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:	Processing of Vehicles
Involves:	Seneca County Sheriff's Office
Activity Date:	07/09/2026
Activity Location:	3040 S. State Route 100, Tiffin, Ohio
Authoring Agent:	Crime Scene Technician Emily Miller

Narrative:

On July 7, 2026, the Seneca County Sheriff's Office was involved in Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI). The sheriff's office requested assistance from the Force Investigations Unit and the Crime Scene Unit for the investigation. Two (2) vehicles involved in the OICI, the police cruiser 74 [redacted] and a GMC truck, exhibited substantial damage. The vehicles were positioned bumper to bumper at the scene. The cruiser had significant deformation to the front push bumper and surrounding components, while the truck showed damage to the front passenger side. The vehicles were towed to a secure location on July 7, 2026, where they would be processed at a later date.

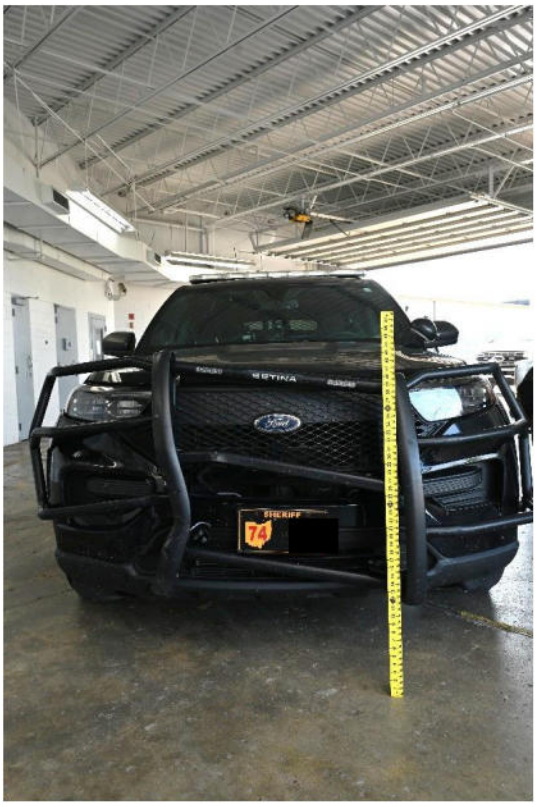
On July 9, 2026, at approximately 0930 hours, Crime Scene Technician Miller (CST Miller) and Special Agent Roberts (SA Roberts) arrived at 3040 S. State Route 100 in Tiffin, Ohio, at the Seneca County Sheriff's Office. Detective Wheeler was present. Both vehicles were in a secured garage monitored by a surveillance camera and were cordoned off with crime scene tape. The vehicles were both photographed as found.

An RTC360 scanner was utilized to document and measure the exterior of the vehicles. The scans of the vehicles were uploaded into Axon.

Police Cruiser 74-[redacted]

Make: Ford	**Model:** Police Interceptor	**Registration:** 74 [redacted]
VIN: 1FM5K8AW2MNA02080	**Color:** Black	

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The exterior of the vehicle was examined. The damage was concentrated on the passenger side of the push bumper and extended across the front structure, with multiple bars bent inward, upward, and rearward. The driver side portion of the push bumper remained relatively straight compared to the passenger side, with no significant visible damage.

The front passenger side push bumper of the vehicle exhibited significant damage. The vertical and horizontal bars on the passenger side portion of the bumper were bent inward toward the front grille. The horizontal bars were displaced and were positioned upward towards the hood of the vehicle and sitting higher than the driver's side. The front hood height varied by approximately three inches from the driver side to the passenger side.

