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Investigative Request

On Sunday, March 16, 2025, Captain Jake Smallfield of the Ravenna Police Department requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident. The incident reportedly occurred on March 16, 2025, in the area of 645 Hazen Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio and resulted in the death of Shawn A. Ware.

Preface:

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the March 16, 2025, officer-involved shooting in Portage County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Every fact and detail is not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which this document is derived be read in order to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for the majority of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.

This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.

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Investigative Team

BCI Special Agent Joseph Goudy (Goudy) was assigned as the lead SIU case agent. SA Goudy received assistance in the investigation from SA Eric Lehnhart (SA Lehnhart), SA John Tingley (Tingley), and SA Jack Shea (Shea). BCI Special Agents Dan Boerner (Boerner) and SA Chad Doran (Doran) of the Crime Scene Unit processed the scene of the incident, documenting, preserving, and collecting possible evidence. The investigation was supervised by Special Agent Supervisor Chuck Moran. Additionally, various personnel from the BCI crime laboratory performed scientific analyses on submitted items of potential physical evidence.

Summary of Process

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during the course of this investigation, by the investigative team, in an effort to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Recorded interview(s) of the 2 officers who discharged their weapons
- Neighborhood canvass of the area surrounding the scene
- Recorded interview(s) of persons directly involved in the incident
- Interviews of 5 civilian witnesses to the incident
- Special agent attendance to the post-mortem examination (autopsy) of the deceased
- Obtained and reviewed the post-mortem examination (autopsy) and toxicology reports
- Obtained and reviewed police reports of prior law enforcement contacts with the subject
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on the involved subjects, including criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.
- Review of all available body cameras involved in the incident
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting)
- 3D scans / model of incident area
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident
- Review of 911/phone communications related to the incident
- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident

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- Review of the department's reports, photographs, and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
 1. Firearm identification testing of involved firearms, casings, and bullets
 2. Firearm operability testing
 3. DNA
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officers involved in the shooting, to include training and disciplinary records (if any)
- Reviewed firearm qualification and training records for involved officers
- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the officer(s) who discharged their weapons
- Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding use of force for prosecutorial review
- Reviewed EMS records pertaining to their response and the treatment administered
- Reviewed tips, social media posts, and pertinent statements made in the media regarding the incident

Incident Summary/Overview

On Sunday, March 16, 2025, at approximately 0130 hours, RPD received a 911 call from a male, identified as Terrance Conway (Conway), located in apartment #3 of 645 Hazen Avenue, indicating that there was a male, later identified as Shawn Ware (Ware), who entered into the apartment with a gun. At the time of the phone call, Conway reported that Ware knocked quietly on the door, which resulted in Conway opening the door to see who it was. Conway further stated that Ware pushed his way into the apartment with a suspected handgun in his possession. Conway reported that Ware fell asleep while still holding the suspected handgun, which prompted him to call 911.

When RPD officer Brock Wise (Wise) and Sergeant Cris Coy (Coy) arrived, Officer Wise knocked on the door of apartment #3. When the door opened, Ware was observed lying on the floor inside the apartment while in possession of a handgun. At this time, Officer Wise and Sergeant Coy gave verbal commands for Ware to drop the gun, to which Ware refused to cooperate. The apartment door then closed between the officers and Ware. Officer Wise and Sergeant Coy continued to give commands from outside the apartment.

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Moments later, the apartment door opened, and Ware exited, while holding Conway directly in front of him. Shortly after Ware and Conway exited, Conway was able to break free from Ware. At that time, Ware, while still in possession of the suspected handgun, began walking down the hallway towards Sergeant Coy's position. Sergeant Coy and Officer Wise continued to give verbal commands for Ware to drop the gun, to which Ware still refused to cooperate. Ware then pointed the suspected handgun at Sergeant Coy and Officer Wise, which resulted in both Officer Wise and Sergeant Coy discharging their firearm and striking Ware. Ware eventually succumbed to his injuries following the shooting.

