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

2026-2566
Officer Involved Critical Incident - State Route 67 and Township Road 8, Republic, OH 44867, Seneca County

Investigative Activity:	Initial Response to OICI
Involves:	Jeffrey Sergent (S)
Activity Date:	07/07/2026
Activity Location:	Seneca County Sheriff's Office – 3040 OH-100, Tiffin, Ohio, 44883
Authoring Agent:	SA David M. Hammond #120

Narrative:

On Tuesday, July 7th, 2026, at approximately 1125 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent David Hammond (SA Hammond) was notified by Special Agent Supervisor Charles Moran (SAS Moran) that there was a request from the Seneca County Sheriff's Office for the Force Investigation Unit and the Crime Scene Unit to respond to an Officer Involved Critical Incident. The incident took place at the intersection of State Route 67 and Township Road 8 near Republic, in Seneca County.

While responding to the scene, SA Hammond was contacted by Special Agent Ryan Emahiser (SA Emahiser). SA Hammond was requested to respond to the Seneca County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) to meet with involved and witness law enforcement officials.

SA Hammond and SA Emahiser met with Sheriff Fredrick Stevens (Sheriff Stevens). He advised that preliminary information indicated that deputies from his office along with a police officer from Bloomville PD were attempting to conduct a traffic stop with Jeffrey Sergent at the intersection of State Route 67 and Township Road 8 when the shooting occurred. Sheriff Stevens indicated that Sergent had a signed charge for his arrest relating to a domestic violence incident that took place on July 1st, 2026.

SA Hammond and SA Emahiser had an opportunity to briefly speak with [redacted] and [redacted] Sheriff Stevens indicated that [redacted] and [redacted] had fired their weapons during the incident. Both weapons had been collected at the scene by SCSO Administration and were later turned over to BCI Crime Scene Investigators. For additional information regarding this please refer to reports by SA Megan Roberts. Photographs of both deputies were taken by Det. Misty Wheeler at the scene and later provided to SA Hammond via email. These photographs were later uploaded to the Axon Justice case file as part of Reference Item I.

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[redacted] and [redacted] were represented by Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Attorney Yvonne A. Wojtas. They requested to make a statement at a later time. SA Emahiser provided them with Marsy's Law packets for their review.

SA Hammond and SA Emahiser also briefly spoke with [redacted] and Bloomville Officer Kevin Scherley (Ofc. Scherley). All indicated that they had not fired their weapons during the incident and wished to speak with BCI Investigators at later time. SA Hammond photographed [redacted] and Ofc. Scherley at the SCSO.

SA Hammond and SA Emahiser then responded to the crime scene arriving at 1420 hours. BCI Investigators assisting from the Force Investigation unit included: Special Agent SA Douglas Burke, SA John Tingley and SA Joshua Welty.

A search warrant for the subject vehicle was obtained by the SCSO. The crime scene was examined, photographed, digitally scanned and processed for evidence by SA Megan Roberts and Crime Scene Technician Emily Miller. The photographs and scanner data taken by CSU were uploaded to the Axon Justice case file as part of Reference Item B and Reference Item C.

Special Agents conducted a neighborhood canvas, interviewed potential witnesses and interviewed the wife of Sergent. For additional information please refer to the individual reports by SA Burke and SA Welty.

At the conclusion of the scene examination, all items of evidence were retained by the BCI Crime Scene Unit. They were transported to the Bowling Green Office of BCI. The subject vehicle was towed to the SCSO to be held until such time as it could be examined by the BCI Crime Scene Unit. SA Hammond attended the autopsy of Jeffrey Sergent at the Lucas County Coroner's Office on July 8th.

Copies of the documents collected and distributed during the initial response are attached to this report.

