



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



2026-0240  
 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4800 Duvall Rd., Lot  
 303, Ashville, OH 43103 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Typed Statement Received  
**Involves:** [REDACTED]  
**Activity Date:** 02/17/2026  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Joshua Welty, #173

**Narrative:**

On Friday, February 13, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joshua Welty (SA Welty) received a typed statement by email from Attorney Kaitlyn Stephens on behalf of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Prior to receiving the statement, SA Welty was made aware by the legal representatives of [REDACTED], Attorneys Mark Collins and Kaitlyn Stephen, they would provide a statement and entertain written follow-up questions.

**Preliminary and Demographic Information:**

<b>Name:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Rank:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Badge Number:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Cruiser/Vehicle Number:</b> Unknown
<b>Radio Call Sign:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Immediate Supervisor:</b> N/A
<b>Radio Channel Utilized:</b> Pickaway County	<b>Mobile Data Terminal:</b> Present
<b>Cruiser Description:</b> 2024 Ford F-150 truck with Ashville Police markings	<b>Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions:</b> [REDACTED] (Driver), [REDACTED] (Front Passenger)
<b>Assignment:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Normal Shift:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>In-Car Camera:</b> Not Present	<b>Spotlight:</b> Present
<b>Emergency Lights:</b> Present & Utilized	<b>Siren:</b> Present & Utilized
<b>Shift Day of Incident:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Duty Status:</b> On-Duty
<b>Days Off:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours:</b> None
<b>Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident:</b> Unknown	<b>Consider Self Well Rested?:</b> Yes
<b>Total Length as Officer:</b> Started service as a peace officer on [REDACTED]	<b>Length at Current Agency:</b> Started with Ashville P.D on [REDACTED]
<b>Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid):</b> None	<b>Corrective Lenses:</b> Glasses
<b>Uniform Worn:</b> Blue shirt, blue pants, black boots, blue hat with "Ashville Police"	<b>Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest:</b> ASP Baton

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stitching, gold-plated badge	Taser, handcuffs, radio
<b>Ballistic Vest: Concealed Armor</b>	<b>Body Worn Camera: Present &amp; Used</b>
<b>Other Recording Devices: None</b>	<b>Partner:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Injuries: Unknown</b>	<b>Equipment Damage: Unknown</b>
<b>Training or Areas of Specialty: N/A</b>	<b>OPOTC Certification: Hocking College</b> [REDACTED], Certificate date of [REDACTED]
<b>Military Experience/Training: Unknown</b>	<b>Use-of-Force Training: January 2025</b>
<b>Prior Shooting Incidents: None</b>	<b>Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints: None</b>
<b>Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident: None</b>	<b>Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview: N/A</b>
<b>Alcohol in Past 24 Hours? No</b>	<b>Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident: N/A</b>

**Officer's Uniform:**



(Figures 1-4: [REDACTED] uniform worn during the OICI. (HVR\_0008 - HVR\_0011.JPG))

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**Officer's Firearm(s):**

Weapon #1 (Figure 5)

<b>Make:</b> Glock	<b>Model:</b> 45
<b>Caliber/Gauge:</b> 9 mm	<b>Serial:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Type:</b> Semi-Auto Handgun	<b>Method of Carry:</b> Duty belt
<b>Magazine Capacity:</b> 17	<b>Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber):</b> Unknown
<b>Extra Magazines:</b> 2	<b>Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines:</b> 1 - 17, 2 - 17
<b>Discharged During Incident?</b> Yes	<b>Primary or Backup Weapon:</b> Primary
<b>Rounds Remaining After Incident:</b> 14	<b>Number of Rounds Fired:</b> 3 (estimated)
<b>Right/Left-Handed Carry:</b> Right-Handed	<b>Ownership:</b> Department Owned
<b>Last Qualification Date:</b> May 19, 2025	<b>Type of Holster, if any:</b> Retention



(Figure 5: [REDACTED]'s service weapon discharged during the OICI. (HVR\_0018.JPG))

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**Typed Statement:**

*"While [REDACTED] and I was at the Ashville Municipal Building preparing to have a meeting, I heard the dispatcher send a couple of Deputies to 4800 Duvall Rd. but wasn't sure of the nature of the call. It seemed like several minutes had passed then the dispatcher marked me by my unit number, [REDACTED] and requested that I assist them at 4800 Duvall Rd lot 303 on a situation and the female had the male outside of the residence."*

*"While I was heading north on Lockbourne Eastern in the area of St. Paul Rd. the dispatcher advised there was gunshots coming from the neighbor's house. I took this to mean the encounter was escalating to violent and dangerous. [REDACTED] activated the overhead lights and sirens so I could pay attention to the traffic that was in front of me. [...] I entered the trailer park from the west entrance and made my way straight to the intersection in front of lot 303."*

*"There was a male standing at this intersection and said the shots came from the trailer to the left of 303. [REDACTED] and I ran to this trailer when I looked back and saw a white male standing on the porch of lot 303. I advised [REDACTED] of the male at lot 303 and we ran toward lot 303 when I saw the male had a silver in color handgun in his right hand and a phone in his left hand. I took cover behind a three and unholstered my handgun and pointed it at the male gave verbal commands for the male to drop the gun."*