Involved Subject – Shawn A. Ware



Name: Shawn A. Ware

DOB: 10/15/1976

SSN: [REDACTED]

Height / Weight: 6'0" / 205

Hair / Eyes: Black/Brown

Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (OHLEG)

Life-saving emergency measures from the gunshot wounds was provided to Ware after the shooting concluded and he was secured. Ware eventually succumbed to his injuries while on scene and was reported by the Ravenna City Fire Department as to being "Dead on Arrival."

Background

Shawn A. Ware

- 49-year-old male
- Driver's license status: Suspended
- Computerized Criminal History (CCH) [REDACTED]

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The autopsy report for the decedent (Shawn A Ware) was obtained from the Portage County Coroner's Office (PCCO). The autopsy was originally completed by the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office (CCME) and reviewed by PCCO. A review of those documents revealed the following information:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The autopsy report revealed [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

For further information, please refer to the report titled, "2025-05-19: Review of Portage County Coroner's Report (OICI-09 AutopsyRpt-1)"

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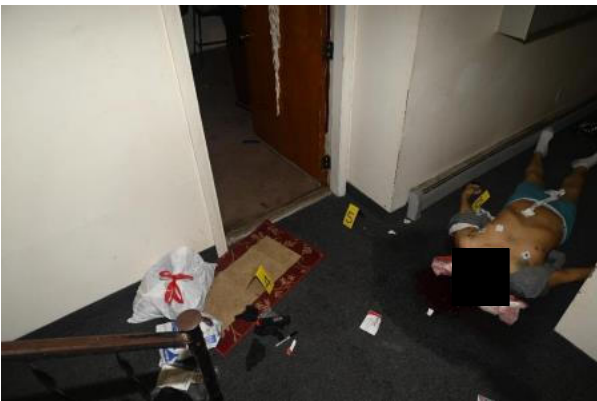


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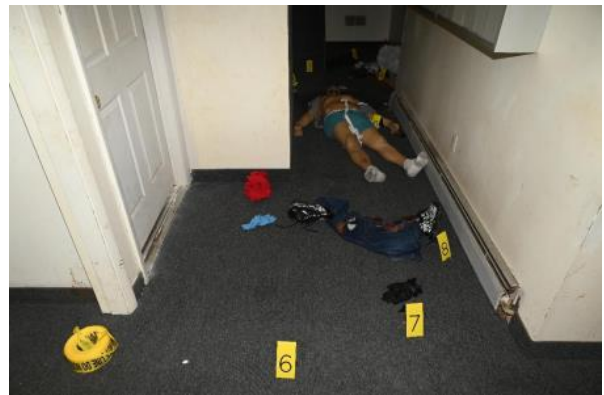
Scene Processing and Evidence Documented/Collected

The BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to respond to the scene of the shooting in order to document and preserve any items of potential evidence. Multiple agents responded and processed the scene, to include photographing and mapping the area, as well as the search for, documentation, and collection of items of possible evidence. Detailed crime scene reports were completed with the below information only summarizing some of the more significant findings.

Upon the arrival of the Crime Scene Unit (CSU), SA Dan Boerner (Boerner) and SA Chad Doran (Doran) began processing the scene, The CSU photograph below depicts the secured scene.



(Image #1)



(Image #2)



(Image #3)



(Image #4)

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Image #3 depicts the handgun originally possessed by Ware in image #4. The handgun was found lying on the floor next to Ware by Sergeant Coy until he moved it out of reach of Ware.

For further information, please refer to the report titled, "2025-03-16: Initial Crime Scene Processing (IRW-1)."

BCI Laboratory Analysis

The actual reports should be consulted as the following synopsis does not include many of the details from the full reports.