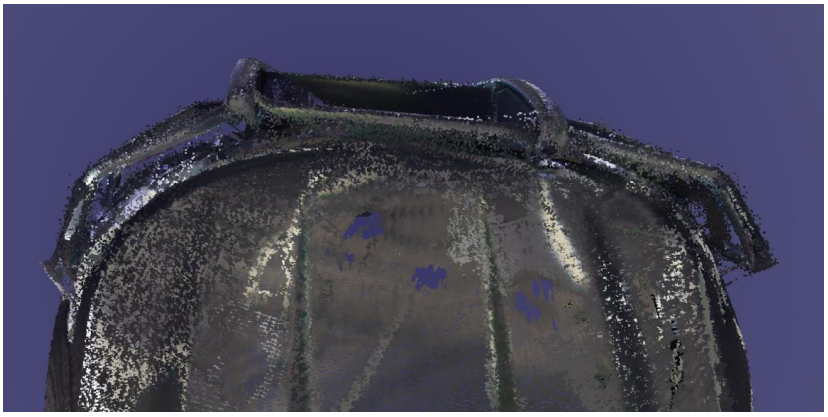
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Passenger side of vehicle



Driver side of vehicle



Damage to front of cruiser collected by scanner

No items were retained from the vehicle.

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Black Truck

Make: GMC	**Model:** Sonoma	**Registration:** KWX 2981
VIN: 1GTCS14W6Y8119003	**Color:** Black	

A search warrant was previously provided to SA Roberts on July 8, 2026, to examine the vehicle and was uploaded to Matrix.



The black GMC truck exhibited visible damage concentrated on the passenger side bumper. The front bumper was heavily deformed, with the passenger side portion pushed inward and upward. The grille appeared misaligned, with the GMC emblem intact but surrounded by displaced grille components.

The passenger side headlight showed visible damage, including a cracked headlamp. The front bumper contained multiple dents and creases, particularly concentrated on the passenger side where the metal appeared crumpled.

The glass was missing from the driver and passenger side door. Damage to the front windshield was consistent with potential ballistic impacts. Additional multiple apparent ballistic impacts were present on the vehicle's body.

The rear tailgate of the vehicle had multiple scratches, paint loss and a portion of the tailgate dented inward. Distortion was present along the rear bumper, particularly near the passenger side corner.

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Rust was present leaving an opening exposing the interior structural components of the truck. Scratches and paint loss were present in multiple sections throughout the vehicle.

The interior of the vehicle was in disarray. Apparent broken glass shards were scattered throughout the interior cab of the truck. Red-brown stains were present on the steering wheel, dashboard, interior windshield, driver seat and center console. The stains varied in concentration and size. This is the area where the deceased, Jeffrey Sergent, was located.

Various loose items and debris were present throughout the cabin, including electronic components, wiring, numerous batteries, and food.

Two (2) Motorola cell phones were located in the center armrest. One (1) was dark blue and found powered on **(BCI Item # 7).** The second device was blue in color and found powered off **(BCI Item # 8)**. Each phone was placed into separate plastic bags and retained as evidence.

A dash camera was located on the interior front windshield on the driver's side. An SD card was present inside the camera. The SD card and camera were placed into separate manila envelopes, sealed with clear tape, and retained as **BCI Items 2 & 6**.



Three (3) folding knives were present in the vehicle. One (1) knife was found inside the pocket of the driver side door, the additional two (2) were found on the floor between the driver and passenger seats. All three (3) knives were placed into one manila envelope, sealed with clear tape, and retained as **BCI Item # 1**.

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The exterior of the vehicle was examined. The exterior surface of the vehicle was covered in a light layer of dust and debris. The front of the hood was dusted with sterile powder for latent prints, as body camera footage indicated an officer may have touched this area during the altercation. Partial prints and areas of disturbance in the dust were observed. The prints were documented through scaled photography. The prints and disturbed areas (presumed to be from the palm/hand) were swabbed with one (1) swab utilizing stain extraction buffer. The swab was placed into a manila envelope, sealed with clear tape, and retained as **BCI Item #4**.



Prints located on hood of vehicle

Multiple ballistic impacts were present. These areas were concentrated to the passenger side door, hood, front windshield, and driver side mirror. Each ballistic impact was photographed, documented, and labeled with an adhesive scale.

Ballistic Impact (BI) 1.0: This ballistic impact was located on the rear door frame of the passenger side door where the passenger door closes to meet the body of the vehicle. It was located approximately 2'8" above the bottom edge of the vehicle and 8' from the front of the vehicle.

