



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



2025-3488
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 371 SR 180, Chillicothe,
OH 45601 (L)

Investigative Activity: Witnessing Officer Interview
Involves: Deputy Blake Weaver #84
Activity Date: 10/26/2025
Authoring Agent: SA James Poole

On Friday, November 21, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) received a typed statement from attorney, Kelsey Boulay, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The statement was given by Deputy Blake Weaver (Deputy Weaver).

This report is the only statement given to BCI and only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the typed statement. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the statement and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the fully typed statement be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Statement:

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I exited my cruiser and observed a red in color tractor sitting perpendicular to the road blocking the driveway. As I walked toward the

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The female began explaining to me what had transpired. She said the vehicle they were there trying to get into was towed to the ANS towing lot after a previous crash. She said they pulled into the driveway next to ANS towing lot thinking it was part of the lot and was a circle driveway. She said a female came out and spoke to them while they were on ANS tow lot going through the wrecked car. She said they were trying to back their car out of the driveway it was in when the path was blocked by the tractor.

After I spoke to the female, I approached [REDACTED] and the people he was speaking with. When I arrived with [REDACTED] he was speaking with a male in a neon green reflective work shirt. I immediately observed injuries to the left side of the males' face, to include his eyeball. [REDACTED] stated the male I was standing in front of was sucker punched by another male, and that the punch was on video.

While I was with [REDACTED] another male approached us and said someone had drove where his glasses were knocked off his face. I left [REDACTED] and began searching for the glasses. While I was searching for the glasses [REDACTED] went around to the back of the property to speak to the suspect.

While searching for the glasses I heard [REDACTED] mark on the radio taser deployment. I began running to the back of the residence. As I rounded the corner of the front trailer, I observed [REDACTED] in shooting positions approximately 50 yards away from me. [REDACTED] was off to the right, and [REDACTED] was in front of me. [REDACTED] were aiming toward the front door of the trailer that was perpendicular to the road but set approximately 100 yards from the road. While running toward [REDACTED] heard, and observed, gunfire.

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[REDACTED] asked if I could tell if the suspect was touching the weapon, but I was not able to on my first approach, so I re-approached and looked. I did not see the suspect touching the weapon. I relayed that information as I retreated back to the stack. Deputies then began moving into the porch area of the residence. Commands were given for the suspect to not touch the weapon.

[REDACTED] opened the door and removed the weapon while I was holding security on the suspect. I informed the other Deputies I did not see any other weapons around the suspect. [REDACTED] then moved to the suspect and began life saving measures. [REDACTED] said he needed an IFAK (individual first aid kit). I turned around and ran toward my cruiser. As I was running toward my cruiser Deputy Woodbridge was approaching us. I immediately told him we needed an IFAK and turned around and began running toward his cruiser as well.

Deputy Woodbridge was able to find his IFAK but I did not locate mine. We ran back to [REDACTED] began placing gauze on the wounds of the suspect and holding pressure. While [REDACTED] was applying the gauze Green Township EMS arrived on scene and took over life saving measures.

Deputies assisted with loading the suspect on to the cot, and also assisted with getting the cot through the yard and driveway to the waiting ambulance.

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The typed statement is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

References:

N/A

Attachments:

Deputy Blake Weaver Statement

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STATEMENT OF DEPUTY BLAKE WEAVER- BADGE NO. 84

This statement is regarding my involvement in an incident that occurred on October 26th, 25 at approximately 3:00PM in the 400 block of State Route 180, Ross County, Ohio. I am voluntarily providing this statement as part of the investigation being conducted by the Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) into this matter.

My date of hire as a full time Ross County Sheriff's Deputy is June 1st, 2021. Prior to being employed by the Ross County Sheriff's Office I was employed by Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Ada Police Department and the Hardin County Sheriff's Office. My current assignment is on the [REDACTED] shift. My work hours are [REDACTED] with varying days off. I earned my Ohio Peace Officer Training Certificate from Rhodes State College in July of 2014. I do not have any uses of force that have been to be out of policy.

I was wearing my uniform of the day and driving a marked Ross County Sheriff's Office patrol cruiser with Sheriff markings down the side. I was wearing gray pants with a black stripe, black vest with a badge, and a black shirt under the vest. I was wearing black boots and my issued ball cap. I was carrying my issued Sig Sauer P320 9mm. I was wearing my issued Motorola body worn camera, and it was active for the incident.

I do not wear glasses or contacts and my uncorrected vision is good. I do not wear hearing aids and my hearing is good. I do not have any disabilities; nor do I take any medications, prescription or otherwise, that could impact the performance of my duties.

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/s/ BLAKE WEAVER

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