The BCI Firearms Section performed an analysis of the officers' firearms, as well as the firearm-related evidence collected from the scene, vehicles, and autopsies (casings and bullets). By comparing evidentiary cartridge casings/projectiles to known standards from each weapon, identifications were able to be made as to which casings/projectiles were fired from each firearm. Of the casings/projectiles recovered, the following identifications were made:

Submitted Items

Lab #	Matrix #	Description
1	001	Envelope containing one fired 9mm Luger cartridge case
2	002	Envelope containing one fired 9mm Luger cartridge case
3	003	Envelope containing one fired 9mm Luger cartridge case
4	004	Envelope containing one fired bullet
5	005	Envelope containing one fired 9mm Luger cartridge case
6	006	Envelope containing one fired bullet
7	007	Envelope containing one fired bullet
8	009	Envelope containing one fired 9mm Luger cartridge case
9	010	Envelope containing one fired 9mm Luger cartridge case
10	011	Envelope containing one fired 9mm Luger cartridge case
11	012	Envelope containing one fired 9mm Luger cartridge case
12	014	Envelope containing one fired bullet
13	016	Cardboard box containing firearm - Shadow Systems 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model XR920, serial # [REDACTED] three magazines and forty-nine 9mm Luger cartridges
14	017	Cardboard box containing firearm - Shadow Systems 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model XR920, serial # [REDACTED] three magazines and fifty-two 9mm Luger cartridges.

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15	024	Envelope containing one fired bullet
16	025	Envelope containing one fired bullet
17	026	Envelope containing one fired bullet

Findings

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #13: Shadow Systems Pistol (SN: [REDACTED])	N/A	Operable
	Items #8-10: Three (3) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification
	Items #15-16: Two (2) fired bullets	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #14: Shadow Systems Pistol (SN: [REDACTED])	N/A	Operable
	Items #1-3, 5 & 11: Five (5) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification
	Items #4, 6-7, 12 & 17: Five (5) fired bullets	Source Identification

Conclusion

Sergeant Coy's Shadow Systems Pistol (Matrix Item #13) fired three of the submitted 9mm cartridge cases (Matrix Evidence Items #8-10) and two fired projectiles (Matrix Evidence Items #24 and 25). The two fired projectiles were recovered from the autopsy of Shawn Ware.

Officer Wise's Shadow Systems Pistol (Matrix Item #14) fired five of the submitted 9mm cartridge casings (Matrix Evidence Items #1-3, 5 and 11) and fired five projectiles (Matrix Evidence Items #4, 6-7, 14, and 26). One of the projectiles, Matrix Evidence Item #26, was recovered from the autopsy of Shawn Ware.

Witnesses

This section contains information about witnesses that were interviewed after the incident.

Terrance Conway (Hostage/Victim from inside apartment #3 of 645 Hazen Avenue)

Terrance Conway (Conway) stated that he was watching television at Becky Clark's (Clark) apartment when he heard a "soft" knock at the door. As he was expecting James Graham (Graham), another one of Clark's friends, he went to the door and opened it. As the door opened, Conway was surprised to find a light skinned black male standing in the doorway pointing a gun in his direction.

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The subject forced his way into the apartment and eventually sat down on the floor behind a chair in the living area of the apartment. Conway continued to state that the subject said very little over the ninety (90) minutes he was in the apartment and eventually fell asleep on the floor. Conway was able to call 911, but during his explanation of the events, the subject began to wake up. Conway hung up on the dispatchers and after a few seconds was able to reconnect with them.

Once Ravenna police officers arrived, they opened the door to the apartment to find Conway and the subject. Conway recalled officers giving commands to the subject to not touch the gun that was beside him. However, the subject grabbed Conway and began to force him out of the apartment. Conway stated that as they began to enter the hallway, he was able to push off and away from the subject and hurried back into the apartment. Conway recalled seeing the subject point the gun he had towards an officer who was near the laundry room and heard a shot which he believed was from the subject's weapon.

As Conway was "diving on the floor", he called out to Clark to wake her and to tell her to stay down. Conway recalls hearing what he believed were six (6) or seven (7) shots fired. Conway described the subject's gun as a black-in-color 9mm type handgun. He continued to state that he didn't know of or had any previous contact with the subject.