The impact was irregular in shape. The metal of the vehicle pushed inwards. This indicates the bullet traveled from the exterior of the vehicle towards the interior. A corresponding impact was located. The flight path of the bullet perforated the rear frame of the passenger door and penetrated the passenger side pillar frame. A bullet was recovered **(BCI Item # 5)**.

A trajectory rod was inserted into ballistic impact 1.0 and trajectory measurements were completed by SA Roberts with MAP360 software. Please refer to the attached report for results.

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Ballistic Impact (BI) 2.0: This ballistic impact was located on the front windshield. It was located approximately 3' from the driver side of the vehicle and 1'5" from the roof of the vehicle.

The impact appeared oval in shape and had radial fractures. Conchoidal glass fragmentation was present on the interior of the laminate glass creating a beveled edge; giving the directionality of the bullet coming from the outside of the vehicle to inside of the vehicle. A corresponding impact was located on the radio manifold located on interior dash between the driver and passenger side. The flight path of the bullet perforated the windshield then perforated the top of the radio manifold (located on the interior of the vehicle).

A trajectory rod was inserted into BI 2.0 with the aid of a centering cone. Trajectory measurements were completed by SA Roberts with MAP 360 software. Please refer to the attached report for the results. A bullet was not recovered.

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Ballistic Impact 2.0

Ballistic Impact (BI) 3.0: This ballistic impact was located on the front windshield. It was approximately 2'5" from the driver side of the vehicle and 1'6" from the roof of the vehicle.

The impact was irregular in shape. Conchoidal glass fragmentation was observed on the interior surface of the laminate glass creating a beveled edge indicating the fired bullet came from the outside of the vehicle to the inside of the vehicle. A lead splash was present on the exterior of the windshield. The directionality of the lead splash extended from the ballistic impact toward the roof of the vehicle on the driver's side. No corresponding impacts were located. A trajectory rod was unable to be utilized. No bullet was recovered.

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Lead Splash present on BI 3.0

Ballistic Impact (BI) 4.0: Ballistic impact 4.0 was located on the hood of the vehicle. The impact was located approximately 1'5" from the top edge of the vehicle's hood and approximately 2'3" from the driver side edge of the vehicle.

The impact was elliptical in shape, with a distinct lead-in edge on the bottom edge (front of the vehicle) and boat waves, indicating directionality from the front toward the back of the vehicle. Corresponding impacts were unable to be located. Due to the damage to the vehicle, the hood was unable to be fully released for further examination. A bullet was not recovered.

A trajectory rod was inserted into BI 4.0. Trajectory measurements were completed by SA Roberts with MAP 360 software. Please refer to the attached report for the results.

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Ballistic Impact (BI) 5.0: This ballistic impact was located on the front windshield. It was approximately 1' from the driver side of the vehicle and 1'4" from the roof of the vehicle.

The impact was symmetrical in shape and had radial fractures. Conchoidal glass fragmentation was present on the interior of the laminate glass creating a beveled edge, giving the directionality of the bullet coming from the outside of the vehicle to the inside. No corresponding impacts were located. A trajectory rod was unable to be utilized. A bullet was not recovered.

Ballistic Impact (BI) 6.0: Ballistic impact 6.0 was located on the driver side mirror. It was approximately 3" from the driver side of the vehicle and 3" from the top edge of the mirror.

Damage was observed on the backside of the plastic mirror housing. The fired bullet perforated the plastic and penetrated the framing of the mirror housing. A fired bullet was located in this area. The bullet was placed into a manila envelope, sealed with clear tape, and retained as **BCI Item #3**.

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A copy of the warrant and inventory receipt were placed into the vehicle. Investigators cleared the scene at approximately 1300 hours.

The evidence was taken to the Bowling Green BCI office and secured in the property room.

All photographs were uploaded to Axon and will serve as the master images.

