



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



2025-3447
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1642 Cherry Ln., Findlay,
OH 45840, Hancock County

Investigative Activity: Case Opening
Involves: Findlay Police Department (O), Robert C. Norton (S),
[REDACTED] (S), [REDACTED] (S)
Activity Date: 10/22/2025
Activity Location: 1642 Cherry Lane, Findlay, Ohio 45840
Authoring Agent: SA Douglas Burke #162

Narrative:

On Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at approximately 1432 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Chief James Mathias of the Findlay Police Department (FPD) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident which occurred in the area of 1642 Cherry Lane, Findlay, OH, Hancock County, 45840.

BCI Special Agent (SA) Douglas Burke (Burke) responded to assist, arriving at approximately 1530 hours. The following BCI Agents also responded to assist: Lead Special Agents (LSA) Ryan Emahiser (Emahiser), LSA Joe Goudy (Goudy), SA Josh Rammel (Rammel), and SA John Tingley (Tingley). Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence. Crime Scene Special Agent (CSSA) Dave Hammond (Hammond), and Crime Scene Technician (CST) Emily Miller (Miller) responded to the scene.

The shooting incident involved a subject, Robert Norton (Norton), and two (2) officers from the FPD. The incident resulted in the death of Norton.

SA Rammel and SA Tingley conducted the initial neighborhood canvass by speaking with neighbors/witnesses in the area of 1642 Cherry Lane, which is a residential area located within the City of Findlay, OH, Hancock County. The shooting incident took place just inside the front door of the Norton house.

After conducting an initial scene view, SA Burke responded FPD to make initial contact with the FPD Officers involved.

A copy of the request for assistance letter is attached to this investigative report.

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References:

None

Attachments:

1. Letter of Request from Findlay PD

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Ref: RFA request letter for assistance in Officer Involved Shooting

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost,

I am requesting the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations for an Officer Involved Shooting that occurred on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 1642 Cherry Lane in the City of Findlay, OH. Our Case number is [REDACTED]

Thank you sir,



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