For further information, please refer to the report titled, "2025-03-16: Conway, Terrance Interview (OICI-19 CivilWitIntRpt-3)."

[Becky Lynn Clark \(Owner of apartment #3 at 645 Hazen Avenue\)](#)

Clark stated that she had taken her medication for the evening and sat down in a recliner that was in her bedroom. She continued to state that the medication she was prescribed "pretty much knocks me out." When Clark retired to her room, she stated that Terrence "Terry" Conway (Conway) was the only person inside her apartment. Clark said she was awakened from her sleep when Conway began to yell towards her room. As Clark got up from her recliner, the Ravenna police were already at the door to her apartment. Clark stated that she had no recollection of the events that took place and that she could only go on about what Conway had told her about the event.

For further information, please refer to the report titled, "2025-03-16: Clark, Becky Interview (OICI-19 CivilWitIntRpt-2)."

[James Graham \(Arrived at 645 Hazen Avenue after the incident occurred\)](#)

Graham, who is currently between homes, stated that he was returning to Becky Clark's apartment around 0100 hours, where he sleeps on her couch at night. As he was

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approaching the building, he heard what he described as four (4) gunshots coming from inside. Graham walked the remaining 100 feet to the door and was met by a Ravenna police officer who advised him he would not be permitted inside the apartment building for a while. Graham cooperated with Ravenna officers and detectives on scene but advised that he did not witness the actual shooting.

For further information, please refer to the report titled, "2025-03-16: Graham, James Interview (OICI-19 CivilWitIntRpt-1)."

Neighborhood Canvass

[Gay Taylor and Amanda Walker \(Mother and daughter – 645 Hazen Avenue, apartments #2 and #4.\)](#)

On March 16, 2025 at approximately 05:57 hours SA Shea and SA Goudy knocked on the door of Apartment 4 that was answered by the resident, Gay Taylor. Also present in the apartment was Amanda Walker. Walker stated she resides in Apartment 2 and was visiting her mother, Gay Taylor in Apartment 4. Walker told agents that her mother is hard of hearing and didn't see or hear anything pertaining to the shooting in the hallway of the apartment building.

Walker went on to say that she arrived at her mother's apartment a little after 1AM to check on Taylor's wellbeing and to say good night. Walker stated she heard police officers in the hallway order someone to "drop the gun". At this time Walker told agents that she looked out of the peep hole of Apartment 4 and saw a male exit Apartment 3 with a male hostage in front of him. Walker said she saw the male with the gun raise his arm with the gun towards the police officers. At that time Walker stated she heard three or four shots.

[Anthony Dengg \(645 Hazen, apartment #1\)](#)

On March 16, 2025, SA Shea and SA Goudy knocked on the door of Apartment 1 which was answered by the resident, Anthony Dengg (Dengg). Dengg told agents that he was home watching television all night. Dengg stated that between 11-12pm he heard someone knock softly on his door. Dengg told agents he did not answer the door. Dengg went on to say that approximately ten minutes to one hour later, he heard yelling and approximately five-to-ten-gun shots.

For further information, please refer to the report titled, "2025-03-18: Neighborhood Canvass (OICI-18 NeighborhoodCan-1)"

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Officer Interviews

The following paragraphs are the officers' account of their actions pertaining to this incident and the discharging of their weapons. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of each interview.

Sergeant Cris Coy

Sergeant Coy stated that when he and Officer Brock Wise (Wise) arrived at 645 Hazen, they went down the stairs towards the lower level of the apartment building. Sergeant Coy stated he went towards the laundry room, located at the end of the hall, to check and see if someone was lying in there with a gun. While checking the laundry room, Officer Wise began making contact with the tenants in apartment three. As Sergeant Coy began walking towards Officer Wise, he saw him, "reach down for his gun and start yelling out gun, drop the gun." (23:17). At that time, Sergeant Coy unholstered his duty weapon and glanced into the apartment.

