



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



2026-2005

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 905 Brady Ave.,
Steubenville, OH 43952, Jefferson County

Investigative Activity: Crime Scene Processing (Scene 1)
Involves: Steubenville Police Department
Activity Date: 05/24/2026
Activity Location: Team Ford, 905 Brady Ave, Steubenville, Ohio 43952
Authoring Agent: S/A Chad Doran #177

Narrative:

On 05/24/2026 at approximately 1730 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Crime Scene Unit (CSU) Special Agent (S/A) Chad Doran #177 was contacted by BCI CSU Crime Scene Technician (CST) Michael Rostocil regarding a request for assistance from the Steubenville Police Department (SPD). SPD reported an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) at the Team Ford car dealership, 905 Brady Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. BCI CSU S/A Edward Lulla also responded to the scene.

Upon arrival, Agents contacted SPD personnel and were advised that two SPD officers responded to the car dealership for a report of a male with a firearm. Upon SPD arrival to the scene, there was an exchange of gunfire between both SPD officers and the involved male, later identified as Matthew Metzger. Metzger was pronounced dead at the scene, and no officers were injured.

BCI Force Investigations Unit (FIU) responded to the scene, and the dealership's CCTV footage was reviewed. CSU Agents learned that, prior to SPD arrival, Metzger had parked his black Jeep SUV across the street from 905 Brady Avenue and transferred multiple firearms from his vehicle to a red Ford F-150 pickup truck parked on the lot. The truck was reportedly owned by the dealership.

The scene was outdoors, in the roadway of Brady Avenue, to include the East and West sides of the street. Agents conducted a preliminary scene walkthrough, and the location was photographed as it was found. Items of evidence were identified, and numbered evidence placards were placed in the scene. Additional photographs were taken with evidence placards in place.

During crime scene processing, there were periods of significant rainfall. Brady Avenue, which runs downhill from Southwest to Northeast, had rainwater running along the roadway, which carried smaller items of evidence and placards from their original positions. The Leica BLK360 scanner was not deployed due to the heavy rain and evidence being moved from its original position.

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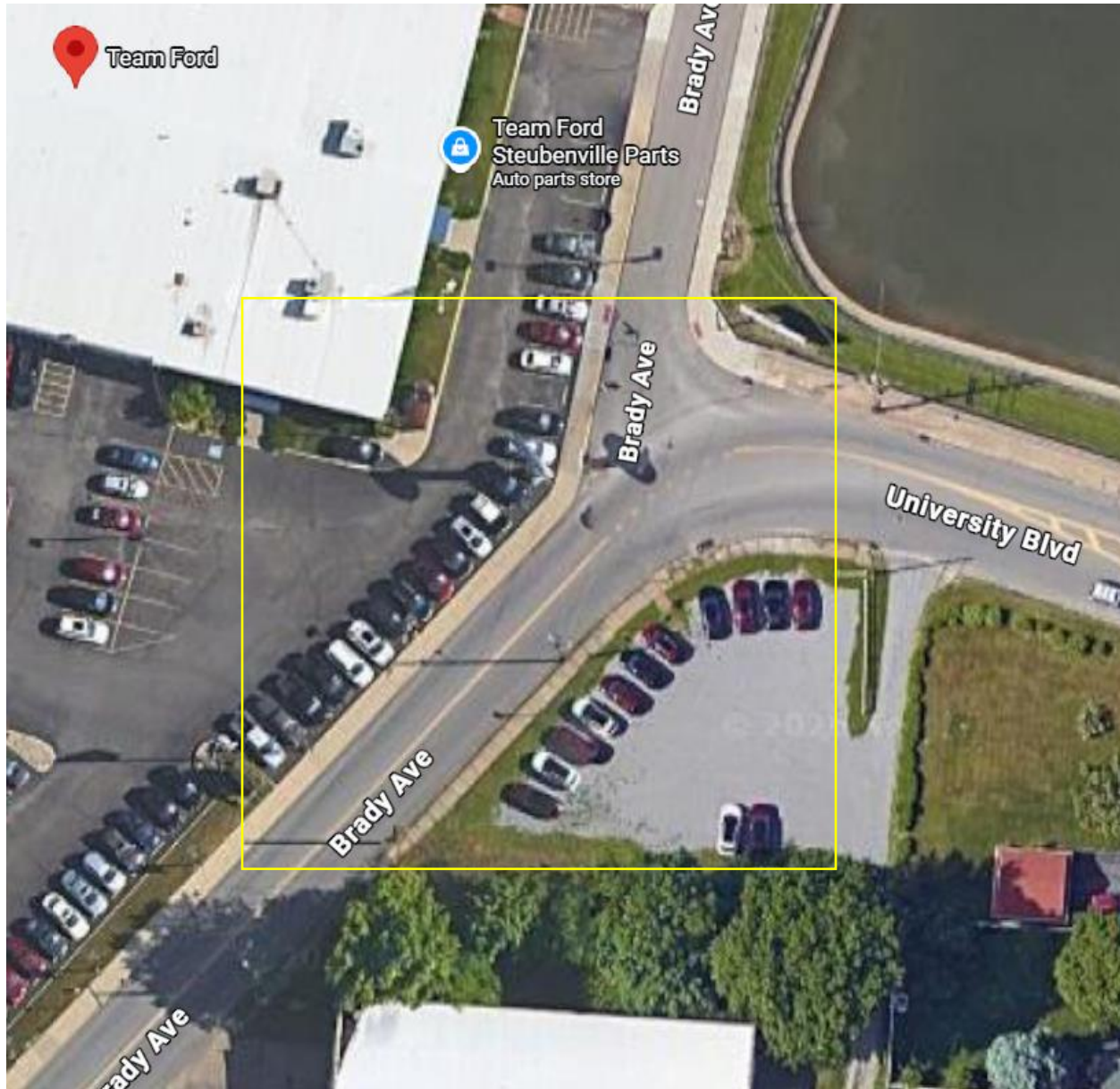