*"At this time, I wasn't sure if this was the male that shot from the trailer to the left or not but due to the information I was given about a shooting and this male having a gun in his hand I assumed it was the same person and was at the trailer where we were first dispatched to for the assistance call. I was concerned for the safety for the individual or individuals inside the trailer and for our own safety with this male having a handgun in his hand."*

*"I continued to give verbal commands for the male to drop his gun and even begged him to drop his gun so we could talk when I noticed a Deputy arrive and take cover at the corner of the trailer. At some point the Deputy asked his name and he said he name was Chase. I continued to have the conversation with Chase and continued to asked Chase to drop the gun and to give us a chance to help fix whatever this issue was. Chase looked up at me and said Should I have you shoot me or should I shoot myself, or something to that effect. I told Chase we didn't have to do this. Chase talked to at least four of us asking which would be the one to shoot him. Chase did request*

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*that we shoot him in the head if we did so it would be over fast. I begged Chase to just throw the gun down and give us a chance to help him fix this."*

*"I did hear a voice that appeared to be Fire Chief Shawn Davidson said over the radio that a male was running back to our location. Later I did hear a male yelling from behind where I was standing and then heard Sheriff Haffey behind me trying to get the male to move back. I looked back to make sure I wasn't going to get attacked from behind and saw that Sheriff Haffey had the male."*

*"When I turned back around to Chase, I saw Chase raise his right arm and present the gun then shot at me. Out of fear for my life and sheriff Haffey's life, who I knew was behind me, and others that were outside near me, I have no alternative but to immediately shoot at Chase to defend myself and others. I shot at Chase two times in the chest area and saw no movement so I shot one more time and that's when I noticed Chase fell off the porch. I shot unit he was no longer an active threat pointing or shooting a gun at me, based on my training. I ran up to Chase who was laying on the ground and I moved the silver handgun away and stood between Chase and the gun so he could not get to it, while another officer started placing Chase in handcuffs and also started applying first aid. Again, this was based on my training."*

██████████ wrote, *"I have never had any contact with Chase that I am aware of prior to this incident. I have backed the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office at this location but I do not recall Chase ever being at this location during those prior call."*

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all information contained in the written statement. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information. It is suggested that the full written statement be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information.

The typed statement was attached to this report. Please see the attachment and reference (Evidence.com) for further details.

**References:**

Reference Item C: Scene 2- Involved Officers (Evidence.com)

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 1: ██████████ Statement to BCI

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**STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] – BADGE NO. [REDACTED]**

This statement is regarding my involvement in an incident that occurred on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, in Pickaway County, Ohio, when I was at the Village of Ashville Administration Building, 200 E. Station St., Ashville, Ohio, at or about 2:55 pm. I am voluntarily providing this statement as part of the investigation being conducted by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) into this matter.

My date of hire as a full-time Ashville Police Officer is [REDACTED]. Prior to that, I had been self employed while holding a commission with the Ashville Police Department. I have been in law enforcement since [REDACTED] when I finished my police academy. I attended the Hocking College Police Academy and completed this training on [REDACTED]. I passed my state test to become a certified police officer on [REDACTED]. The majority of my carrier and all of my full-time carrier have been spent in Pickaway County.

My regular assignment is the [REDACTED] which means my hours are from [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I do not have any uses of force that have been found outside policy.

On the day of the incident, I was wearing my standard Ashville Police uniform consisting of a blue shirt, blue pants, black boots, and a blue hat that has "ASHVILLE POLICE" stitched on the front. I did have my gold-plated badge on the left front side of my shirt and had my duty belt on that holds the equipment like handcuffs, department issued handgun with department issued ammunition loaded in it, ASP baton, glove pouch, another set of handcuffs, radio, TASER, and 2 extra magazines for my handgun with department issued ammunition loaded in them. My service weapon is a Glock 45 9mm with a Holoson green dot sight, and Streamlight flashlight installed on it. I am current in my range qualifications with this weapon. I was not carrying a back up firearm. I did have a partner with me, [REDACTED].

I do wear glasses and I had my glasses on at the time of this incident. I do not wear hearing aids, and my hearing is good. I do not suffer from disabilities. I was not taking any medication, prescription or over the counter that could impact the performance of my duties. I had not consumed any alcohol in the 24-hours before this incident. I had not worked any special duty or overtime in the 24-hours prior to this incident. I was off [REDACTED] so my last shift I worked was [REDACTED]. I was more that half way into my shift when this incident, happened, and I was well-rested.

