



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



2025-1227

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4411 Montgomery Road,
Norwood, Ohio (Hamilton County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview of Paramedic Mark Porter
Involves: Akeem Holtz
Activity Date: 04/16/2024
Activity Location: 4725 Montgomery Rd. Norwood Oh 45212
Authoring Agent: SA Kenneth J. Smith

Narrative:

On Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 1555 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Kenneth Smith (SA Smith) interviewed Paramedic Mark Porter (Porter), of the Norwood Fire department (NFD), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. The interview took place at Norwood Fire Department 4725 Montgomery Rd., Norwood Oh 45212. Also present during the interview were Assistant Chief Brodie Cianciolo and Firefighter Dan Siciliano. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual regarding their response to the incident scene.

Paramedic Mark Porter has worked for Norwood Fire for just under four years with two years as a medic. He advised that they were dispatched to 4411 Montgomery Rd. for a psych run. After reading through the dispatch notes, they called and made sure that the Polic had been dispatched as well. Porter stated that the Polic were already on scene, so they staged in the front lot on the Montgomery Road side of 4411. They then pulled around on Courtland near the parking garage to be able to respond to the second floor where the call was. One of the officers yelled from the second floor that it was better for the Medics to drive around to the other side of the building where the police cars and the scene ended up being. They drove around, parked and waited for the PD to direct them where to go. At the time they still hadn't received any information of what was going on or where the subject was. They were eventually notified that the patient was upstairs on the second floor in the elevator. They were advised that there was also a female subject on scene, and they were all barricaded in the elevator with several aggressive dogs. They remained staged with their first in bag, drug bag and the cot and moved towards the door. At the door they could see an altercation upstairs and an officer came down with a bite wound on his right forearm. They treated that wound and then were requested to go upstairs and chemically sedate the subject. When they arrived upstairs the subject was handcuffed on the ground. The PD had notified them that they had used pepper spray. The subject was laying

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partially on his side and stomach. Prior to responding upstairs, the medics had prepared 5mg of Versed in a syringe for the subject. Paramedic Schmidt administered the Versed in the subject's posterior left thigh. They then advised the PD that they needed to immediately roll the subject over to protect his airway. The subject was set upright, leaning against the wall, and they observed that he was breathing and had a pulse. Schmidt asked Porter to go get the oxygen bag as a precaution. Porter retrieved it and came back up to the second floor. They prepared to load him onto the cot. They had called for Engine 2 when they had sedated the subject, and the Engine had brought the cot to the second floor. The subject was placed on the cot and had some blood on his right nostril from the altercation. They began moving towards the squad and put the subject on a bag valve mask to protect his airway. Once in the ambulance, the subject was hooked up to the cardiac monitor. The subject's pulse was "all over the place. At one point the monitor read, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Schmidt and Porter were in the back with the subject while Paramedic Phil Reed drove them to the hospital. The subject was hooked up to another monitor to monitor his breathing and they ended up [REDACTED] to assist his breathing. At one point Schmidt noticed that the subject's [REDACTED] and made the suggestion that they start CPR. They performed a pulse check and agreed on CPR. They began compressions as they were getting off of Interstate 71 to Martin Luther King Drive, so they knew they were close to the hospital. Schmidt was doing compressions and Porter was breathing for the subject with the bag valve mask. They arrived at the hospital and passed care for the subject over to UC Medical staff in the parking lot. They followed inside and advised of the care administered including the Versed and when they had started CPR. SA Smith asked Porter at what point the subject had gone unconscious. Porter responded that the subject was conscious at the scene and that it was in the middle of the transport he became unconscious. The subject made no statements during treatment. SA Smith asked about the severity of the bite wound to the officer. There were definitely distinguishable teeth marks, [REDACTED]

The interview concluded at approximately 1607 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The recording was attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

The Norwood Fire Department was served with a Hamilton County Grand Jury Subpoena for records associated with the response on April 16, 2025.

See attached records for details.

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References:

None

Attachments:

2025-04-16 Norwood Paramedic Mark Porter Interview

NFD HamCo Subpoena

Norwood Treatment Records

ECG 4.16.25 No 1

ECG 4.16.25 No 2

ECG 4.16.25 No 3

ECG 4.16.25 No 4

ECG 4.16.25 No 5

ECG 4.16.25 No 6

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Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.

