



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



2025-3298
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4134 Rush Blvd.,
Youngstown, OH 44512, Mahoning County

Investigative Activity: Search Warrant Obtained and Return
Involves: Arthur Mitchell (S)
Activity Date: 12/15/2025
Activity Location: BCI – Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Darien Spann #158

Narrative:

Search Warrant Obtained

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Darien Spann (SA Spann) drafted a search warrant for the cellphone belonging to Arthur Mitchell relative to the officer-involved critical incident which occurred on October 9, 2025.

On Monday, December 15, 2025, SA Spann met with Summit County Court of Common Pleas Judge Alison Breau (Judge Breau). Judge Breau reviewed the search warrant and search warrant affidavit. On, December 15, 2025, at approximately 1200 hours, Judge Breau signed / authorized the search warrant.

Search Warrant Executed

On Monday, December 15, 2025, at approximately 1300 hours, SA Spann executed / served the aforementioned search warrant by providing BCI Computer Forensic Specialist with the cellphone and the signed search warrant.

During the search, the following items of potential evidence were seized:

Digital data extraction

Search Warrant Returned

On Thursday, January 29, 2026, SA Spann met with Judge Breau. Judge Breau reviewed and signed the search warrant return. On January 29, 2026, SA Spann filed the original search warrant, search warrant affidavit, inventory, and search warrant return with the Summit County Clerk of Courts.

A copy of the search warrant documents and search inventory are attached to this investigative report.

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References:

None

Attachments:

1. Search Warrant and Return Cell Phone

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SS:
COUNTY OF SUMMIT SUMMIT COUNTY
CLERK OF COURTS

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
CRIMINAL DIVISION

SEARCH WARRANT

CM-2026-01-0076

TO: Special Agent Darien Spann #158, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and/or any Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Agent, and/or any other duly authorized law Enforcement Officer or Computer Forensic Specialist as authorized.

WHEREAS there has been filed with me an affidavit, a copy of which is attached hereto, and incorporated herein as though fully rewritten, wherein the Affiant avers that he believes and has good cause to believe that within the cellular telephones described as:

- 1. A dark blue Apple iPhone with a black screen and dark blue backing with a black and blue case / Listed as Matrix item #4 from report #2025-3298**



Said cellular telephone is currently located in the possession of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Richfield Office, 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, Ohio, Summit County, State of Ohio, there is now being unlawfully kept, concealed, and possessed the following:

- Data that may be of evidentiary value that is stored in an electronic form, which may include data that may be located in unallocated space (deleted data) and allocated space (saved data)
- Data to establish the identity of the person in control of the device(s) and/or ownership of the device(s)
- Data that includes any and all personal communication including, but not limited to, ownership information, email correspondence, document files, message files (including chats, instant messages), social media related correspondence, etc.
- Data that may be in the form of graphic image files/picture files and/or video files.

- Data that may be in the form of emails, notes, audio recordings, and calendar
- Data that may be in the form of device contacts, including the native phonebook/address book, social media contacts, 3rd party application contacts, and email contacts, associated ringtones, favorites / speed dialing settings, “In Case of Emergency” contacts, etc.
- Data that may be in the form of incoming, outgoing, missed calls – also known as call history/call logs.
- Data including location and global positional system (GPS) history, as well as, data associated with WiFi.
- Data including internet browser activity including, but not limited to favorites, cookies, bookmarks, searched items, web history
- Data including personal settings and preferences established on the device
- Any and all electronic data contained on the device’s storage device, including, but not limited to: call history, names, phone numbers, addresses contact information, data, text, messages, images, voice memos, photographs, videos, audio recordings, personal settings and preferences established on the device such as but not limited to, internet favorites, email processing such as forwarding addresses, internet cache settings calendars, notes and note taking, other preferences such as but not limited to, speed dialing assignments voice dialing assignments, ring tone assignments, internet sites, internet access, wifi information, documents or other information, contained in the devices’ cellular phone internal, external, removable memory devices, which may include SIM cards and micro SD cards.
- Any and all electronic data contained on the device’s SIM card and/or eSIM, which may include carrier information, the phone number of the device, contacts, call history, messages, and/or other files.

All other evidence tending to establish violation of the criminal laws of the State of Ohio, to wit: R.C. 2903.01, Attempted Aggravated Murder of a Law Enforcement Officer, R.C. 2921.31, Obstructing official business, R.C. 2903.11, Felonious Assault, R.C. 2913.02, and/or other violations of the Ohio Revised Code.

