



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



2025-3711

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1363 State Route 534  
NW, Braceville Township, OH 44470, Trumbull County

**Investigative Activity:** Contact with Portage County Coroner's Office and  
Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office

**Involves:** John Peter Adams (S)

**Activity Date:** 11/14/2025

**Activity Location:** BCI – Richfield

**Authoring Agent:** SA Daniel P. Boerner #135

**Narrative:**

On Friday, November 14, 2025, at 2031hrs, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Dan Boerner (SA Boerner) received a phone call from Investigator Telsa Croop (Inv. Croop) from the Portage County Coroner's Office (PCCO) in regard to the shooting death of John Peter Adams (Adams). Inv. Croop stated that she was in the process of making arrangements to transport the body of Adams from UH Portage Medical Center (UHPMC) (6847 N. Chestnut St., Ravenna, Ohio 44266) to the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office (CCMEO) (11001 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44106) for an autopsy. Inv. Croop asked if SA Boerner was responding to UHPMC prior to Adams being transported. SA Boerner explained to Inv. Croop that no one from BCI intended on responding to UHPMC but would attend the autopsy at CCMEO. SA Boerner requested a copy of the Inv. Croop's report along with any photographs taken at UHPMC. SA Boerner subsequently received an email from Inv. Croop containing a copy of her report. A copy of the email and report was uploaded to Matrix and attached to this report.

On Friday, November 14, 2025, at 2343hrs, SA Boerner contacted the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office (216.721.5610), spoke with an investigator, and requested to view the autopsy (OU-2025-432) of Adams scheduled for Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 0900hrs. The investigator stated that the pathologist (Dr. Kaitlin Weaver, c8investigation@cuyahogacounty.gov) indicated that due to the number of autopsies scheduled for Saturday, that she may not allow anyone to observe the autopsy. The investigator indicated that she would contact SA Boerner in the morning with a definitive answer.

On Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 0700hrs, SA Boerner spoke with an investigator who confirmed that Dr. Weaver would not allow anyone to observe the autopsy of Adams. Additionally, a copy of any Body Worn Camera (BWC) was requested by Dr. Weaver.

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On Saturday, November 15, at 0711hrs, SA Boerner spoke with Portage County Coroner's Office Chief Investigator, Bob Wain (Chief Wain, 330.221.7663), who stated that he was in the process of notifying next of kin. At 1019hrs, Chief Wain reported that notification was made and that Adams' brother-in-law (Eric Vasbinder, [REDACTED]) received video of the incident. Vasbinder's information was forwarded to SA Lamping for further follow-up.

On Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 1553hrs, SA Boerner received fifteen (15) photographs from Inv. Croop via the Community Request function in Axon Justice. The photographs were uploaded to Axon Justice (Reference Folder I - Portage County Coroner Photographs). See the photographs in Axon Justice for further.

On Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 1337hrs, SA Boerner emailed a shortened version of the BWC to both PCCO and CCMEQ via Kiteworks. A copy of the shortened BWC was uploaded to Axon Justice (Recording 2025-11-19 130734.mp4). See the recording in Axon Justice for further.

**References:**

Reference Folder I - Portage County Coroner Photographs in Axon Justice

**Attachments:**

1. PORTAGE COUNTY CORONER RE John Adams (Email)
2. PCCO Invest Report - John Adams

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**From:** Telsa Croop [tcroop@portageco.com]  
**To:** Daniel Boerner [Daniel.Boerner@OhioAGO.gov]  
**Subject:** PORTAGE COUNTY CORONER RE John Adams  
**Sent:** Fri 11/14/2025 10:32 PM GMT-05:00  
**Importance:** Normal

You don't often get email from tcroop@portageco.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Hi there, Chief Investigator Bob Wain plans to watch the autopsy tomorrow, if you would like to give him a call in the morning, his personal cell phone is [REDACTED]  
Let me know if you have any questions! Thanks

Telsa Croop, Coroner Investigator

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Dean DePerro, M.D., Coroner

## REQUEST FOR AUTOPSY

The Portage County Coroner's Office hereby requests and authorizes an autopsy be performed upon the body of the decedent named below for the purpose of determining the cause and manner of death. A report of all findings resulting therefrom is to be made to the Coroner's Office as promptly as possible.

Decedent: John P. Adams

Person(s) Authorizing: Telsa Croop  
Investigator

Date of Birth: 5-2-69

Special Instructions:

Autopsy + Toxicology

Limitations/Restrictions:

Authorized by: Telsa Croop

Date Authorized: 11-14-25

Signature of Person Authorizing Autopsy:

Telsa Croop