Figure 1: Google Map image of 905 Brady Avenue, Steubenville. The crime scene is outlined in yellow.

In the Northeast area of the scene, ten fired Norma .223 Rem cartridge casings (**Items 1-10**) were found on the roadway, in the intersection of Brady Avenue and University Boulevard.

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Metzger was found supine on the roadway, with his head oriented to the Southwest. To the West of the body, on the street and sidewalk, agents recovered the following items of evidence: one set of keys (**Item 11**), four unfired Norma 9mm cartridges (**Items 12-15**), four fired Norma 9mm cartridge casings (**Item 16, 18, 19, 37**), one "bucket" style hat (**Item 17**), one Desantis brand handgun holster containing a magazine with 18 unfired 9mm cartridges (**Item 20**), one folding knife (**Item 21**), one wallet (**Item 22**), one liquid nicotine cartridge (**Item 23**), one Allen brand handgun holster (**Item 24**), one set of handcuffs (**Item 25**), and one metal clipboard / paper tray (**Item 36**).

In the dealership parking lot, near the sidewalk on the West side of Brady Avenue, one Century Arms Canik 9mm pistol (serial number T6472-20BN08631, **Item 26**) was found under the front bumper of a gray Cadillac SUV. The pistol was loaded with one unfired cartridge in the chamber, and 11 unfired cartridges in the magazine.

At the South end of the parking lot, to the East of Brady Avenue, two fired Norma .223 Rem cartridge casings (**Items 27, 28**) were located. To the North of Items 27 and 28, Metzger's black Jeep Grand Cherokee bearing Ohio registration JAX2229 was parked near the sidewalk. Two cans of Copenhagen chewing tobacco (**Item 29**) and a Canik 9mm gun case (**Item 30**) were found on the ground near the front driver's side tire. Metzger's vehicle was towed from the scene in anticipation of a search warrant.

S/A Doran contacted the Team Ford dealership manager, [REDACTED]. He signed a consent form for agents to document and search the red Ford F-150 Raptor (VIN 1FTFW1RG97FA23356) that Metzger reportedly loaded firearms into. The vehicle was parked on the South side of the building, near the entry door. S/A Doran photographed the vehicle as it was found.