When Sergeant Coy glanced into the apartment, he stated that he saw three individuals sitting on the floor. Sergeant Coy was able to identify one of the individuals as Shawn Ware (Ware), whom he recognized from a previous call. Sergeant Coy continued:

"Uh, as we're, you know, I, I glance in, I see Shawn, who is almost in, in an upright seating position, trying to stand up. And in his hand he has a, um, silver and black handgun. And I noticed that he's, he, he's bringing up in his hand and he's starting to, you know, trying to stand while pointing it in our direction. At that point, I, I, you know, we're ordering him, you know, drop the gun, drop the gun, he's not compliant." (24:17)

At that point during the incident, Sergeant Coy and Officer Wise backed away from the doorway because Ware was pointing a gun at them. While doing so, the door closed. After Sergeant Coy and Officer Wise took up positions of cover on each end of the hallway and stairway, they continued to give commands for Ware to, "drop the gun." Sergeant Coy added that when they were initially inside the doorway of the apartment, he said he identified themselves as "police" so there was no mistake as to who they were.

After about a minute, the door opened again. The male complainant began to walk out from the apartment. Sergeant Coy identified him as Terrance Conway (Conway). Sergeant Coy continued:

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"And then all of a sudden I noticed that he has, uh, Shawn Ware behind him. Shawn Ware has his left hand over Terrance Conway's shoulder, and they're almost body to body. And his right hand, he has the handgun. Uh, it's near Terrance Conway's head. It's also kind of, you know, he is kind of like from here and then over towards Brock's position where yelling, 'drop the gun'. 'Drop the gun'. So basically, at this point, it looks like we have a hostage situation or a human barricade." (26:45)

Sergeant Coy stated that they gave several more commands to, "drop the gun." Ware refused to comply. Once Ware walked out from the apartment with Conway in front of him, he was able to get a closer look at the gun possessed by Ware. He described it as a black framed gun with silver slide. Sergeant Coy further stated:

"At some point I was able to even see the barrel and it looked like it was every bit of probably nine to, uh, 40 millimeter in diameter. It didn't resemble a pellet gun, a BB gun. It had no, no physical markings to indicate anything like that. And like I said, the, the, uh, perimeter or the diameter of the, the barrel was a lot wider than I've ever seen a, a pellet gun ever being. (27:49)

As Ware was moving into the hallway with Conway as a hostage, Sergeant Coy moved back behind cover more to avoid agitating Ware and to keep Conway from getting hurt. More commands were given for Ware to drop the gun, to which he refused to comply.

After discussing how quickly everything was transpiring and his concerns for the safety of the hostage, himself and Officer Wise, Sergeant Coy stated:

"So, at some point, I, I dip out from under, you know, my cover to kind of get a better view. And now Terrance Conway, the victim is not with, uh, Shawn Ware. And next thing I know Shawn Ware is coming in my direction. I'm yelling, 'drop the gun, drop the gun'. And as he's coming in my direction, I, I notice like, it's, it's definitely pointing at me. (29:21)

Sergeant Coy continued on by describing the shooting incident:

"I said, yell, 'drop the gun'. He says something along the lines of, fuck you. Um, and from there, you know, I, I remember I dipped out from my cover just a little bit. I fired, uh, three rounds at that, that point. 'cause he, he was coming at me aggressively. Uh, when I did fire the rounds, I remember I dipped my head behind the wall some because I, you know, I didn't wanna risk getting, hitting the head or shot in the head. And it was a hundred percent real." (29:56)

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Sergeant Coy was asked if there was any way to tell if the gun possessed by Ware was anything other than a real firearm. He replied, "no, absolutely not." SA Goudy asked Sergeant Coy if the firearm had anything on the gun indicating it was a pellet gun. He replied, "Uh, no indicators that it was a pellet gun or anything other than real." (31:13). When Sergeant Coy saw Ware with the gun in his hand, he continued to give commands for him to drop the gun, to which Ware refused to comply.