References:

Reference Item B – Crime Scene Photographs
Reference Item C – Scanner Data
Reference Items I – Involved Officer Photographs

Attachments:

1. Truck Search Warrant

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2. Evidence Receipt of Scene 1
3. Evidence from (CST) Emily Miller
4. (Jeffrey) Sergent_DV_Charges
5. [redacted] Victim's Rights Packet
6. [redacted] Victim's Rights Packet

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IN THE COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT
STATE OF OHIO

SEARCH WARRANT

STATE OF OHIO)
SS:
SENECA COUNTY)
Misty L. Wheeler

TO THE Misty L. Wheeler

and/or any other Law Enforcement Officer thereof, **GREETINGS:**

Where there has been filed with me an Affidavit, of which the following is a copy attached and made a part hereof just as fully as if rewritten hereon.

These are, therefore, to command you in the name of the State of Ohio, with the necessary and proper assistance, to enter within three days, (in the ***Day*** time), ***a 2000 GMC, black in color with a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 1GTCS14W6Y8119003. The registered owner being Jeffrey R. Sergent II, 16 North Marion St, Bloomville, Seneca County, Ohio, 44818. The vehicle is currently located on East Township Road 8 just East of South State Route 67, Republic, Seneca County, Ohio 44867.***

County of **Seneca**, and State of Ohio, and there diligently search for the said goods and chattels, or articles, to-wit ***Any illegally possessed drugs or controlled substances, papers, documents, receipts, shoes, clothing, electronic devices, cell phones, firearms, weapons, any biological fluid standards, blood, saliva, hairs, clothing, "spent/empty" shell casings, bullets, lead slugs, copper slugs, ammunition, shirts, pants & other items capable of containing trace evidence. Any other items or instrumentalities used to facilitate the crime of ATTEMPTED MURDER and/or Felony Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Any weapons, implements, articles or property used as a means of the commission of ATTEMPTED MURDER and/or Felony Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Any other items or instrumentalities used to facilitate ATTEMPTED MURDER and/or Felony Assault with a Deadly Weapon and/or the crimes under investigation.***
and that you bring the same or any part thereof found on such search before me to be disposed of and dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand on July 7, 2026

Electronically Signed
Damon D. Alt
2026-07-07 2:22 pm EDT

Judge of said Court

RETURN

On _____, I searched for the personal property described in the within Warrant at the place therein mentioned and found the following: _____

_____

_____
Officer

AFFIDAVIT AND JOURNAL ENTRY FOR SEARCH WARRANT
IN THE SENECA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT

In the Matter of the Search of: **AFFIDAVIT**

Case No. _____

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with a Vehicle Identification Number
(VIN): 1GTCS14W6Y8119003.
The registered owner being Jeffrey R. Sergent II,
16 North Marion St, Bloomville, Ohio, 44818.
The vehicle is currently located on East Tr 8 just East
of South SR 67, Republic, Seneca County, Ohio 44867.

STATE OF OHIO, SENECA COUNTY, SS:

Before me, the undersigned Judge of said Seneca County Common Pleas Court

_____, personally appeared Misty L. Wheeler who, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she has good cause to believe and does believe that the offense of ***Attempt to Commit a Crime - O.R.C. 2923.02 (A), Murder – ORC 2903.02 (A), Felonious Assault ORC 2903.11 (A)(2)*** has been committed and that the persons responsible have never been placed in jeopardy thereof; that the following things and/or persons for which search authorization is sought, and if found seized, to wit: ***Any illegally possessed drugs or controlled substances, papers, documents, receipts, shoes, clothing, electronic devices, cell phones, firearms, weapons, any biological fluid standards, blood, saliva, hairs, clothing, "spent/empty" shell casings, bullets, lead slugs, copper slugs, ammunition, shirts, pants & other items capable of containing trace evidence. Any other items or instrumentalities used to facilitate the crime of ATTEMPTED MURDER and/or Felony Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Any weapons, implements, articles or property used as a means of the commission of ATTEMPTED MURDER and/or Felony Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Any other items or instrumentalities used to facilitate ATTEMPTED MURDER and/or Felony Assault with a Deadly Weapon and/or the crimes under investigation.***

is/are concealed in ***a 2000 GMC, black in color with a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 1GTCS14W6Y8119003. The registered owner being Jeffrey R. Sergent II, 16 North Marion St, Bloomville, Ohio, 44818. The vehicle is currently located on East Township Road 8 just East of South State Route 67, Republic, Seneca County, Ohio 44867.***

Affiant further avers the facts upon which such belief is based are:

See Exhibit A to be included here in as if rewritten fully here on.

