

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



2025-2243 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 3013 Mohawk Street, Middletown, Ohio 45044 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Officer Jordan Griffin (W)

Date of Activity: 07/25/2025

Activity Location: Middletown Police Department – Business – One Donham Plaza,

Middletown, OH 45042

Author: SA Douglas Eveslage, #66

Narrative:

On June 25, 2025 at approximately 1245 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agents Steve Seitzman and Doug Eveslage interviewed Middletown Police Officer Jordan Griffin (Officer Griffin). The interview took place at the Middletown Police Department. Also present for the interview was Attorney Rob Stokar. The interview 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 a 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.

Officer Griffin was identified as being an officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the officer-involved critical incident that occurred on June 13, 2025, in the City of Middletown, Butler County, Ohio. Officer Griffin did not discharge his firearm during this incident. The primary objective of the interview was to gather all pertinent information known or observed. He confirmed that he was providing his statement voluntarily.

Officer Griffin prepared a typed statement, which was provided to investigators. The statement was signed and dated at the beginning of the interview. The typed statement read as follows:

"STATEMENT OF OFFICER JORDAN GRIFFIN, BADGE NO. 677

This statement is in regard to an incident that occurred on Sunday, July 13, 2025, at approximately 4:43 p.m. I am making this statement voluntarily as part of the investigation concerning this matter.

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My date of hire as a police officer with the Middletown Division of Police was My regular assignment with Middletown PD is as a Patrol Officer, with off. Mv and on July 13, $\overline{2025}$, I was working my regular duty hours are from regular hours. On the day of the incident, I was working as a two-officer unit with Officer Trent Oldham, and my call number was L18. At the time this incident occurred, I was wearing my regular duty police uniform. The uniform included a ballistic vest, badge and nameplate. I was wearing a body worn camera (BWC) which recorded the event. I was carrying a department approved Glock 17, semi-automatic 9mm pistol, loaded with department approved ammunition. I most recently qualified with my weapon sometime in April 2025 and I am current with all required qualifications. I was not carrying a secondary weapon. My uncorrected vision and hearing are good and I was not wearing glasses or contacts. I am in good health, and I do not take any medications that would impair my ability to perform my duties. I had not consumed alcohol in the 24 hours prior to my shift. I had not worked any overtime or extra details within the 48 hours prior to my shift on the day of the incident. I had approximately 8 hours of sleep the night before my assigned shift.

Immediately prior to being dispatched to the incident that resulted in the officer involved shooting, I was completing paperwork from an earlier arrest. At approximately 4:43 p.m. radio aired a "Signal 28," meaning a shooting had occurred, at 3013 Mohawk St. The call indicated a female, possibly the suspects family member, had been shot. I immediately responded utilizing lights and sirens and arrived at the location approximately 3–5 minutes after the call was aired. As officers were arriving on scene, radio traffic indicated the suspect was observed at the front door of the residence with a handgun, a female inside was shot in the chest, and SWAT was notified to respond to the scene. As I arrived on scene, Officer Oldham parked our patrol vehicle on the rear and east side of the building near the train tracks, approximately 12 houses south of 3013 Mohawk St. I exited the vehicle and approached the rear of the residence from the woods with Officer Oldham. I observed 3013 Mohawk St. to be a yellow single–story residence. I do not recall having previously responded to calls for service to this location in my capacity as a Middletown Police Officer. I also do not recall having had previous contact with the suspect or the female victim involved in this incident.

As I approached the rear of the residence, I heard several loud verbal announcements on the PA system by an officer, stating the house number and advising the suspect to exit the residence with his hands up. At the rear of the residence, I observed other responding officers begin moving to the back patio to assume a stacked formation, and I positioned myself on the northeast corner of the residence near the windows to maintain containment. The officers at the rear of the residence were giving the suspect loud verbal commands to put the gun down. After several minutes, I heard the suspect fire a single shot from inside the residence, and towards what I believed to be in the direction of the officers positioned at the back door. I was aware the suspect had positioned himself in the rear of the house because sound was coming from that area. I was not aware of where the victim was inside the house. The suspect's son had contacted officers at the scene and had confirmed the victim and the suspect were the only ones inside the residence. This information was conveyed to officers.

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who was in a position closer to the rear door of the residence, return fire into the residence. In my position I had some limited cover and concealment from the exterior wall of the residence. I did not fire my weapon because I could not see the suspect from my position outside the exterior of the north side of the residence.

After fired his weapon, other officers and I made entry through the rear door in order to clear the residence and secure any persons inside. Upon entry, I observed the suspect on the floor with a gunshot wound. I contacted secured his rifle and escorted him from the residence. I did not re-enter the structure. After exiting the residence, I drove back to the police station.

This concludes my statement, and I am prepared to answer additional clarifying questions."

The interview concluded at 1259 hours. Officer Griffin's signed typed statement and a copy of the audio recorded interview are attached to this report.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2025-07-25 Interview of Officer Jordan Griffin

Attachment # 02: Middletown Police Officer Jordan Griffin Signed Statement

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