SA Goudy asked Sergeant Coy if and when he identified himself as a police officer. Sergeant Coy stated it was while Ware was still inside the apartment. Sergeant Coy further stated that everything was occurring quickly. They were repeatedly yelling for Ware to drop the gun in which he refused to comply. As Sergeant Coy and Officer Wise were giving Ware commands to drop the gun, Ware only responded with, "Fuck you."

Sergeant Coy stated that Ware pointed the gun directly at him. Sergeant Coy further stated:

"no indications of being a pellet gun. There was no orange scene at this time. It was just the, it was metal looking. It was, uh, silver slide, black frame. I still saw the, I, I wanna say I, at that point I saw the, the diameter even clearer and it, you know, to me it looked like a nine or 40 or bigger. (38:18)

Sergeant Coy was asked at what point did he fire his duty weapon. He replied, "Uh, as he was approaching me, he said, fuck you. And the gun was pointing at me. I, I knew I had to act at that point. (38:43) Sergeant Coy stated again that he fired three rounds. He also stated that Officer Wise fired "a handful of rounds" from his duty weapon as well. After the rounds were fired, Ware fell to the ground with the handgun still in his hand. At this point, Sergeant Coy removed the handgun from Ware's hands and secured it. Emergency first aid was administered on Ware until EMS arrived.

For further information, please refer to the report titled, "2025-04-09: Video Interview-Sergeant Cris Coy (OICI-22 InvolOfcInt-1)."

[Officer Brock Wise](#)

On Sunday, March 16, 2025, Officer Wise, while on station, was dispatched to the area of 645 Hazen Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio 44266 for a man with a gun. This address was an apartment complex that Officer Wise was at approximately twenty (20) minutes earlier for a menacing call.

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Officer Wise arrived at the complex just prior to Sergeant Cris Coy (Sgt. Coy). As the two approached apartment #1, the complainant Terry Conway (Conway) opened the apartment door. With the door open, Officer Wise could see the subject, who was immediately identified as Shawn Ware (Ware) lying on the ground, facing the door with a firearm (pistol) in his right front pants pocket. Ware sat up from his position and grabbed the weapon as Officer Wise gave commands to not touch the gun. Officer Wise drew his service weapon and pointed it in the direction of Ware.

At that time, Conway was able to retreat to the living area to the left of Officer Wise while Ware was rising to his feet with the gun in his right hand. Officer Wise continued to give verbal commands to Ware who was defiant to those commands. Officer Wise moved to a position of cover as the door closed, and he lost visual contact with those inside the apartment.

With the door now closed, Officer Wise "retreated" up the stairs in a position where he could still see the door to apartment #1, and Sgt. Coy moved to a better position down the hall towards a room later identified as the "laundry" room. Although the door to the apartment was closed, Officer Wise continued to give verbal commands to Ware to drop the gun and exit the apartment with his hands up.

A moment later, the door to apartment #1 opened and Ware and Conway appeared. Ware had one arm around Conway's chest/neck with the gun in the opposite hand pointed towards Conway's head. Officer Wise stated that he could hear Conway shout "don't shoot me, please don't shoot me."

Although Officer Wise wasn't sure how, Conway managed to break free from Ware, turned and retreated inside the apartment. According to Officer Wise, Ware noticed Sgt. Coy down the hallway and began to move towards his position. Officer Wise then heard a gunshot but was not confident whose weapon it came from. In turn, Officer Wise fired four (4) times in the direction of Ware. Ware was seen falling to the floor with the gun still in his right hand. With Officer Wise covering Ware, Sgt. Coy moved to secure Ware's gun. Once Ware's gun was secured, Sgt. Coy stayed with Ware as Officer Wise retrieved a trauma kit and first aid was rendered to Ware until the Ravenna Fire Department arrived to assume medical care of Ware.

