence, there was a covered back porch and we could see the entry way door all the way on the south side of the wall. There was a storm door on the outside of this door that was open, however it would not open all the way due to a hand rail that was on the porch.

From what I recall, at this time [REDACTED] and Officer HARRIS opened the door and were yelling inside. From what I could remember, I thought that an officer towards the front of the stack was trying to convince the subject to come out of the house and then I remember hearing a gun shot from inside the house. I believe that at this time is when I tried to convince the subject to come out of the house and the subject kept telling me he would not come out of the house and that he did not want to have to shoot us, however he would.

The other officers in the stack were calling for Officer KESSLER to come over due to Officer KESSLER being a Hostage Negotiator. He immediately came over and took over the conversation with the subject inside the house. Officer KESSLER was able to have a conversation on a more personal level due to having taken a call at the residence before, and was trying to get the subject to connect with him due to a conversation they had over Dirt Track Racing. The subject continued to be non-compliant and did not come out of the house.

The next thing I observed was Officer HARRIS at the right side, being the north side, of the rear entry door, and then I observed [REDACTED] to go to the south side, being the left side of the door, pointing his rifle inside the house and then giving the subject inside the house orders to drop the gun. [REDACTED] then open fired inside of the house. I then remember officers in the stack rushing inside the house, being advised that the subject was down. I called out on the radio that shots had been fired. After getting into the house, knowing the subject was down and the threat had been stopped, I called out on the radio that the subject was down. I then called for a Signal 39, being the FIRE DEPARTMENT and LIFE SQUAD, to come in the house.

The officers that made entry into the house swept the house to make sure there were no other threats inside the house and the house was cleared.

We then got [REDACTED] out of the house by taking him out the rear entry of the house to get him back to the front and out on the road and into a cruiser.

The scene was secured by officers with Crime Scene tape as we waiting for other officers to arrive at the scene and take control.

After the scene was locked down by the arriving officers, all officers on the shift cleared the scene and responded to the POLICE Building.

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This is how I remember the scene evolving.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. Wargo-478, 2SK9

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