I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that the above-described electronic data is being concealed within the above-described cellular telephone, and that grounds for issuance of this search warrant exist.

THEREFORE: You are hereby commanded in the name of the State of Ohio, with the necessary and proper assistance, to serve this warrant and search the above-described cellular telephone forthwith within three days of the date hereof for the property specified, and if the electronic data or any part thereof be found there, you are commanded to seize it, leaving a copy of this warrant and a receipt for the property taken, to prepare a written inventory of the property seized, to return this warrant to the undersigned or any Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and to bring the property found on such search forthwith before said Judge, or some other judge or magistrate of the county having cognizance thereof.

Pursuant to Crim. R. 45, the three-day period of time to execute the warrant under Crim. R. 41 is waived for good cause shown. The cell phone to be searched was taken as evidence as part of a criminal investigation and it is expected that completion of forensic analysis would exceed three days. The search shall be executed within three hundred and sixty-five days of the date herein and any analysis may be performed thereafter.

Given my hand this 15th day of December, 2025.



JUDGE, Court of Common Pleas
Summit County, Ohio

I certify this to be a true copy of the original
Tavia Galonski, Clerk of Courts.


Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT A

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Before me, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Summit County, Ohio, personally appeared the undersigned Special Agent Darien Spann, badge #158 of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and being first duly sworn states his training and experience include the following: Your Affiant states he is a Special Agent in the Major Crimes Division, Force Investigations Unit of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, BCI. Your Affiant, having 10 years of law enforcement experience, has been employed by BCI since July 2025, and is assigned to the Force Investigations Unit for Northern Ohio. 3) Prior to working for BCI, your affiant was employed as a law enforcement Officer for the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPd) as a Detective on the Non-Lethal Shooting Unit (NLS) from 2023 to 2025. Prior to NLS, your affiant worked as Detective in the Gang Unit as well as The Investigative Team Addressing Neighborhood Shootings (TITANS), for the MNPd's Specialized Investigation Division beginning in 2020. During his tenure as a law enforcement officer, your affiant has both received extensive training and participated in the following list of investigation techniques: investigating officer involved shooting investigations, surveillance; drug identification; supervising purchases of controlled substances by undercover agents and informants; acting in an undercover capacity to purchase controlled substances; debriefing persons arrested and later convicted of drug trafficking offenses about their illegal activity; interviewing witnesses; drafting search warrants seeking seizure of illegal drugs and other evidence of drug violations; searching locations and seizing narcotics and other evidence of drug violations, including "tools of trade" documents, and the monetary gains of narcotics trafficking; providing Grand Jury testimony; and testifying as a witness concerning violations of state and federal drug. Your Affiant possesses a Bachelor's Degree from University of Akron, in Criminology. Your Affiant completed the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) test 2025 and has remained OPOTA certified since that time. Throughout his career your Affiant has successfully resolved numerous criminal investigations leading to the arrest, indictment, and conviction of persons involved in various crimes. During the course of these

investigations and in conjunction with the training and experience obtained over the past 10 years, your Affiant has become familiar with the investigative methods necessary for the accurate resolution of criminal investigations, including homicide, weapons offenses, and felonious assault.

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The facts upon which affiant bases such beliefs are as follows:

1. On Thursday, October 9th, 2025, at approximately 1740 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Youngstown Police Department (YPD) to conduct an independent investigation of an officer-involved critical incident which occurred in the area of 4134 Rush Boulevard, Youngstown Ohio.
2. Your Affiant was informed a YPD officer, who was responding to a burglary call for service, was shot in the arm in the backyard of 4134 Rush Boulevard, by the subject Arthur Mitchell.
3. After the shooting of the YPD officer, Mitchell then entered the residence of 4134 Rush Boulevard, where he hid from police for several hours.
4. The interjurisdictional SWAT team that services Youngstown, the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team (MVCRT), was near the scene on a training operation. The MVCRT responded to the scene and took control of the incident.
5. The team surrounded the residence and eventually made entry. Several members of the MVCRT entered the residence and eventually located Mitchell in the attic where shots

were exchanged by Mitchell and MVCRT. After the shots fired, the team egressed from the residence, negotiations were attempted, gas was deployed into the residence, and various robotics (drones and explosive robots) were deployed in an attempt to locate Mitchell. After a period of several hours, Mitchell was located in the attic and determined to be deceased.