For further information, please refer to the report titled, "2025-04-08: Officer Brock Wise Interview (OICI-22 InvolOfcInt-2)."

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Dispatch-Related Information

The below information contains the radio data and content of the radio traffic for the transmissions believed to be most relevant to the actual shooting incident.

Radio Traffic Recordings

The following unit numbers were identified as Sergeant Coy, Officer Wise and RPD Dispatch

Unit 9 – Sergeant Coy

Unit 29 – Officer Wise

Dispatch – Ravenna Police Dispatch

Time	Unit ID	Description
0:00:02	Dispatch	Dispatch called RPD Unit 409 (Sergeant Coy). Dispatch advised that a male caller, identified as Terrance Conway (Conway) from caller id, stated that a male with a “40” was inside of his residence. The caller gave an address of 645 Hazen and then hung up.
0:01:03	Dispatch	Notified units that Conway had called back and stated that he was staying with a friend at 645 Hazen Apartment 3.
0:01:11	Unknown	Asked if Conway was stating that the unknown male subject was in the apartment with him.
0:01:17	Dispatch	Replied yes and stated that Conway said that the unknown male subject was asleep.
0:01:23	Unit 29	Stated that he and Unit 9 were at the location of the call.
0:01:26	Unit 29	Stated that a subject brandished a “40” at Officers.
0:01:32	Unit 9	“Shots fired!”
0:01:38	Unknown	An unknown officer called for more units to respond.
0:01:54	Dispatch	Acknowledged call for the “DB” and notified units that a squad/ambulance was on stand-by
0:02:16	Dispatch	Dispatch checked on the status of the officers
0:02:17	Unknown	Officer stated that officers were Okay.
0:02:28	Unknown	Officer stated that a male was shot
0:02:38	Dispatch	Asked if officers wanted the squad/ambulance to proceed into the scene for the male who was shot

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The remainder of the recording was not directly related to the shooting but involved notifications of officers arriving on scene after the incident.

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Report:

The following excerpt is a portion of the CAD report and is taken directly from the RPD CAD report:

(3/16/2025 01:34:56 By: smithe) MALE WITH A GUN SLEEPING ON THE FLOOR. ADVISED 645 HAZEN AND HUNG UP. CALLER ID SAYS TERRANCE CONWAY
(3/16/2025 01:38:44 By: smithe) PR CALLED BACK ADVISING HE IS STAYING WITH A FRIEND IN APT 3. MALE IS SLEEPING ON THE GROUND. BLACK HAIR GRAY TSHIRT. GUN IS IN HIS POCKET. MALE THREATENED PR WITH IT EARLIER.
(3/16/2025 01:38:55 By: smithe) THEY ARE AT BECKY CLARK'S APT
(3/16/2025 01:40:52 By: smithe) PR CAN'T GO OUTSIDE. HE BELIEVES THE GUYS THAT BOTHER HIM WHEN HE IS ON DIAMOND LIVE UPSTAIRS
(3/16/2025 01:42:08 By: Colleen.wert) 429- MALE BRANDISHED 40, UNK IF REAL OR NOT
(3/16/2025 01:43:06 By: smithe) 100 REQUESTED

911 Calls

Audio File mark	Description
0:00:03	The caller identified himself as Terrance Conway and stated that he was at 645 Hazen, Building three (3), Apartment three (3).
0:00:18	The dispatcher asked Conway if he lived at the apartment
0:00:20	Conway stated that he was staying with friends
0:00:42	Conway stated the subject (Ware) was passed out on the floor
0:00:44	the dispatcher asked Conway if he knew who the male subject (Ware) was.
0:00:45	Conway replied no.
0:00:55	Dispatch asked Conway if Ware had threatened him with a gun.
0:00:57	Conway replied. Initially it was unintelligible, but then Conway spoke louder and was heard saying that Ware was sleeping on the floor and that he (Conway) was going to unlock the door.
0:01:14	Conway stated that Ware had a gun in his pocket.
0:01:16	The dispatcher asked if Conway could see the gun in Ware's pocket
0:01:20	Conway stated: "He put the gun on me."
0:01:22	The dispatcher stated: "He put the gun on you earlier and now he's sleeping on the floor and it's in his pocket."
0:01:26	Conway stated: "Yah."

