



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



2026-2171

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 9093 Zinnia Court, Apt 1209,
West Chester, Ohio 45069 (L)

Investigative Activity: Case Opening

Involves: Lorenzo Jeffrey Miller (S), West Chester Police Department (O), [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (S), Tiffany Elizabeth Barnes (V)

Date of Activity: 06/05/2026

Activity Location: Barnes, Tiffany Elizabeth – Home – 9093 Zinnia Court, West
Chester, OH 45069

Author: SA Lauren Frazier, #129

Narrative:

On Thursday, June 4, 2026, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the West Chester Police Department (WCPD) in Butler County to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at 9093 Zinnia Court, Apartment 1209, West Chester Ohio, Ohio, 45069.

Ohio BCI Special Agent Joshua Welty was assigned as the Lead Case Agent. BCI Special Agents Lauren Frazier, Kevin Barkley, Kenneth Smith, Dave Hornyak, Steven Seitzman, and Rachel Phelps assisted with the investigation. The investigation was supervised by BCI Special Agent Supervisor Azia Mason-McGrady and Kevin Barbeau. Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) was requested to process the scene, by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence. Crime Scene Technician (CST) Holly Ryczek was the lead for crime scene with CST Mackenzie Brandenburg-Cook assisting.

The OICI involved a subject, Lorenzo Miller (Miller) and officers with the West Chester Police Department. The involved officer was identified as [REDACTED]. Additional responding/witnessing officers included Sgt. Dustin Parrett, Officer Mike Veeneman, Officer Brandon Musgrove, Officer Tyler Marling, and Officer Benjamin Huxel. The incident resulted in the death of the subject, Lorenzo Miller.

The following is an initial summary of the incident:

On June 4, 2026, at approximately 2149 hours, officers with the West Chester Police Department were dispatched to 9093 Zinnia Court, Apartment 1209, for a report of a woman screaming for help and loud banging coming from inside the apartment. The 911 caller was reportedly a neighbor, who reported that a female had possibly been thrown down the stairs

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and was involved in a physical fight.

West Chester Police Officers arrived on scene and attempted to make contact with the residents. Sgt. Parrett advised that a male came to the door and stated that he was having an argument. West Chester Communication Center advised officers that there was a history of prior police runs at the address, involving a male identified as Lorenzo Miller and a female named Tiffany Barnes (Barnes). Dispatch stated that Miller was on an ankle monitor and considered extremely dangerous, with a violent criminal history involving weapons, drugs, and gangs.

Sgt. Parrett continued to attempt contact with the male subject and he refused to open the door. The communication center and officers on scene made several attempts to contact Barnes but were unsuccessful. Sgt. Parrett eventually made contact with Barnes via telephone, and she asked the officers for help.

Officers used a ram to breach the apartment door. Officers entered the residence and heard a female screaming. Officers confronted a male subject, who was located on the 3rd floor behind a partially closed bathroom door. The male subject stated that he had a knife to the female's throat. West Chester Police [REDACTED] made entry into the bathroom and discharged his weapon, striking the subject.

Officers began rendering aid to the subject. West Chester Fire Department Paramedics were staged nearby and responded to assist. Medical intervention was attempted but was not successful. The subject was pronounced deceased on scene at 2253 hours.

West Chester Police Detective Randall Farris completed a residential search warrant for 9093 Zinnia Court, Apartment 1209. A copy of the search warrant is attached to this report for further review. WCPD Chief of Police Colonel Brian Rebholz provided a request for assistance letter, which is also attached.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2026-06-05 Search Warrant (9093 Zinnia Ct)

