



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



2026-0121

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1451 E. 219th St., Euclid,
OH 44117, Cuyahoga County

Investigative Activity: Initial Scene Response
Involves: Robert Riddlebarger (S); [REDACTED] (S)
Activity Date: 01/11/2026
Activity Location: 1451 E. 219th St. Euclid, OH 44117
Authoring Agent: SA Allison Fletcher #187

Narrative:

On January 11, 2026, at approximately 2350 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Matthew Armstrong (Armstrong) received a request for assistance from Euclid Police Department regarding an officer-involved shooting located at 1451 E. 219th Street in Euclid, Ohio, 44117. The shooting occurred in the city of Euclid and involved a subject who was identified as Robert Riddlebarger and a Euclid Police Department Police Officer.

Members of the BCI Major Case Response Team (MCRT) responded to the scene and included the following agents: SAS Armstrong, Special Agent (SA) Tom Verhiley (Verhiley), SA Stacey Fifer (Fifer), and SA Erica Moore (Moore). The BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) was dispatched to process the scene. SA Lurna McClintock and SA Chard Doran responded to the scene.

When agents arrived on scene, they met with Lieutenant Nick Edington (Edington), who was in the process of obtaining a search warrant for the residence. It was also learned that officers responded to the scene after receiving a 911 call from [REDACTED] stating she was assaulted by her live-in boyfriend. [REDACTED] had fled to a neighbor's residence located at 1581 E. 219th Street in Euclid and was later transported to Euclid General Hospital to be treated for her non-life-threatening injuries that were a result of the assault.

The involved subject was identified as Robert Riddlebarger who was transported to University Hospital Main Campus where he was later pronounced deceased.

A three-year old juvenile female was identified as [REDACTED] Riddlebarger [REDACTED] who was the shared daughter of [REDACTED] and Riddlebarger. When [REDACTED] fled their residence after the assault, [REDACTED] was left in the house with Riddlebarger. She was later located by officers in her bed after the shooting incident. Due to [REDACTED] age, she was not interviewed.

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At 0120 hours, SA Fifer went to Euclid Police Department (EPD) where she met with EPD Detective Sergeant Shubert and six officers who were on scene during the shooting incident. The officers were identified as Officer Jonathan Kennerly, Officer Jacob Gorbey, Officer Marcus Wolk, Officer James Aoki, Officer Kassie Mason, and Officer Allen Garbaloff. Photos of all officers were taken in the uniform they were wearing at the time of the incident. SA Fifer conducted a round count for the firearms carried by the officers who made initial entry into the house. Those officers included: Kennerly, Gorbey, Wolk, and Aoki.

The involved officer was identified as [REDACTED]. SA Doran took photos of [REDACTED] in the uniform he was wearing and conducted a round count on the firearm he used during the shooting incident.

At 0229 hours, SA Moore and SA Verhiley completed a neighborhood canvass and surveillance video canvass in the area of 1451 E. 219th Street. They attempted to contact the residents at 1481 E. 219th Street and 1441 E. 219th Street with no answer at the door. Agents were able to make contact with the homeowner at 1461 E. 219th Street who was identified as Rita Finical (Finical). Finical could not provide any information relevant to the shooting incident. No surveillance cameras were observed in the area. For additional information, refer to the investigative report titled *2026-01-12: Neighborhood Canvass*.

At 0010 hours, SA Verhiley and an officers from the EPD met with [REDACTED] at Euclid General Hospital (18901 Lakeshore Boulevard, Euclid, Ohio) to conduct an audio and video recorded interview. For additional information on the interview, refer to the investigative report titled *2026-01-12: Interview of the victim*.

After the completion of crime scene processing, BCI personnel cleared the scene. SA McClintock transported the items of evidence collected from the scene to BCI - Richfield office. Prior to clearing the scene, the items of evidence collected from University Hospital Main Campus and Euclid Police Department were turned over to SA McClintock by SA Fifer. All items were transported to the BCI - Richfield office where they were secured in temporary evidence.

References:

None

Attachments:

None

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