



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 9093 Zinnia Court, Apt 1209,
West Chester, Ohio 45069 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: FF/Medic Charles Dodd (W)

Date of Activity: 06/05/2026

Activity Location: West Chester Police Department – Business – 9577 Beckett Road,
Suite 500, West Chester, OH 45069

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Narrative:

On Thursday, June 5, 2026, at 0244 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Kevin Barkley (SA Barkley) and Lauren Frazier (SA Frazier) interviewed West Chester Fire Department (WCFD) Firefighter/Paramedic Charles Dodd (FF/Medic Dodd). FF/Medic Dodd was identified as a medic who oversaw primary care for the involved subject. The interview took place at West Chester Police Department and was audio recorded.

The following summary of the recorded interview highlights the key points the author deemed most relevant, although it does not provide a verbatim account. Additionally, this report was placed in chronology to enhance the reader's understanding of the information obtained 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.

FF/Medic Dodd stated that he has been employed as a firefighter/paramedic with the West Chester Fire Department for 15 years. On the day of the incident, FF/Medic Dodd stated he was one of the paramedics assigned to West Chester Fire Department Station 71.

FF/Medic Dodd advised that he and his partner, Firefighter/Paramedic Benjamin Lause, were dispatched to stage near the incident location for a reported domestic violence call. After staging for approximately four minutes, dispatch advised the scene was secure and they responded to the residence. Upon entering, they proceeded upstairs to a bedroom area where they located a male patient lying partially between the bedroom and bathroom. FF/Medic Dodd observed an officer performing chest compressions on the patient.

FF/Medic Dodd checked the patient for signs of life and observed the patient was not breathing and had no pulse. FF/Medic Dodd advised that he was unaware that the patient had been shot and had to return to the ambulance to retrieve equipment.

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The patient was moved into the bedroom to allow sufficient room for treatment. FF/Medic Dodd stated that he and his partner initiated advanced cardiac life support protocols. A LUCAS chest compression system was attached and used on the patient. FF/Medic Dodd observed one single gunshot wound on the back left side of the patient's head. FF/Medic Dodd stated that the patient's shirt had been cut to check the patient for further injuries, however, the shirt remained partially on the patient. After 30 minutes of resuscitative efforts with no response, FF/Medic Dodd contacted West Chester Hospital for an in-field termination. FF/Medic Dodd was given a time of death of 2253 from MD 44.

FF/Medic Dodd stated that West Chester police officers stayed in the room during lifesaving efforts. FF/Medic Dodd stated that one officer was blocking off an area of the bedroom, where he observed a 6 to 7 inch kitchen knife.

After the patient had been pronounced deceased, FF/Medic Dodd and responding fire personnel collected their equipment and left the deceased on scene with law enforcement.

The interview concluded at 0254 hours. The audio recorded interview has been uploaded and stored in Axon (see references).

References:

A. BCI – Audio Interviews in Axon

Attachments:

No attachments.