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

2026-2566
Officer Involved Critical Incident - State Route 67 and Township Road 8, Republic, OH 44867, Seneca County

Investigative Activity:	Witness Interview
Involves:	Jacob F. Kendrick (W)
Activity Date:	07/09/2026
Activity Location:	Fostoria Police Department – 213 S. Main St., Fostoria, Ohio
Authoring Agent:	**SA David Hammond #120**

Narrative:

On Thursday, July 09, 2026, at 0843 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) David Hammond (SA Hammond) and SA Ryan Emahiser (SA Emahiser) interviewed Jacob Kendrick (Kendrick), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Tuesday, July 7, 2026. The interview took place at the Fostoria Police Department located at 213 S. Main St. Also present during the interview was Detective K. M. Reinbolt (Det. Reinbolt). The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this individual.

BCI Investigators learned that during the incident, Jeffrey Sergent (Sergent) was communicating with Jacob Kendrick via a Facetime call. Sergent had placed his phone on the dash, facing outward, allowing the video feature to capture what was happening in front of his truck, during the traffic stop. Sergent and Kendrick were actively communicating about the incident.

Kendrick recorded a portion of the Facetime call with a second phone. He would later post the video to social media and comment on the incident. Kendrick contacted BCI through Det. Reinbolt and requested to speak with investigators. The interview was audio recorded.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not intend to contain all questions and answers from the interview. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Kendrick advised that he had known Sergent for a few years. He indicated they met during their time spent in jail. He also stated that they had been working together for

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the past 2-3 years. He stated the name of the company was Mini Cooper Co-Op or Scott's LLC. He described the work as either carpentry or mechanical work.

Kendrick commented that Sergent has told him the following:

> At the 03:00 mark, "*So, like six months ago he started talking about like, hey, I'm having these like weird run-ins with Sheriffs and stuff. And he's like, he's always been like one of them. I don't know if, like he has PTSD from being arrested or whatever. Because he's been in prison a couple times.*"

Kendrick talked about Sergent's mindset and previous traumas that affected him.

> At the 05:28 mark, "*So every situation he approached, he approached it like everybody was already against him. Yeah. Which is super shitty way to live, but I see why, you know what I mean? Like, because of the stuff he's been through. I mean, he got thrown out of a fucking building burning when he, or building, burning building when he was a kid by his dad. And then watch his other two brothers die in the building. So, there's, there's some, there's some, a lot of trauma. And like prison, there's probably some way built up PTSD there, you know what I mean?*"

Kendrick was asked if he knew anything about the domestic violence incident that allegedly took place between Sergent and his wife.

> At the 14:01 mark, "*Jeff did talk to me a lot and I knew a little bit of what's going. So, he thought, like, personally, that she was, or obviously there was like, some speculation in his mind, like she was cheating on him, whatever, whatever. He didn't know with who.*"

Kendrick stated that Sergent had been living at their workplace because he was afraid to go home.

> At the 16:41 mark, "*He sent me something on Monday at 5:43 AM He said, bro, I said I might, it might be because he found a Chevy key at where we were because he was just walking around in the dark, lost in the sauce. You know what I mean? He didn't want to go home because all that shit had happened.*"

Kendrick stated that Sergent called him on Monday at 8:33 pm.

> At the 21:51 mark, "*What I was told was he went home, uh, showered, they talked everything out. She was like, I just want you to go get help. Like clearly your PTSD is impeding on us. She's like, if I need to get help, I'll get help. So, they made like what any couple would and agreement or promise to each other, you*

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know what I mean? To do what they were going to do. He said, 'I love you' to her and left."

Kendrick described getting a Facetime call from Sergent. He recorded portions of the Facetime call on his girlfriend's phone. Kendrick was requested to provide copies of the videos to Investigators via Axon Evidence.com community request.

Kendrick was asked if Sergent's dash mounted camera worked. He stated:

At the 26:07 mark, *"All of his shit did. And it's all connected to his phone."*

Kendrick described getting a text message from Sergent at approximately 10:09 AM on Tuesday. The text message just said, "911". He then received the Facetime call from Sergent at the time of the incident. Kendrick spoke at length about his perceptions of the incident and the law enforcement response to the event.

Kendrick was asked if Sergent ever disclosed anything about the domestic violence incident.

At the 01:03:20 mark, Kendrick stated, "*Had, has he ever admitted flat out yes or no? No. Has he beat around the bush and been like, hey, something's really bugging me because I really love the fuck out of her and I might've approached the situation wrong. Absolutely."*

Kendrick stated that Sergent indicated that he captured someone in his bedroom with his wife on a home security camera.

At the 01:03:42 mark, "*I think somebody, that's why I wish you guys could get into his goddamn phone, man. He showed me a video the other day of her talking to somebody in the bedroom. And like, there's video footage of like, like somebody's in his house, literally like, I'm going to get him put away, yada, yada, yada.*

And he caught the fucking video. Like he was on the fucking like checking, you know what I mean? Like checking his shit and you can hear it playing his day. Oh, I'll get that motherfucker put away, blah, blah, blah. I'm like, oh hell, I'm not, I'm not going home if it's on fire, you know what, know what I mean? Like. So he was, he was monitoring stuff inside of his house through his phone."

The interview concluded at approximately 0955 hours. The audio recording of this interview was uploaded to Axon Justice – Evidence.com – Reference Item K – Jacob Kendrick Interview.

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References:

Reference Item K – Jacob Kendrick Interview
Reference Item F – Jacob Kendrick Social Media Videos

Attachments:

None

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