Exhibit 2



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HAMILTON COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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KEITH.WITHERELL@HCPROS.ORG

April 22nd, 2025

Norwood Fire Department
Attn: Chief Tom McCabe
4725 Montgomery Road
Norwood, Ohio 45212

Re: Grand Jury Subpoenas

Dear Sir:

Enclosed, please find a Grand Jury Subpoena for records. The requested information can be provided to:

The Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office located at 230 East Ninth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 in care of Detective Keith Witherell.

If you have any questions regarding the subpoena, please contact me at 513-946-3250 or keith.witherell@hcpros.org

Respectfully,

Keith Witherell
Detective

KW:KW
Enclosure

Exhibit 3



Prehospital Patient Care Report

City of Norwood Fire Department

Patient Information

Last Name: Holtz
Middle Initial/Name:
First Name: Akeem
Address: 624 Damascus Dr, Springfield, Ohio 45506, Clark County
Gender: Male
Race: Black or African American
Age: 40 Years
Birth Date: 06/28/1984

Last 4 SSN [REDACTED]

Patient Situation

Symptom Onset Date & Time: Not Recorded

Possible Injury: No

Compliant Type	Complaint	Duration
Chief (Primary)	None voiced	

CC Anatomic Location:
 General/Global
CC Organ System:
 Behavioral/Psychiatric
Primary Symptom:
 Psych/Behavioral Emergency
Primary Provider Impressions:
 Psych/Behavioral Emergency

Secondary Provider Impressions:
 Not Recorded
Initial Patient Acuity:
 Emergent (Yellow)
Last Known Well Date & Time:
 Not Applicable
Cardiac Arrest:
 [REDACTED]

Arrest Information

Arrest At Date
 AED Prior to
 Witnessed By
 Resuscitation
 Type CPR Pre
 First Monitor

Patient History

Alcohol Drugs use Indicators:
 Unable to Complete
Medical/Surgical History:
 Unable to Complete

Medication Allergies:
 Unable to Complete

Vitals

[REDACTED]

Incident Number [REDACTED]

EMS Response Number [REDACTED]

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Patient Care Report Number [REDACTED]

EMS Care Report

Norwood FD OH

Incident Number: [REDACTED]

Address: 4725 Montgomery Rd, Norwood, Hamilton County, Ohio, 45212

EMS Response Number: [REDACTED]

Incident Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:53:57

Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

Procedures

Not Recorded

Medications

Narrative

A. Schmidt 376

Last update on 04/22/2025 09:45:07 by

Incident Number: [REDACTED]

EMS Response Number: [REDACTED]

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Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

EMS Care Report

Norwood FD OH

Incident Number: [REDACTED]

Address: 4725 Montgomery Rd, Norwood, Hamilton County, Ohio, 45212

EMS Response Number: [REDACTED]

Incident Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:53:57

Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

Response Information

Response Times

PSAP Call Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:43:15
 Dispatch Notified Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:45:03
 Unit Notified by Dispatch Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:53:57
 Dispatch Acknowledged Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:53:57
 Unit En Route Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:53:57
 Unit Arrived on Scene Date/Time: 04/16/2025 11:01:36

Arrived at Patient Date/Time: 04/16/2025 11:25:00
 Transfer of EMS Patient Care Date/Time: Not Applicable
 Unit Left Scene Date/Time: 04/16/2025 11:40:26
 Patient Arrived at Destination Date/Time: 04/16/2025 11:47:43
 Destination Patient Transfer of Care Date/Time: 04/16/2025 11:48:00
 Unit Back in Service Date/Time: 04/16/2025 13:51:05

General Information

Incident Address:
 4411 MONTGOMERY RD, NORWOOD,
 Hamilton County, 45212
 Type of Service Requested:
 Emergency Response (Primary Response Area)
 Unit Transport and Equipment Capability:
 Ground Transport (ALS Equipped)
 Dispatch Reason:
 Psychiatric Problem/Abnormal Behavior/Suicide
 Attempt
 EMS Vehicle Unit Number:
 MG19
 EMS Unit Call Sign:
 M282
 Shift:
 1

Incident Location Type:
 Store
 Response Mode to Scene:
 Non-Emergent
 Additional Response Mode Descriptors:
 No Lights or Sirens
 Type of Dispatch Delay:
 None/No Delay
 Type of Response Delay:
 None/No Delay
 Type of Scene Delay:
 None/No Delay
 Type of Transport Delay:
 None/No Delay

