



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – Interstate 275 / State Route  
32, OH, 45245 (Clermont County) (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** Sergeant Derek Disbennett (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 04/02/2025  
**Activity Location:** Ohio State Highway Patrol – Batavia Post – 1000 Hospital Drive,  
Batavia, OH 45103  
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**Narrative:**

On Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at approximately 0313 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Lauren Frazier interviewed Union Township Police Department Sgt. Derek Disbennett (Sgt. Disbennett). The interview took place at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Batavia Post, located at 1000 Hospital Drive, Batavia, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

The following summary of the recorded interview highlights the key points that the author deemed most relevant, although it does not provide a verbatim account. Additionally, this report was placed in a chronology to enhance the reader's understanding of the information elicited during the interview. However, it is important to note that this may not reflect the actual order of the questions posed. Therefore, it is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed.

Sgt. Disbennett was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the April 1, 2025 officer-involved critical incident, which occurred in the area of I-275 at SR-32, Clermont County, Ohio. Reportedly, Sgt. Disbennett did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this officer.

Sgt. Derek Disbennett has been a police officer for approximately 14 years. Sgt. Disbennett has served 10 years at the Union Township Police Department and four years with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. His badge number is 84 and radio call sign is Union 84. Sgt. Disbennett works [REDACTED] shift from [REDACTED]. He was in a marked patrol car and was observed wearing the standard police uniform. He stated that he was wearing a body worn camera (BWC), which was operable and recording, at the time of the incident.

Sgt. Disbennett received a radio call via Union Township Police Dispatch, advising of a wrong-

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way driver going southbound in the northbound lanes. He responded from Days Inn on Mt. Carmel Tobasco Rd and got onto I-275 North. Within minutes, Sgt. Disbennett observed a vehicle matching the description of the wrong-way driver, described as a red SUV. He recalls a plate being given but did not recall any other information given by dispatch. It should be noted that UTPD was on a different radio channel than OSHP, therefore they were unaware of each others communication.

Sgt. Disbennett initially observed the vehicle on I-275 near the 63.6 mile marker, which he described was near the TQL building. He said that he observed the driver going northbound and driving on the left shoulder for southbound traffic. Sgt. Disbennett said that he pulled up next to the driver and hit his air horn and sirens a couple times, to try and get the driver's attention. He motioned to pull over and he described that the driver looked over, put their hands up, and kept driving. Sgt. Disbennett observed the driver to be wearing a baseball helmet and was going below the speed limit, described as approximately 40-45 mph.

Sgt. Disbennett observed an OSHP trooper pass him and flip around, to get behind the wrong-way vehicle. He then observed the trooper guide the car into a concrete guardrail, where it came to a stop. Sgt. Disbennett heard the trooper giving numerous verbal commands to the driver, to include "let me see your hands" and "drop the gun." Himself and UTPD Officer Alex Puckett staged at their cruisers, before jumping the guardrail/median, and proceeding on foot to the bridge where the vehicles were stopped.

He described that the trooper was in the fast lane for southbound I-275 and had already exited his patrol car. Himself, Officer Alex Puckett, UTPD [REDACTED] and UTPD Officer Tyler Hale were on scene at this time. Sgt. Disbennett said that he could not see the subject nor the firearm, due to the light bar obstructing his view.

Sgt. Disbennett said that he did not see the subject with a firearm, but described that she was moving around constantly in the car and did not comply with commands. He heard the trooper discharge his weapon multiple times, described as more than 5 shots heard. Officers were still giving commands and the driver did not comply and was still actively moving in the vehicle. Sgt. Disbennett said that the driver made a maneuver with her body towards the back seat. He did not recall hearing any shots fired by the subject, prior to the trooper firing.

The trooper got into his patrol car and backed his car away from the red SUV. Sgt. Disbennett described that it ripped the patrol car's bumper off and the red SUV began to roll forward. The driver was observed lying between the front driver and passenger seats, looking towards the back of the SUV. Sgt. Disbennett said that the driver was still moving her left hand. He said that he reached in the vehicle and turned the wheel to prevent the car from rolling down the interstate.

While the vehicle was rolling, he said that [REDACTED] was on the passenger side of the vehicle. He recalled [REDACTED] announcing that he was going to shoot the vehicle tires, before he discharged approximately 2-3 shots at the front passenger tire, which ultimately became flat. Officers then let the vehicle crash into the concrete barrier and come to a stop.

Sgt. Disbennett recalls the trooper breaking the front passenger window, open the door, and pull the subject out of the vehicle. Sgt. Disbennett said that [REDACTED] began life saving

measures, to include CPR. He said that he called for medics via radio and asked Officer Puckett to get a cruiser and block the interstate.

After the subject was removed from the vehicle, Sgt. Disbennett observed a handgun, described as a black semi-automatic pistol, on the passenger side, but was unsure where it was located. Sgt. Disbennett did not know the condition of the handgun and recalled the trooper grabbing the gun. He said that there was also a long gun observed in backseat.

Officers cleared the vehicle and were performing medical intervention. The subject was described as White female in her mid 30's with brown hair. Sgt. Disbennett said that she was wearing a lime green dirt bike type chest plate. He said that she was no longer wearing a helmet, which had come off at some point. He did not hear any statements made by the subject.

Union Township Fire Department Medics responded. Officers provided medical intervention until medics took over. Sgt. Disbennett did not provide any medical aid and said he did not have any other interaction with the subject on scene. He made notification to UTPD Lieutenants. Sgt. Disbennett asked Officer Puckett to start a crime scene log and Sgt. Disbennett began putting up crime scene tape to secure the scene.

The interview concluded at 0336 hours. The audio recording is attached to this investigative report.

**References:**

No references.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2025-04-02 Sgt. Derek Disbennett Audio Interview

# **Exhibit 1**

**Included as a separate file.**