While [REDACTED] and I was at the Ashville Municipal Building preparing to have a meeting, I heard the dispatcher send a couple of Deputies to 4800 Duvall Rd. but wasn't sure of the

nature of the call. It seemed like several minutes had passed then the dispatcher marked me by my unit number, [REDACTED] and requested that I assist them at 4800 Duvall Rd lot 303 on a situation and the female had the male locked outside of the residence. [REDACTED] and I returned to my patrol vehicle, at 2024 Ford F-150, with Ashville Police graphics on sides and rear of the vehicle and a red and blue light bar on top of the vehicle and the siren box in the front the vehicle. While I was heading north on Lockbourne Eastern in the area of St. Paul Rd. the dispatcher advised there was gunshots coming from the neighbor's house. I took this to mean the encounter was escalating to violent and dangerous. [REDACTED] activated the overhead lights and sirens so I could pay attention to the traffic that was in front of me. When I turned right onto Duvall Rd from Lockbourne Eastern [REDACTED] turned the siren off so the suspect wouldn't hear us but did leave the overhead lights on to warn traffic we were in an emergency situation. We did this based on experience as it gives us a better chance at apprehending the suspect. I entered the trailer park from the west entrance and made my way straight to the intersection in front of lot 303. We got out of the car.

There was a male standing at this intersection and said the shots came from the trailer to the left of lot 303. [REDACTED] and I ran to this trailer when I looked back and saw a white male standing on the porch of lot 303. I advised [REDACTED] of the male at lot 303 and we ran toward lot 303 when I saw the male had a silver in color handgun in his right hand and a phone in his left hand. I took cover behind a tree and unholstered my handgun and pointed it at the male gave verbal commands for the male to drop the gun. At this time, I wasn't sure if this was the male that shot from the trailer to the left or not but due to the information I was given about a shooting and this male having a gun in his hand I assumed it was the same person and was at the trailer where we were first dispatched to for the assistance call. I was concerned for the safety for the individual or individuals inside the trailer and for our own safety with this male having a handgun in his hand. The male was wearing a T-Shirt and shorts.

I continued to give verbal commands for the male to drop his gun and even begged him to drop his gun so we could talk when I noticed a Deputy arrive and take cover at the corner of the trailer. At some point the Deputy asked his name and he said his name was Chase. I continued to have the conversation with Chase and continued to asked Chase to drop the gun and to give us a chance to help fix whatever the issue was. Chase looked up at me and said should I have you shoot me or should I shoot myself, or something to that effect. I told Chase we didn't have to do this. Chase talked to at least four of us asking which would be the one to shoot him. Chase did request that we shoot him in the head if we did so it would be over fast. I begged Chase to just throw the gun down and give us a chance to help him fix this.

I did hear a voice that appeared to be Fire Chief Shawn Davidson said over the radio that a male was running back to our location. Later I did hear a male yelling from behind where I was standing and then heard Sheriff Haffey behind me trying to get the male to move back. I looked back to make sure I wasn't going to get attacked from behind and saw that Sheriff Haffey had

the male. When I turned back around to Chase, I saw Chase raise his right arm and present the gun then shot at me. Out of fear for my life and Sheriff Haffey's life, who I knew was behind me, and others that were outside near me, I had no alternative but to immediately shoot at Chase to defend myself and others. I shot at Chase two times in the chest area and saw no movement so I shot one more time and that's when I noticed Chase fell off the porch. I shot until he was no longer an active threat pointing or shooting a gun at me, based on my training. I ran up to Chase who was laying on the ground and I moved the silver handgun away and stood between Chase and the gun so he could not get to it, while another officer started placing Chase in handcuffs and also started applying first aid. Again, this was based on my training.

I did notice another gun on the porch that was in a holster with the slide locked back and was black in color. I made sure to have eyes on the suspect and the other firearm as well. The medics from Harrison Township Fire Department arrived and started treating Chase and loaded him on the cot and took him to the Medic. I was behind a deputy on the porch waiting to make entry into the residence. Sheriff Haffey requested we change spots so he could be with his Deputy. I was then told by Detective Bailey, from the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office, to go toward the street to meet with one of their Detectives. I went to the street and Detective Bailey advised me to turn my body camera off and to wait for the Detective to arrive. During this time, I tried to call our Village Solicitor Brian Zets to advise him of the situation. Mr. Zets didn't answer so I called our Village Administrator, Bert Cline, and advised him we need an attorney immediately because we were just involved in a shooting. Village Administrator Cline contacted [REDACTED] and gave him an attorney's name and number for us to call. [REDACTED] and I returned to our cruiser and made contact with attorney Mark Collins who advised [REDACTED]

I was advised by Captain Strawser, of the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office, to head back to the Ashville Police Department to meet with BCI so they could process us there. [REDACTED] of the South Bloomfield Police Department, and [REDACTED] from the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office, and representatives from South Bloomfield Police Department and Pickaway County Sheriff's Office arrived at the Ashville Police Department. [REDACTED] went to his office, I put [REDACTED] in the Sergeants Office, [REDACTED] stayed in the meeting room, and I went to my office. A BCI agent arrived and photographed us individually and then took our weapons. Later a couple of other BCI agents arrived and wanted to watch our body cameras. I loaded the footage up on my computer for them to review. Once they were finished Sheriff Haffey arrived and they reviewed his body camera footage. After this was finished we were advised we could go home and they would be in touch.

I have never had any contact with Chase that I am aware of prior to this incident. I have backed the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office at this location but I do not recall Chase ever being at this location during those prior calls. As of this date of writing this statement, I have not watched my body worn camera, so this statement is completely from memory. Some actions

and statements maybe a little different from the video footage, but these are how I remember the incident happening.

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Date