Type of Turn Around Delay:
 None/No Delay
 Beginning Odometer Reading:
 On-Scene Odometer Reading:
 Patient Destination Odometer Reading:
 3.4
 Ending Odometer Reading:

First Ems on Scene: Yes

Crew Members

Crew Member	Certification	State License ID Number	Response Role	Protective Equipment	Injury Exposure Type
Mark Porter	Paramedic	188204			
Andy Schmidt	Paramedic	129484			

Disposition Information

Destination

Destination Name:
 UC Medical Center
 Destination GPS Location:
 39.136822, -84.503548

Destination Street Address:
 3188 BELLEVUE AVE
 Destination ZIP Code:
 45219

Destination Country:
 US

Incident Number: [REDACTED]

EMS Response Number: [REDACTED]

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Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

EMS Care Report

Norwood FD OH

Incident Number: [REDACTED]

Address: 4725 Montgomery Rd, Norwood, Hamilton County, Ohio, 45212

EMS Response Number: [REDACTED]

Incident Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:53:57

Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

Billing

Patient Resides Service Area:

Not a Resident Within EMS Service Area

Primary Method of Payment:

Not Recorded

CMS Service Level:

Not Recorded

Incident Number: NORF [REDACTED]

EMS Response Number: [REDACTED]

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Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

EMS Care Report

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Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

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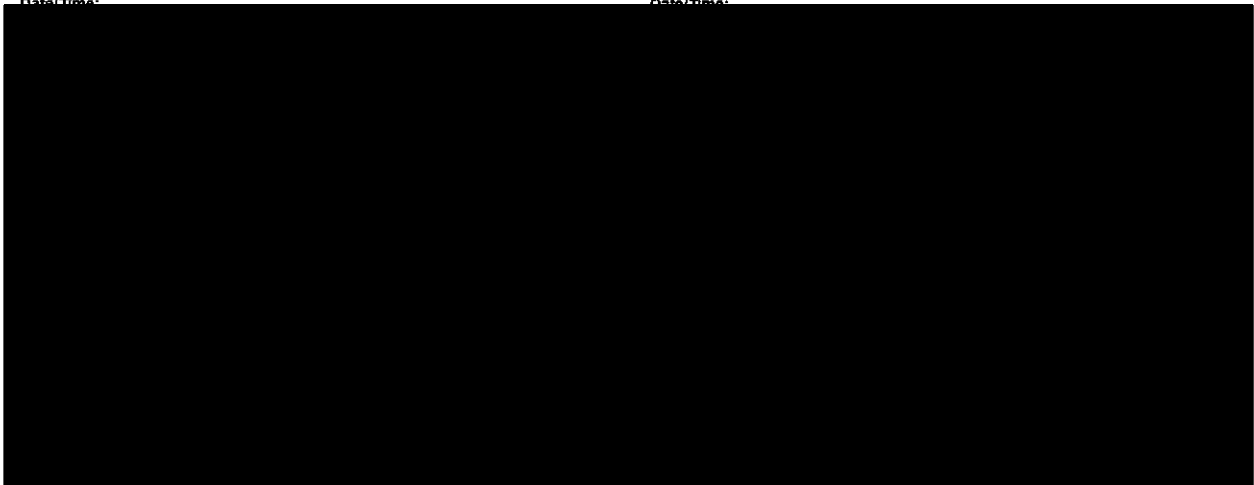
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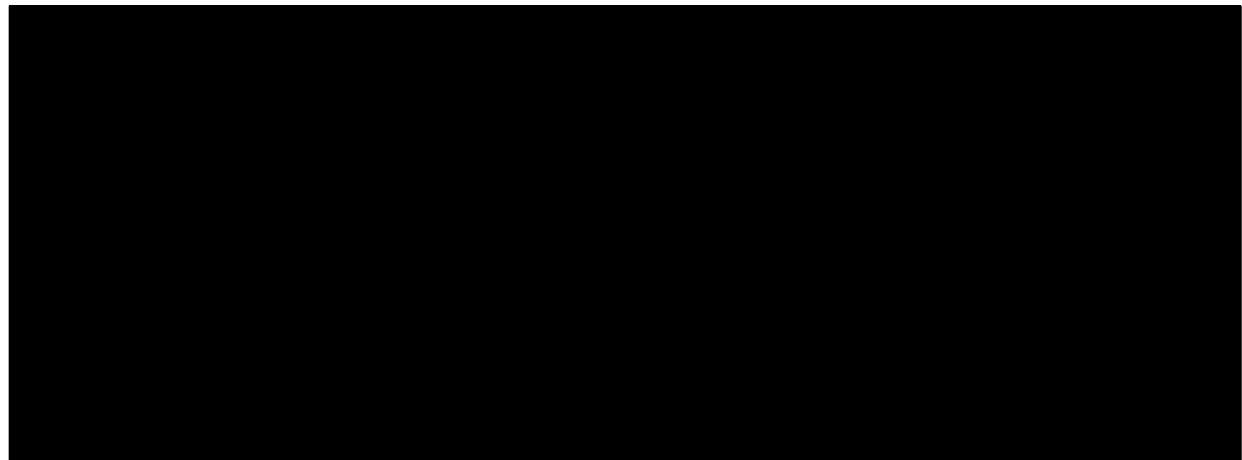
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04/16/2025 11:42:43