Attachment # 02: West Chester Police Department – Request for Assistance Letter

APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

STATE OF OHIO
BUTLER COUNTY

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this day before me, the undersigned Judge, personally appeared Detective Randy Farris 126, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that within the West Chester Township, Butler County, State of Ohio, and within the jurisdiction of the Butler County Common Pleas Court, as this affiant believed and has good cause to believe, in a certain house or place, there is concealed and possessed certain contraband, evidence or property, to wit; **Handguns, long guns, other firearms, ammunition, firearm accessories, blunt force objects used as weapons, bladed weapons to include knives, and swords, electronic communications devices, computers and laptops, blood evidence, trace evidence and identity documents**, and that said affiant believes or has good cause to believe that said property, or some part thereof, is concealed and is evidence of a criminal offense, in violation of law, viz:

Felonious Assault	ORC 2903.11
Assault	ORC 2903.13
Domestic Violence	ORC 2919.25
Weapons under disability	ORC 29213.13
Aggravated Menacing	ORC 2903.21
Menacing	ORC 2903.22

on certain premises described as follows, to wit:

9093 Zinnia Ct, Apartment 1209 is a single, three story, apartment in a multi-unit apartment building. The exterior is brown brick, with a blue door with the number 1209. The front door faces east with a white garage door to the right. Additionally, a separate garage across from the apartment with #58 over the door. The garage door faces west.

which premises are located within the Township of West Chester, Butler County, State of Ohio, within the jurisdiction of this Court; and that such belief is based upon the following facts to wit:

1. The affiant has been a police officer for approximately 26 years. For approximately 19 years, the affiant was assigned to the Uniform Patrol Section. In that capacity the affiant answered calls for police service, conducted traffic related enforcement and investigations, and conducted criminal investigations. Affiant has 8 years of training and experience processing crime scenes as a member of the West Chester Police Department Criminalistics Unit. Affiant has 5 years of experience as a Drug Recognitions Expert certified by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. For approximately 8 years the affiant has been assigned to the West Chester Police Department, Criminal Investigation Section, as a

Detective. In this capacity the affiant has conducted investigations that involve misdemeanor and felony offenses, as well as investigations that involve juvenile victims and offenders. The affiant has received specialized training in statement analysis, fraudulent documents, latent print examinations, forensic digital imaging, DNA collection and preservation, sexual assault investigation, death and homicide, bloodstain evidence, crime scene reconstruction of shooting incidents, and evidence collection.

2. On 6/4/2026 at 2149 hrs. West Chester Police officers were dispatched to 9093 Zinnia Ct. Apartment 1209 for a report of a woman screaming for help and loud banging coming from inside the apartment. The caller advised West Chester Communications that they believed a female was thrown down the stairs and that a physical fight was occurring.
3. West Chester [REDACTED] Parrett and [REDACTED] arrived along with Officer Musgrove. They attempted contact at the front door of 9093 Zinnia Ct. Apartment 1209. Sgt Parrett advised that a male came to the door and stated that he was having an argument and to "give him a minute".
4. West Chester Communications advised the officers that the address had a documented history with a male named Lorenzo Jeffrey Miller and female named Tiffany Barnes. Additionally West Chester Communications advised officers that Miller was on an ankle monitor on 11/2025 and considered extremely dangerous with a history of resisting officers and a prior murder conviction. They also stated that Miller had incidents involving firearms, drugs, and is a documented prison gang member.
5. Sgt. Parrett made contact with the male through the door again and he refused to open the door. Sgt Parrett advised that the female half didn't want to answer the door either.
6. West Chester Communications attempted contact with Tiffany Barnes at (843)781-5808 with negative contact. [REDACTED] then attempted contact with Barnes via text. Sgt. Parrett made contact with a female via telephone.
7. After speaking with the female, the decision was made to breach the door. Sgt. Parrett, [REDACTED] and PO Musgrove breached the door and entered the apartment. A confrontation took place on the third floor and [REDACTED] fired one round from his department issued sidearm. A male in the apartment suffered a gunshot wound to the head.