6. A search warrant for the residence was executed, by BCI Agents and YPD officers, and during the search a **dark blue Apple iPhone with a black screen and dark blue backing with a black and blue case** was found in the backyard of 4134 Rush Boulevard. The phone was collected as evidence by the BCI Crime Scene Unit.
7. After reviewing body camera footage of the shooting of the YPD officer, it was determined the **dark blue Apple iPhone with a black screen and dark blue backing with a black and blue case**, was located where Mitchell was during the incident.
8. On the morning of October 10th, 2025 SA Spann received a call from Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department Detective Christopher Greene regarding Arthur Mitchell.
9. Detective Greene advised SA Spann, Mitchell had an outstanding violent warrant (20251006120904) for Robbery with a dangerous weapon.
10. On October 6th, 2025 Arthur Mitchell was accused of committing a robbery using a handgun. Arthur Mitchell was known to the victim, and his identity came to be discovered by using a photo on Instagram showing Mitchell's name, resulting in the filed charge of Robbery with a dangerous weapon.
11. The associated robbery was orchestrated via cellphone messages. The victim of this incident received a phone number for Mitchell, which was 704-516-6140, which when searched through Criminal Justice Databases and returned to Arthur Mitchell. The associated suspects in this case have not yet been identified.
12. On November 25th, 2025, BCI Special Agent Spann Spoke to Mitchell's, ^{*Mother*} Lashawnda Franklin. During this conversation Franklin stated Mitchell was suffering from mental health issues for the past few years and intensified since the recent death of his grandmother.
13. Franklin stated Mitchell has shared suicidal ideations with her through phone calls as well as text messages in the past and as recent as days before the officer involved shooting.
14. Affiant avers that it is necessary to search the data on this cellular phone to determine times, and specific facts leading up to the incident with law enforcement.
15. Affiant avers that it is necessary to search the above-described cell phone for any personal communications including but not limited to opened and unopened e-mail messages, instant messages (IM), text messages, letters, and other electronic records, documents, correspondence stored and/or exchanged in electronic form, notes, memoranda, address lists, telephone directories, screen name lists, buddy lists, advertisements, faxes, audio and visual tape recordings, materials or items reflecting or relating in any way to

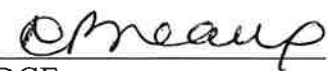
communications or contacts between any individuals.

16. Based on these facts, Affiant avers that he has probable cause to believe, and does believe, that the above-described electronic data will be found within the above-described cellular telephones.
17. Affiant avers that he will contact and consult with law enforcement, and technical experts for the necessary and proper assistance regarding the process to safely view, download, preserve and/or record the electronic data contained within the above-described cellular telephones.
18. Affiant avers that he is aware that seizing stored communications may implicate privacy rights, which Congress believed important enough to protect under the Electronic Communication Privacy Act (ECPA), specifically 18 U.S.C. 2703. Such material is further protected by Ohio Revised Code 2933.51, *et. seq.* In executing this warrant, it is possible that such communications may be seized, along with other material encompassed in the warrant.
19. Affiant avers that in Affiant's training and experience, forensic examination of phones often takes more than three days to complete. Therefore, Affiant asks this Court pursuant to Crim.R. 45 to waive the requirement under Crim.R. 41 that this warrant be executed within three days. Affiant knows that forensic examination of Android cellular phones with multiple digit passcodes require even greater time and skill to result in extraction. In Affiant's experience, some cases take several months to bypass security measures and access data. Therefore, Affiant requests that Affiant be permitted three hundred sixty-five days to complete extraction.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.


Special Agent Darien Spann #158
Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 15th day of December 2025.


JUDGE
Court of Common Pleas
Summit County, Ohio

I certify this to be a true copy of the original
Tavia Galonski, Clerk of Courts.
 Deputy Clerk

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TO: Judge BREANY of the SUMMIT County Common Pleas Court of Ohio.

On September 22, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Darien Spann (Spann) received this Search Warrant and on December 15, 2025, BCI SA Spann served the aforementioned search warrant by extracting and reviewing the digital data, from the dark blue Apple iPhone with a black screen and dark blue backing with a black and blue case. BCI Special Agents executed the search of the above described item(s) located at 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, Ohio. In the course of the search, agents received a digital data extraction.

Dari Spann #158

Darien Spann, Special Agent
Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
4055 Highlander Parkway,
Richfield, Ohio 44286

Given my hand this 29th day of January, 20 26.

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Judge, Court of Common Pleas, SUMMIT County, Ohio