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04/16/2025 11:45:43



Crew Member Completing This Report: Andy Schmidt

Incident Number: NORF-[REDACTED]

EMS Response Number: [REDACTED]

Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

EMS Care Report

Norwood FD OH

Incident Number: [REDACTED]

Address: 4725 Montgomery Rd, Norwood, Hamilton County, Ohio, 45212

EMS Response Number: [REDACTED]

Incident Date/Time: 04/16/2025 10:53:57

Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

Incident Number: [REDACTED]

EMS Response Number: [REDACTED]

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Patient Care Report Number: [REDACTED]

Exhibit 4

CASE SUMMARY

Name:	Device:	LP15 48828613 NORWOOD MG19	Transmitting Agency:	City of Norwood FD (Norwood, OH)
Patient ID:	Device Configuration:	2LJL5RRB82BBUR		
Incident ID:	Software Revision:	3313494-018, LIFENET® 7.7.0		

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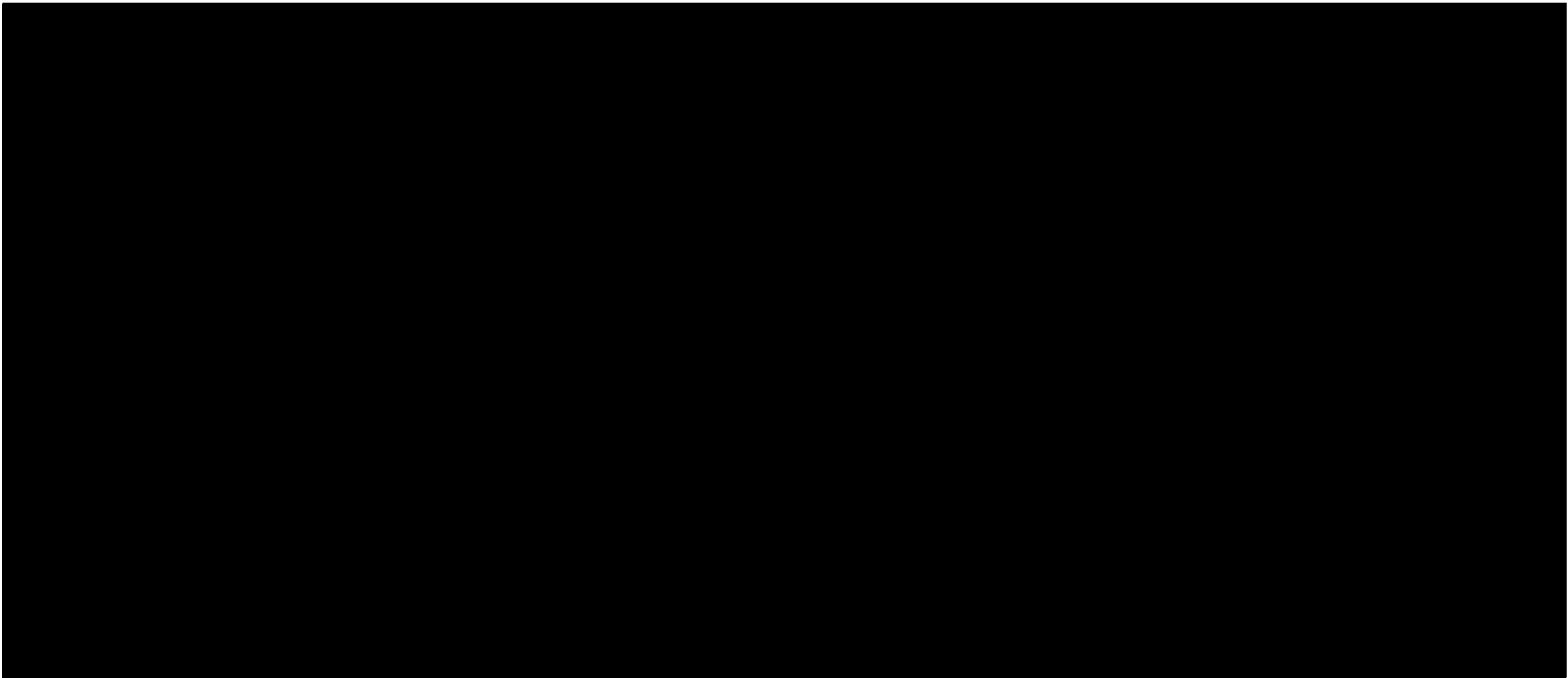