Electronically Signed
Detective Misty Wheeler
2026-07-07 2:13 pm EDT
Affiant

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence on July 7, 2026

Electronically Signed
Damon D. Alt
2026-07-07 2:22 pm EDT
Judge

JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came on for consideration on July 7, 2026 on the affidavit of Misty L. Wheeler for a search warrant and the evidence, and it appears to the Court that there is probable cause for a search warrant to be issued based upon the above affidavit and other evidence provided.

Electronically Signed
Damon D. Alt
2026-07-07 2:22 pm EDT
Judge

EXHIBIT A

STATE OF OHIO)
SENECA COUNTY) SS:

I, Detective Misty L. Wheeler, being first duly sworn according to law, say and depose that I am an Ohio Peace Officer employed by the Seneca County Sheriff's Office as a Detective and have been so employed since April 12, 2015. I have been a Law Enforcement Officer since April 12, 2015. I was assigned to the Enforcement Division for approximately 5 (five) years. I have been assigned to the Detective Division of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office since June 16, 2022, and my duties and responsibilities require that I investigate all types of offenses, including felonious assaults and attempted murder cases.

I attended Tiffin University, where I graduated in 2014 with a degree in Criminal Justice. While attending Tiffin University, I completed an internship with the Seneca County METRICH Drug Task Force. During my internship I gained experience in the process of planning and executing search warrants. I also gained knowledge in evidence collection and preservation. After graduating from Tiffin University, I attended the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy at Terra State Community College. During my employment at the Seneca County Sheriff's Office, I have had the opportunity to attend various Law Enforcement continued education courses. Some notable courses that I have attended include Sexual Assault Investigation, Death Investigation, Basic Incident Response to Digital Evidence (BIRDE), Casting the Digital Footprint, Direct and Circumstantial Evidence, Drafting Search Warrants, Search Warrant Preparation, Evidence Collection Procedures, Preserving Cellphone Evidence, Social Media Precautions, Testifying in Court, Advanced Interview and Interrogation, and Advanced Search and Seizure.

I have been working as a Sheriff's Deputy and Detective during my employment; I am responsible for the investigation of Misdemeanor and Felony offenses that occur during my daily duties. I have been involved with investigations that have resulted in the confiscation of property and information that have led to the arrest and convictions of the persons involved.

Furthermore, while being employed as a Detective with the Seneca County Sheriff's Office, Seneca County, Ohio, the following facts and information became known to me:

1. On July 7, 2026, [redacted] with the Seneca County Sheriff's Office was contacted by Officer Scherley with Bloomville Police Department. Officer Scherley advised that he was following a vehicle owned by Jeffrey Sergent. Officer Scherley had prior notice that the Sheriff's Office had a Felony Domestic Violence charge for Jeffrey Sergent.

2. Officer Scherley advised [redacted] that he was able to positively identify Jeffrey Sergent as the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle. Officer Scherley had radio transmissions of his continued location while he was following behind Jeffrey Sergent.

3. As [redacted] was approaching the intersection of East Township Road 8 and South State Route 67, he observed the vehicle being operated by Jeffrey Sergent approaching the same intersection with Officer Scherley following behind the vehicle in his cruiser. It should be noted that [redacted] observed Jeffrey Sergent and Officer Scherley traveling Westbound on Township Road 8. Officer Scherley and [redacted] then conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of East Township Road 8 and South State Route 67.

4. [redacted] advised that he positioned his cruiser in front of Jeffrey Sergent's vehicle. [redacted] advised that this was due to having knowledge of Jeffrey fleeing and eluding Law Enforcement in the past [redacted] advised that he exited his cruiser and began giving verbal commands to Jeffrey Sergent over the PA system.

5. [redacted] advised that Jeffrey was ordered to turn off the vehicle, put both of his hands outside of the vehicle, open the door to the vehicle from the outside of the vehicle, and exit the vehicle. Jeffrey refused to comply with orders. [redacted] and Officer Scherley then continued to give verbal commands to Jeffrey Sergent in which he did not comply. [redacted] and Officer Scherley both advised Jeffrey Sergent that he had a warrant for his arrest.

