



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



2025-3298

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4134 Rush Blvd.,  
Youngstown, OH 44512, Mahoning County

**Investigative Activity:** Witness Officer Interview  
**Involves:** Officer Luis Villaplana (W)  
**Activity Date:** 10/21/2025  
**Activity Location:** Youngstown City Hall – 26 S. Phelps St. Youngstown,  
Ohio  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Darien Spann #158

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at approximately 0930 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Darien Spann (Spann) and SA Joe Lamping (Lamping) interviewed Youngstown Police Department (YPD) Officer (Ofc.) Luis Villaplana (Villaplana), who was accompanied by his attorney, Daniel Leffler, from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA). The interview took place at Youngstown City Hall. The interview was audio and video recorded.

Villaplana was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the October 9, 2025, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 4134 Rush Blvd, Youngstown, Ohio. Reportedly, Villaplana did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer. Villaplana has been employed by the YPD for about 8 years. During the incident, Villaplana wore a ballistic vest that read SWAT and Police.

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 questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Ofc. Villaplana stated that while he was on the second floor of 4134 Rush Boulevard, he discovered access to the attic in a bedroom closet. He set a drone in the access for a visual of the attic space. At that point, [REDACTED] decided to enter the attic to clear it. Officer Villaplana stated that he then left the room and went into the hallway to talk to Sergeant Staley and another officer.

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At this point Ofc. Villaplana stated, "heard a gunshot, which threw me off. I didn't know if maybe he fell or something. And then there was a large volley of gunfire" (1:56). Officer Villaplana stated that when he went into the room a bullet came through the ceiling and traveled past his head. Officer Villaplana did not return fire because he did not know where [REDACTED] was in the attic. He then egressed out of the room and held the scene from the first floor until a plan was in place.

The interview concluded at approximately 0934 hours.

For further information, please refer to the audio and video recorded interview located in Axon Justice under reference item E Officer Interviews - 2025- Witness officer Villaplana Interview.

**References:**

Reference Item E Officer Interviews - 2025-10-21 Witness Officer Villaplana Interview - Axon Justice

**Attachments:**

None