Inside the passenger cabin, S/A Doran recovered the following items: one Apple iPad tablet with attached keyboard (**Item 31**) on the front center armrest, one DPMS A-15 rifle containing one unfired cartridge in the chamber and 30 unfired cartridges in the magazine (serial number FH226321, **Item 32**) from the rear floor, one Mossberg 500C 20-gauge shotgun containing 6 unfired 20-gauge shotshells (serial number R415283, **Item 33**) from the stowage bin under the rear seats, one Bergara BXR .22 rifle with one unfired .22 cartridge from the chamber and magazine containing 8 unfired cartridges (serial number TA004580, **Item 34**) from the stowage bin under the rear seats, and a white ammunition can containing several boxes of various ammunition (**Item 35**) from the rear seat.

Agents were advised that the involved officers' weapons were secured in their respective cruisers prior to BCI arrival. Agents recovered one Troy Industries 5.56x45 NATO Patrol Rifle from SPD marked cruiser [REDACTED] (serial number [REDACTED], **Item 38**). The rifle was

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equipped with a flashlight, optic, sling, and magazine containing 26 unfired cartridges. Agents recovered one Troy Industries 5.56x45 NATO Patrol Rifle from SPD marked cruiser [REDACTED] (serial number [REDACTED], **Item 39**). The rifle was equipped with a flashlight, optic, sling, one unfired cartridge from the chamber, and a magazine containing 17 unfired cartridges.

All evidence was packaged and sealed with clear tape. All seals were initialed. S/A Doran and FIU S/A Nicholas Valente signed the property receipt, and all items collected were released to S/A Valente. S/A Valente transported all items to BCI Richfield to be secured into temporary evidence storage.

The photographs were uploaded to the Axon Evidence Library. The signed property receipt and consent to search forms were uploaded to Matrix.

References:

[Google Maps, 905 Brady Avenue.](#)

Axon Evidence Library, *"Reference Item B- Crime Scene Photos."*

Matrix Investigator, *"26.2005 Consent to Search."*

Attachments:

1. Evidence Receipt Items 1-39
2. 26.2005 Consent to Search

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Evidence Receipt for Case #: 2026-2005



Agency:
 Prepared By: Special Agent Doran (#177)
 Case Date: May 24, 2026
 Offense(s): Officer Involved Critical Incident
 Victim(s):
 Witness(es):
 Suspect(s):
 Scene #: 1
 Scene Address: 905 Brady Ave, Steubenville, OH 43952

Evidence #	Item Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
1	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Norma .223 Rem	street: Brady Ave	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
2	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Norma .223 Rem	street: Brady Ave	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
3	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Norma .223 Rem	street: Brady Ave	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
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5	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Norma .223 Rem	street: Brady Ave	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
6	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Norma .223 Rem	street: Brady Ave	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
7	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Norma .223 Rem	street: Brady Ave	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
8	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Norma .223 Rem	street: Brady Ave	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
9	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Norma .223 Rem	street: Brady Ave	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
10	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Norma .223 Rem	street: Brady Ave	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
11	Envelope containing Set of Keys --	street:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
12	Envelope containing Live Bullet -- Quantity: 1; Norma 9mm	street:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
13	Envelope containing Live Bullet -- Quantity: 1; Norma 9mm	street:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
14	Envelope containing Live Bullet -- Quantity: 1; Norma 9mm	street:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
15	Envelope containing Live Bullet -- Quantity: 1; Norma 9mm	street:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
16	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Norma 9mm	street:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
17	Paper Bag containing Hat -- Quantity: 1; Gray; Solar escape	street:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
18	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Norma 9mm	street:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
19	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Norma 9mm	street:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
20	Envelope containing Holster -- Quantity: 1; DeSanits brand holster with magazine containing	street:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026

Released By

Special Agent Doran
(#177)