6. [redacted] and [redacted] then arrived on scene. According t[redacted] Jeffrey Sergent continued to not comply with orders. [redacted] advised that Jeffrey Sergent refused to shut the engine off or exit the vehicle while shouting.

7. [redacted] stated that [redacted] then arrived on scene. [redacted] had [redacted] position his cruiser in the intersection to prevent Jeffrey Sergent from fleeing the scene. [redacted] stated that he attempted to gain access to the truck from the passenger door. [redacted] explained that the passenger door was locked and the window was in the up position.

8. [redacted] explained tha[redacted] approached the driver's side door and gave verbal commands for Jeffrey Sergent to roll the window down or he would be forced to break the window. Jeffrey Sergent refused to comply, and [redacted] utilized a window punch tool to break the driver's side window.

9. [redacted] explained that once the window was broken, he observed Jeffrey put his vehicle in gear and drive forward at a high rate of speed. [redacted] advised that Jeffrey Sergeant struck [redacted] cruiser. After striking [redacted] crusier, Jeffrey Sergeant then drove his vehicle in reverse at a high rate of speed in the direction of Officer Scherley's vehicle. [redacted] advised that Jeffery then struck a guardrail.

10. [redacted] then observed [redacted] and [redacted] fire rounds into Jeffery Sergent's vehicle with their duty firearms. [redacted] advised that once Jeffery Sergent's vehicle came to a stop, he didn't observe Jeffrey Sergent moving. [redacted] advised that he and [redacted] both checked Jeffrey Sergent for a pulse and were unable to find a pulse.

11. [redacted] advised that after shots were fired, he radioed Dispatch to advise that shots were fired and that EMS was needed. Seneca County EMS Squad 401 responded to the scene and checked for signs of life. Jeffrey Sergent was pronounced dead at the scene.

12. According to OHLEG/LEADS, Jeffrey R. Sergent II, 16 North Marion Street, Bloomville, State of Ohio, DOB: 03/05/1983, 43 YOA, SSN: [redacted]

13. Through this affiant's experience & training, I have investigated offenses of violence. I have seen through my experience and through these investigations that suspects that are involved in this type of act of violence, trace evidence is likely to be found on or around the location where the alleged crime was committed. This type of evidence could be located on the interior of the vehicle that was involved in the shooting or on clothing that may be located inside of the vehicle.

14. The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to respond to the scene. After BCI arrived on scene at approximately 12:49 PM, I was advised that they would need assistance with obtaining a search warrant for the vehicle.

15. During my employment at the Seneca County Sheriff's Office, I have investigated numerous cases involving offenses of violence. At this time, based on the above affadavit and information, I am requesting a search warrant for: ***a 2000 GMC, black in color with a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 1GTCS14W6Y8119003. The registered owner being Jeffrey R. Sergent II, 16 North Marion St,***

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Electronically Signed
Detective Misty Wheeler
2026-07-07 2:13 pm EDT

Misty L. Wheeler
Seneca County Sheriff's Office

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence on July 7, 2026

Electronically Signed
Damon D. Alt
2026-07-07 2:22 pm EDT

Judge

Evidence Receipt for Case #: 2026-2566

Agency:
Prepared By:
Case Date: Jul 7, 2026
Offense(s): Officer Involved Critical Incident
Victim(s):
Witness(es):
Suspect(s):
Scene #: 2
Scene Address: 3040 S. State Route 100, 44883

Evidence #	Item Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
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2	Envelope containing Electronic Media -- Storage card for dash cam	GMC Truck:	Emily Miller	Jul 9, 2026
3	Envelope containing Fired bullet -- Fired bullet from ballistic Impact 6.0	GMC Truck:	Emily Miller	Jul 9, 2026
4	Envelope containing Swab -- Swab from vehicle hood	GMC Truck:	Emily Miller	Jul 9, 2026
5	Envelope containing Fired bullet -- Recovered from ballistic impact 1.0	GMC Truck:	Emily Miller	Jul 9, 2026
6	Envelope containing Dash camera --	GMC Truck:	Emily Miller	Jul 9, 2026
7	Envelope containing Cell Phone -- Motorola; dark blue	GMC Truck:	Emily Miller	Jul 9, 2026
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Emily S Miller	BCI Property Room	7/9/26 1414

COMPLAINT

THE STATE OF OHIO

VS

SENECA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT
Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio 44883

Appearance Date

_____ m.

Case No.

