



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



2025-3711

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1363 State Route 534
NW, Braceville Township, OH 44470, Trumbull County

Investigative Activity: Witness Interview with Tiffany Brinker
Involves: Tiffany Brinker (W)
Activity Date: 11/14/2025
Activity Location: 1363 State Route 534 Northwest, Braceville, Ohio 44470
Authoring Agent: SA Daniel P. Boerner #135

Narrative:

On Friday, November 14, 2025, at 2049 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Dan Boerner (SA Boerner) interviewed Tiffany Brinker (Brinker), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Friday, November 14, 2025. The interview took place inside Brinker's vehicle located at 1363 State Route 534 Northwest, Braceville, Ohio 44470. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this individual.

Brinker stated that she and her husband (Jason Brinker) were travelling on State Route 534 (SR 534) in the area of Doll Lumber (1363 State Route 534 Northwest, Braceville, Ohio 44470). Brinker stated that she observed the following:

So, we were just travelling down 534 here and noticed a gentleman, uh, walking from this parking lot area. Um, in and out of the traffic area. He was stopping vehicles in front of us. Uh, he was in front of us waving a gun. Um, he, as we were going by him, uh, he stopped a vehicle behind us. So, we pulled over, tried to call 9 1 1 through here, but there was like no service. So, we got down further and were able to call. So, we swung back around, pulled in here, uh, so we could try to stop traffic and stuff like that. Um, we noticed, uh, the one car pulled in there and was trying to talk to the guy. Um, and he was yelling. He just, 'he couldn't do this anymore'. He fired off a couple rounds in the air. He pointed the gun at himself, sat down, stood back up. He was just like all over the place a little bit. Um, the fire guy in the red SUV showed up and was trying to talk to him a little bit too. Uh, but he, you know, nothing, nothing was working (01:41 mark).

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Brinker said that at some point, members of the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office arrived on scene. Brinker reported that the deputies were "getting their guns out and stuff like that, getting prepped" (03:02 mark). Brinker reported that she walked away from her vehicle and was talking with other people. Brinker explained that when she came back to the side of the truck "I heard the taser go off" (03:11 mark). Brink reported that she did not see the taser deployment because she was looking away from the scene (*Figure 1, Brinker perspective*).



Figure 1, Brinker perspective

Brinker reported that once the taser stopped, she heard the gunshots. Brinker stated that she could not recall the number of gunshots that she heard. Brinker explained that the shooting happened in the parking lot, but that she did not visually witness the event. Brinkler stated that her vision was blocked by the passenger side mirror of her truck (*Figure 2, Brinker perspective*). Brinker reported that after the shooting, first aid was rendered by the individuals from the ambulance.

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Figure 2, Brinker perspective

The interview concluded at approximately 20:56 hours.

The interview was audio-recorded. The recording was uploaded to Axon Justice (Reference Item D - Witness Interviews, 2025-11-14 Interview with Tiffany Brinker and Perspective Photographs, "Axon Capture Audio 2025-11-14 204930 135 - Int with Tiffany Brinker").

Photographs of Brinker's possible perspectives were taken from the vantage point of her vehicle. The photographs were uploaded to Axon Justice Reference Item D - Witness Interviews, 2025-11-14 Interview with Tiffany Brinker and Perspective Photographs.

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Attachments:

None

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