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CASE SUMMARY

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Incident ID:	Software Revision:	3313494-018, LIFENET® 7.7.0		

2025-04-16 11:42:43 12-Lead 2



I	II	III	aVR	aVL	aVF	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6
ST measurements are measured at the J point and are expressed in mm.											



Exhibit 6

CASE SUMMARY

Name:	Device:	LP15 48828613 NORWOOD MG19	Transmitting Agency:	City of Norwood FD (Norwood, OH)
Patient ID:	Device Configuration:	2LJL5RRB82BBUR		
Incident ID:	Software Revision:	3313494-018, LIFENET® 7.7.0		

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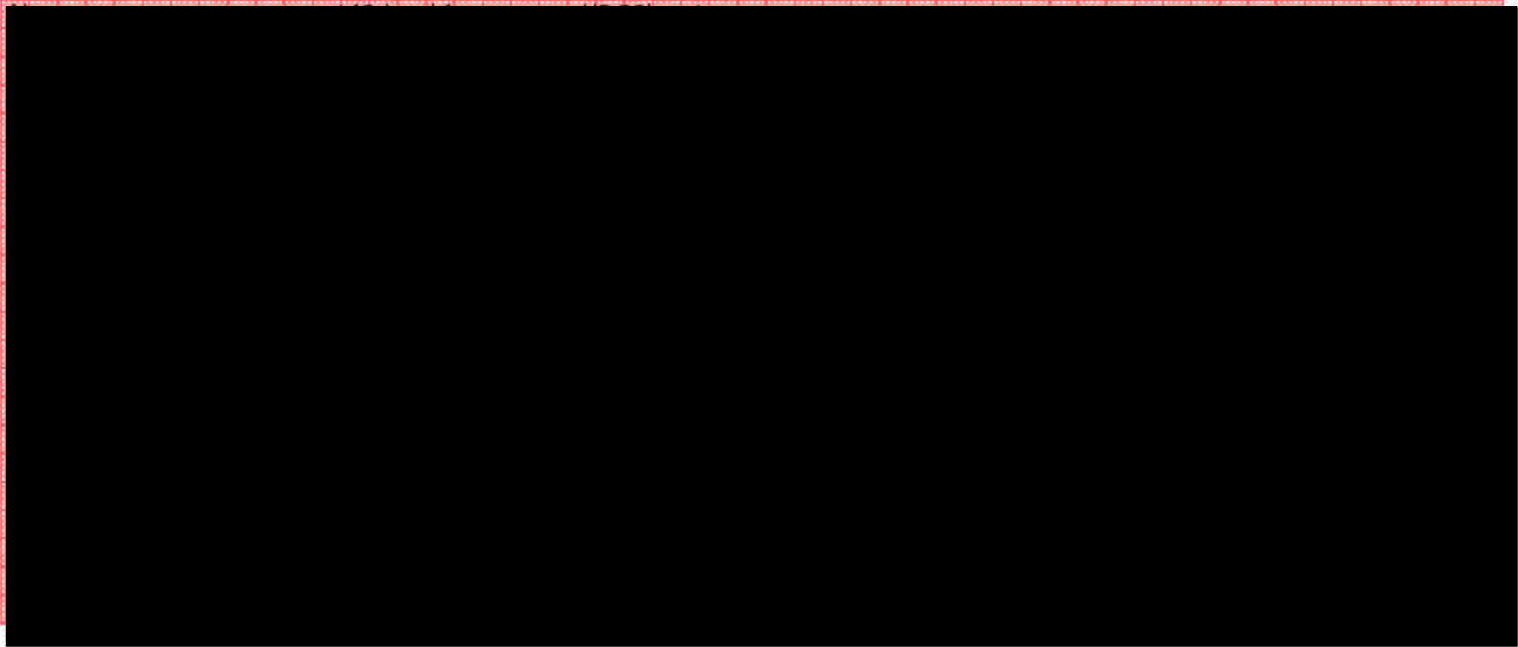


