



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: Interview with Officer
Involves: Chase Aleczander Dalton (S)
Date of Activity: 01/20/2026
Activity Location: Ashville Police Department – Business – 91 West Main Street,
Ashville, OH 43103
Author: SA Richard Ward, #55

Narrative:

On Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 1920 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Richard Ward and Joshua Welty met with Pickaway County Sheriff Matthew Hafey at the Ashville Police Department for the purpose of an interview. Sheriff Hafey was present during the officer-involved critical incident but was not involved in the use of force.

Sheriff Hafey has served as the Sheriff of Pickaway County for the past five years, having been elected in 2020. Prior to his election, Hafey was employed with the Circleville Police Department beginning in 2003. Sheriff Hafey stated he heard a broadcast regarding a rape in which the victim was able to remove the suspect, identified as Chase Dalton, from the residence. Additional information was broadcast that Dalton had fired shots into the residence. Because the incident location was outside the village limits of Ashville and nearby, Hafey responded from the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office.

Upon arrival on scene, Sheriff Hafey observed a male wearing a reflective vest running toward the incident location. The male was later identified as Richard Dalton, the brother of Chase Dalton. Hafey observed [REDACTED] positioned at the 1-4 corner of the residence. He also observed Ashville [REDACTED] positioned near a tree, along with other officers around the perimeter. Hafey heard [REDACTED] repeatedly yell, "Put the gun down."

While positioned behind [REDACTED], Hafey observed Richard Dalton approaching from the rear. As Hafey turned to intercept Richard Dalton and remove him from a potential threat area, he heard multiple gunshots.

Richard Dalton began screaming and was restrained by others as Sheriff Hafey proceeded toward the scene where Chase Dalton was lying. Hafey retrieved a trauma kit; however, medics and South Bloomfield Police [REDACTED] were already performing life-saving measures.

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Agent Ward asked Sheriff Hafey whether he observed Dalton on the stairs. Hafey stated he may have seen him for a second but did not want to expose himself from the corner where he was positioned. Agent Ward also asked Hafey about his observations after the shooting. Hafey stated he observed blood on the stairs and two handguns—one on the landing and the other on the ground—along with two spent shell casings. He also observed damage to the residence's door and handle. Hafey stated he never observed the female victim or the child. He further stated he believed the deputy and officers did a good job and attempted to resolve the incident peacefully.

Agent Ward concluded the audio-recorded interview with Sheriff Matthew Hafey at 1934 hours.

References:

Reference Item A – Audio Interviews

Attachments:

No attachments.