



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



2026-1831

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 905 E. Warren St.,
Bucyrus, OH 44820, Crawford County

Investigative Activity: Witness Officer Statement Review
Involves: Lt. Joseph Gladden (W)
Activity Date: 07/02/2026
Activity Location: BCI – Bowling Green
Authoring Agent: SA David Hammond #120

Narrative:

On June 30, 2026, Special Agent David Hammond (SA Hammond) received an email from Fraternal Order of Police Union Attorney Jessica Franken (Atty. Franken). The email contained a written statement as an attachment from Lieutenant Joseph Gladden (Lt. Gladden) of the Mansfield Police Department.

Lt. Gladden was deployed as a member of the ASORT Tactical Team during the May 11, 2026, Officer Involved Critical Incident that took place at 905 E. Warren St. in Bucyrus, Ohio. He described his primary role during the incident as containment and cover.

On July 2, 2026, SA Hammond reviewed the statement from Lt. Gladden. The following portions of Lt. Gladden's statement were deemed notable to this investigation. Some of the written statements have been compressed for ease of reading. Lt. Gladden's statement was attached to this report, in its entirety.

The heading of the document read:

Lt. Joseph Gladden, Mansfield Police Department, Statement Regarding Incident on May 11, 2026.

My primary role throughout this incident was in [REDACTED] on the 1 side of the residence. I provided containment and cover for the various operations on that side of the structure throughout the event.

The first time I heard shots being fired from the suspect was around 0400hrs, not long after I used knee knockers to break out the 2-side window. The second time I heard shots fired was around 0700 hours. I was at the command post watching drone footage of OSP's Rook attempting to deploy gas into the structure.

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References:

None

Attachments:

1. Lt. J. Gladden Statement Bucyrus OIS.051126

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Lt. Joseph Gladden, Mansfield Police Department,

Statement Regarding Incident on May 11, 2026.

My primary role throughout this incident was in [REDACTED] positioned on the 1 side (front) of the residence. I provided containment and cover for the various operations on that side of the structure throughout the event. There were brief times where I was involved in a different capacity, but would then resume duties providing cover/containment.

At one point command requested a 1st floor window on the 2 side of the structure be broken out in order to deploy a drone inside the residence. Myself and a small team went to the porch of the neighboring residence to the east. I utilized a 40 mm launcher loaded with "knee knockers" and fired 6 rounds into the window to break the glass out. There was a curtain in the window that would have been in the way and prevented the drone from entering. The same team then approached the window and I provided cover while an operator removed the curtain.

Once the drone was inside, I stood with UAS operator Ptl. Underwood and relayed what was being seen via the drone to the command post over the radio.

I later utilized the 40 mm launcher and knee knockers from behind [REDACTED] to try to break more glass out of a 2nd story window on the 1 side to get a drone in that northeast bedroom.

There was also a brief time I was on the 3 side of the structure with operators in Bearcat 182. I was part of a team sent to the 2/3 corner of the residence to pull the electric meter. Shortly after, I escorted the TEMS unit who pulled the meter back to the command post.

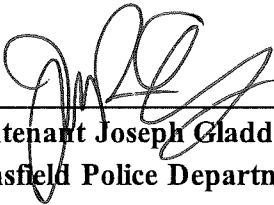
Although I could hear them, I was not on the 3 side of the structure when any of the shots were fired. I did not hear anything the suspect was yelling or ever have any visual or contact with him. As stated above, for the majority of the event, I was positioned out front and just providing cover and containment.

The first time I heard shots being fired from the suspect was around 0400hrs, not long after I used knee knockers to break out the 2 side window, however, I had already returned to my position behind the bearcat on the front of the residence when the shots rang out. The second

time I heard shots fired was around 0700hrs. I was at the command post watching drone footage of OSP's "Rook" attempting to deploy gas into the structure. I could hear the shots being fired and also observed debris from the siding and window on the 3 side flying at a downward angle, appearing as though the suspect was shooting through the wall toward the Rook.

This statement is made to the best of my recollection as to the incident that occurred on May 11, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



Lieutenant Joseph Gladden #278
Mansfield Police Department

6-29-26
Date