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ST measurements are measured at the J point and are expressed in mm.											

Exhibit 7

12-Lead 1

Name:	Device:	IP15 40028513 NORWOOD MG19	Transmitting Agency:	City of Norwood PD (Norwood, OH)
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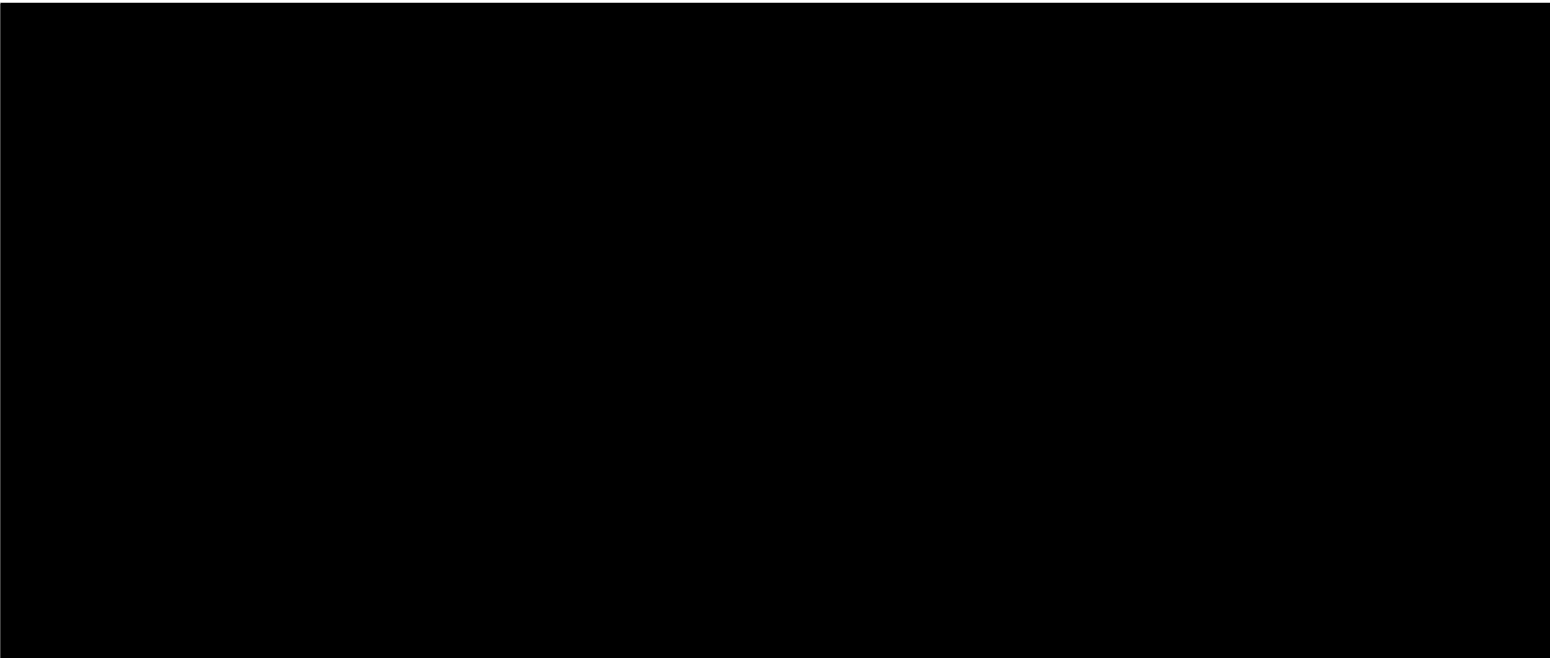


I	II	III	aVR	aVL	aVF	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6
ST measurements are measured at the J point and are expressed in mm.											