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Released To

SA Valente

Date/Time

May 24, 2026 23:16

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	18 x .9mm cartridges			
21	Paper Bag containing Knife -- Quantity: 1	street:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
22	Paper Bag containing Wallet -- Quantity: 1	street:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
23	Paper Bag containing Nicotine liquid -- Quantity: 1	street:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
24	Envelope containing Holster -- Quantity: 1; Allen brand holster	street:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
25	Envelope containing Handcuffs -- Quantity: 1	street:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
26	Gun/Firearm Cardboard Box containing Handgun (Pistol or Revolver) -- Quantity: 1; Serial Number: T6472-20BN08631; Century Arms - Canik; 9 mm; Pistol with 1 cartridge in chamber and 11 in magazine		Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
27	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Norma .223 Rem	Parking lot:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
28	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Norma .223 Rem	Parking lot:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
29	Envelope containing 2x cans of tobacco -- Quantity: 2; Copenhagen brand	Parking lot:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
30	Gun/Firearm Cardboard Box containing Gun Case -- Quantity: 1; Canik gun case	Parking lot:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
31	Paper Bag containing Tablet -- Quantity: 1; Apple; iPad; Tablet with attached keyboard/ case	Ford F150:	Chad Doran	May 24, 2026
32	Gun/Firearm Cardboard Box containing Rifle -- Quantity: 1; Serial Number: FH226321; A-15; 5.56x45 NATO; DPMS rifle with Vortex optic, 1 unfired cartridge from chamber, and magazine with 30 unfired cartridges	Ford F150:	Chad Doran	May 24, 2026
33	Gun/Firearm Cardboard Box containing Shotgun -- Quantity: 1; Serial Number: R415283; Mossberg - 500 C; 20 gauge; Pump-action shotgun with 6 unfired 20-ga shotshells	Ford F150:	Chad Doran	May 24, 2026
34	Gun/Firearm Cardboard Box containing Rifle -- Quantity: 1; Serial Number: TA004580; Bergara - BXR; .22; .22 rifle with one unfired cartridge from chamber and magazine with 8 unfired cartridges	Ford F150:	Chad Doran	May 24, 2026
35	Paper Bag containing Various Ammunition Related -- Quantity: 1; Metal ammo can with 3 boxes 20-ga	Ford F150:	Chad Doran	May 24, 2026

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Evidence Receipt for Case #: 2026-2005



Agency:
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 Victim(s):
 Witness(es):
 Suspect(s):
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	ammunition, 1 box 9mm ammunition, 5 boxes .22 ammunition, and 1 box .40 ammunition.			
36	Paper Bag containing Metal paper tray -- Quantity: 1	Street:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
37	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Quantity: 1; Norma 9mm	Street:	Ed Lulla	May 24, 2026
38	Gun/Firearm Cardboard Box containing Rifle -- Quantity: 1; Serial Number [REDACTED] Troy Industries - Patrol Rifle; 5.56x45 NATO; Rifle from SPD cruise [REDACTED] with optic, light, sling, magazine with 26 unfired cartridges	Ford F150:	Chad Doran	May 24, 2026
39	Gun/Firearm Cardboard Box containing Rifle -- Quantity: 1; Serial Number [REDACTED] Troy Industries - Patrol Rifle; 5.56x45 NATO; Rifle from SPD cruise [REDACTED] with optic, light, sling, magazine with 17 unfired cartridges, one cartridge from chamber	Ford F150:	Chad Doran	May 24, 2026

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CONSENT TO SEARCH



Date & Time

05/24/2026 - 2000 HRS

Location

TEAM FORD, 905 BRADY AVE, STEUBENVILLE, OH 43952

I, [REDACTED], having been informed of the constitutional right not to have a search made of the premises, property, or items hereinafter mentioned without a search warrant (and of my right to refuse to consent to such a search), hereby authorize

SPECIAL AGENT CHAD DORAN #177 - OHIO BCI CRIME SCENE UNIT

to conduct a complete search of my

☐ premises, and all curtilage

☒ any vehicles 1FTFW1RG9TFA23356 RED FORD F-150 RAPTOR

☐ personal property, to wit: _____

☐ computer, cellular telephone, or electronic device, (including data acquisition, copying, and analysis), to wit: _____

located at

PARKING LOT - 905 BRADY AVE, STEUBENVILLE OH 43952

These above-named officers/agents are authorized by me to take from my premises, curtilage, vehicles, property, computer, cellular telephone, or electronic device (as specified above) any letters, papers, materials, data, or other property which they desire. I state that I am a person who is authorized to give consent for the search of the above mentioned property.

This written permission is being given by me to the above-named officers/agents voluntarily, of my own free will, without threats or promises of any kind, I am not under the influence of drugs or alcohol that prevent me from understand this document, and I understand this document and the English language.

Signature

05/24/2026 - 2000
Date/Time

[REDACTED]