8. The affiant responded to the scene and observed a West Chester Police Department breaching tool near the front door of the apartment and the front door had consistent damage from being breached.
9. The affiant was advised by PO Huxel that he entered the apartment after the shooting and kicked a long kitchen knife that was on the third floor near the bathroom.
10. The affiant believes that a search of 9093 Zinnia Ct, Apartment 1209, and garage #58 is necessary to collect evidence of the crimes being committed prior to arrival and to collect the evidence of the officer involved shooting.
11. The affiant will be assisted in the search by agents of Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification (Ohio BCI).
The affiant believes that the evidence will still exist because the crime scene was immediately secured and preserved.

Affiant further says that there is ☒ is not ☐ urgent necessity that the above premises be searched in the nighttime to prevent such contraband articles from being concealed or removed and unable to be found.

Electronically Signed

2026-06-05 12:40 am EDT

Affiant Signature

This affidavit has been presented to the court by reliable electronic means, the affiant being placed under oath via telephone, swears and/or affirms the content of the affidavit.

Date/Time: June 5, 2026 12:52 am

Electronically Signed

2026-06-05 12:52 am EDT

JUDGE, BUTLER COUNTY COURT OF COMMON
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STATE OF OHIO
BUTLER COUNTY

SEARCH WARRANT

To The Chief of Police West Chester Township: Greeting

Whereas, Complaint on oath in writing supported by an affidavit has this day been made before a Judge of the Butler County Common Pleas Court, State of Ohio, which a copy of is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

These are therefore to command you in the name of the name of the State of Ohio, with the necessary and proper assistance, to enter in the ☐ daytime or in the ☒ nighttime, into said premises being described as follows, to wit:

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and there diligently search for certain contraband, evidence, or property, to wit: evidence of

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, to wit; **Handguns, long guns, other firearms, ammunition, firearm accessories, blunt force objects used as weapons, bladed weapons to include knives, and swords, electronic communications devices, computers and laptops, blood evidence, trace evidence and identity documents** and other contraband article or things alleged in the affidavit hereto attached and made part hereof, and that you bring the same, or any part thereof, forthwith before a Judge of the Butler County Common Pleas Court, The Court finds that the affidavit has offered specific and articulable facts showing that there is probable cause to believe that the records or other information sought are relevant and material to an ongoing criminal investigation. The Court, State of Ohio, having cognizance thereof, to be disposed of and dealt with according to law.

Date/Time: June 5, 2026 12:52 am

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Evidence Receipt for Case #: 2026-2171



Agency:

Prepared By:

Case Date: Jun 5, 2026

Offense(s): Officer Involved Critical Incident

Victim(s):

Witness(es):

Suspect(s):

Scene #: 1

Scene Address: 9093 Zinnia Court, West chester, OH

Evidence #	Item Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
1	Cardboard Box containing Knife (Kitchen) -- Aluminum Farberware knife	Master bedroom 3rd floor: On floor near left nightstand	Holly Ryczek	Jun 5, 2026
2	Plastic Bag containing Cell Phone -- Gold iPhone	Master bedroom 3rd floor: On master bath countertop	Holly Ryczek	Jun 5, 2026
3	Plastic Bag containing Cell Phone -- Pink iPhone	Master bedroom 3rd floor: On master bath countertop	Holly Ryczek	Jun 5, 2026
4	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- WIN 9mm Cartridge case	Master bedroom 3rd floor: On floor of master bathroom	Holly Ryczek	Jun 5, 2026

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June 4, 2026

Superintendent Bruce Pijanowski
Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations
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London, OH 43140

Mr. Pijanowski,

Please accept this correspondence as a formal request for investigative support from BCI for the West Chester Township Police Department. This request involves an officer involved shooting at 9093 Zinnia Court #1209 in West Chester Township.

The Butler County Prosecutor's Office is aware of the pending investigation. The point of contact for this investigation in West Chester will be Captain Seth Hagaman: office number 513-759-7251, cell [REDACTED]

Thank you in advance for your assistance and should you need anything from me, please don't hesitate to call.

Respectfully,

Colonel Brian Rebholz
Chief of Police
(Office) 513-759-7252
(Cell) [REDACTED]