Exhibit 8

12-Lead Z

Name:	Device:	IP15 40028513 NQWWOOD MG19	Transmitting Agency:	City of Norwood PD (Norwood, OH)
Patient ID:	Device Configuration:	25 JUL 2008 2881 JR		
Incident ID:	Software Revision:	331349401 B, UFBNET@ 7.7.0		

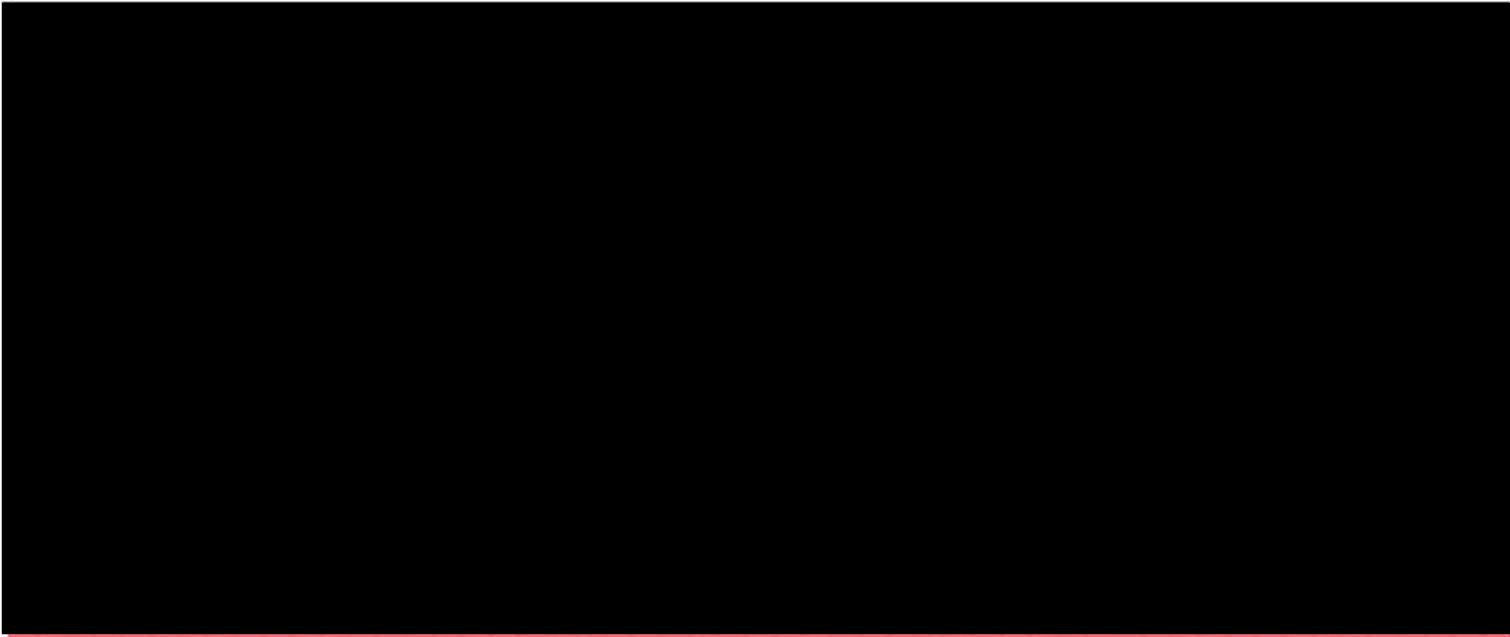


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ST measurements are measured at the J point and are expressed in mm.											

Exhibit 9

12-Lead 3

Name:	Device:	IP15 400 28513 NQWWOOD MG19	Transmitting Agency:	City of Norwood PD (Norwood, OH)
Patient ID:	Device Configuration:	25 JUL 2008 28513 R		
Incident ID:	Software Revision:	331349 4-01 B, UFBNET@ 7.7.0		



I	II	III	aVR	aVL	aVF	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6
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