Doc. _____ Page _____

Name: Jeffrey R Sergent II
Address: 16 N Marion Street
Bloomville, Ohio 44818
DOB: 03/05/1983, 43 **YOA, OLN:** [redacted]
HT: 6 '0 ", **WT:** 180 lbs. **,HR:** Brown
Eye: Brown, **Race:** White **Sex:** Male

Seneca SO - # 26-009272

Complainant, being duly sworn, states that **Jeffrey R Sergent II**, while at **16 N Marion Street** **Bloomville, Ohio 44818**, **Township of** **Bloom**, Seneca County, Ohio, on or about **July 1st**, **2026** did unlawfully & **Knowingly** **caused (or attempted to cause) physical harm to a family (or household) member, to wit: C.S in violation of Section 2919.25 of the Revised Code. C.S is married to Jeffrey Sergent II.**

(Probable Cause: **On July 4th, 2026, C.S contacted the Seneca County Sheriff's Office in regards to a domestic violence incident that occurred on July 1st, 2026. I arrived at the residence and spoke with C.S. C.S advised that her husband, Jeffrey Sergent II, had punched her on the left side of her head on July 1st after she attempted to use the Siri function on her phone to call 911. While at the residence C.S showed me the pictures of her injured from Jeffrey. The pictures showed the area around her ear was bruised and then caused a laceration behind her ear from the top of her ear to her ear lobe. The pictures also showed her left ear to be significantly larger than her right ear. While at the residence, I observed C.S left ear to be still larger than her right ear. I also observed the laceration was still visible from behind her left ear and the bruising around her left ear. C.S did not provide a written sworn statement, due to her not wanting to press any charges on Jeffrey. Jeffrey has been convicted of Domestic Violence in Sullivan County Tennessee Case #37343.**

in violation of section **2919.25 (A)(1)(a)** of the Ohio Revised Code, being a **Felony** of the **Fourth** degree, with a maximum possible penalty of $**5,000** and/or **18** **months**.

Complainant

Sworn to and subscribed before me by **Deputy C. Pergram** on this **7th** day of **July**, **2026**.

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF OHIO
ALYSSA TOBOLT
Notary Public
State of Ohio
My Comm. Expires
September 4, 2028

_____
Clerk, Seneca County Common Pleas Court

Alyssa Tobolt
☒ Notary Public, State of Ohio My Commission Expires on 9-4-28
☐ Peace Officer Authorized to administer oath pursuant to ORC 2935.081.

SUMMONS – SENECA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT

You are hereby ordered to appear in the Seneca County Common Pleas Court, 103 E. Market Street, Suite 301 & 401 Tiffin, Ohio (419-448-1302) on _____, **2026** at _ AM to answer to the above complaint. **Failure to appear may cause a warrant to be issued for your arrest.**

_____

WARRANT – SENECA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT

To: ___ Seneca County Sheriff / ___ Tiffin Police Department / or ___ and other Law Enforcement Officer: You are hereby ordered to arrest the defendant in the above complaint and bring him/her before this Court without unnecessary delay. Transmissions of this warrant by telegraph, teletype, facsimile copy or other means is approved.

_____
Judge, Clerk, Seneca County Common Pleas Court

RETURN OF SUMMONS/WARRANTS

To: I received this Summons / Warrant _____, _____, and executed it on _____, **2026**,

by: ☐ Personal Service ☐ Residence Service ☐ Arresting the Defendant ☐ Arresting & Issuing Summons ☐ Issuing Summons in lieu of Warrant

* I further certify that the fees required to execute this Summons / Warrant were:

_____ Service & Return _____ Other
_____ Mileage _____ Total

_____
Deputy Name