References: Reference Item B – Crime Scene Photographs -Vehicle Processing – uploaded into Axon.com

Reference Item C – Scan Data

07-26-07: Crime Scene Examination

Attachments: Trajectory Report

Evidence Receipt – Scene 2

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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

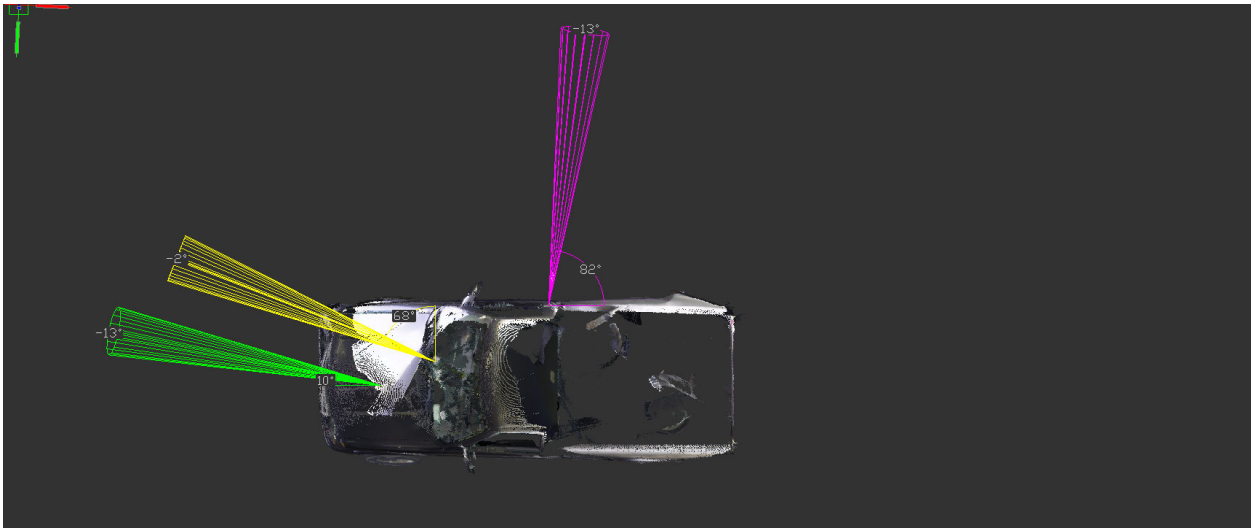
Evidence #	Item Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
30	Envelope containing Knife (Weapon) -- Quantity: 3; Brand: MILWAUKEE; red folding knives	GMC Truck:	Emily Miller	Jul 9, 2026
31	Envelope containing Electronic Media -- Storage card for dash cam	GMC Truck:	Emily Miller	Jul 9, 2026
32	Envelope containing Fired bullet -- Fired bullet from ballistic Impact 6.0	GMC Truck:	Emily Miller	Jul 9, 2026
33	Envelope containing Swab -- Swab from vehicle hood	GMC Truck:	Emily Miller	Jul 9, 2026
34	Envelope containing Fired bullet -- Recovered from ballistic impact 1.0	GMC Truck:	Emily Miller	Jul 9, 2026
35	Envelope containing Dash camera --	GMC Truck:	Emily Miller	Jul 9, 2026
36	Envelope containing Cell Phone -- Motorola; dark blue	GMC Truck:	Emily Miller	Jul 9, 2026
37	Envelope containing Cell Phone -- Motorola; blue	GMC Truck:	Emily Miller	Jul 9, 2026

Released By	Released To	Date/Time
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Emily S Miller	BCI Property Room	7/9/26 1414

Bullet Path Reconstruction

File Number: 2026-2566
Incident Date: 07/08/2026
Location: Seneca County

Report Date: Jul 10, 2026
Analyst: S/A M. Roberts



passenger roofline					
Trajectory Name	Description	Horizontal Angle	Vertical Angle	Tolerance	Attachments
B.I. 1.0	Passenger side door	82°	-13°	5.0°	
B.I. 4.0	Hood	10°	-13°	5.0°	
windshield roofline					
Trajectory Name	Description	Horizontal Angle	Vertical Angle	Tolerance	Attachments
B.I. 2.0	windshield	68°	-2°	5.0°	

Analyst Notes
vehicle was moving during shooting. Data is used only for documentation of angles.