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0:03:11	The dispatcher asked Conway to give a description of Ware
0:03:14	Conway stated that Ware had black hair, was pudgy, and was wearing a gray shirt and black pants.
0:04:17	Conway stated the door to the apartment was unlocked.
0:04:59	The dispatcher asked Conway if Ware was still sleeping.
0:05:01	Conway replied, "Yes."
0:06:06	The dispatcher told Conway that the officers had arrived at the apartment building.

A short time later a second dispatcher spoke with Conway and Conway told her that Ware was at the apartment and has a gun in his pocket. The audio recording was then concluded.

For further information, please refer to the report titled, "2025-04-09: RPD Dispatch Related Information Review (OICI-02 DRRW-1)."

[Video Recordings](#)

The following section contains an abbreviated version of the involved officers body worn camera videos.

The following video files were provided by the Ravenna Police Department.

- Sergeant Cris Coy BWC.mp4
- Officer Brock Wise BWC.mp4

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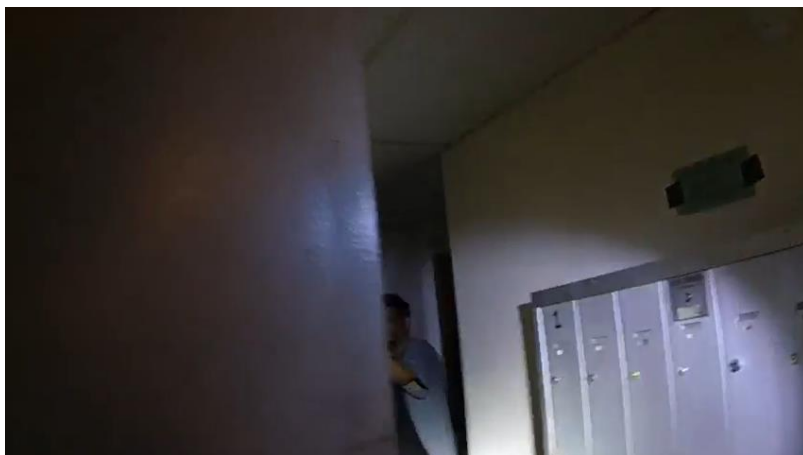
Sergeant Cris Coy

At the 01:09 mark, after entering the apartment building and walking down towards apartment number 3, a male opened the apartment door and Officer Wise had his duty weapon pointed inside the apartment while giving commands to Shawn Ware (Ware). Sergeant Coy and Officer Wise was heard yelling, "don't move," "drop it," and "put the gun down" multiple times.



(Image #5)

At the 01:41 mark, after closing the door on the officers, the door re-opened, and Ware walked out holding another male in front of him. Sergeant Coy and Officer Wise were still giving Ware multiple commands to "drop the gun."



(Image #6)

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After Ware walked out of apartment #3 with the male, the view from Sergeant Coy's BWC turned away from Ware. Shortly thereafter, the sound of eight possible gunshots were heard. After the sound of the possible gunshots, Sergeant Coy asked Officer Wise if he was okay. Sergeant Coy then advised the RPD dispatch that shots were fired.

Officer Brock Wise

At the 01:03 mark, after more commands were given by Officer Wise to, "don't move" and to, "put the gun down," Ware began to get up from the floor with an object, believed to be a gun, in his right hand.



(Image #7)

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At the 01:08 mark, Officer Wise said multiple times, "Put the gun down! Drop the gun!" Ware stood upright and pointed the object believed to be a gun in Officer Wise's direction.



(Image #8)

At the 01:28 mark, Officer Wise backed away from the door as it began to open. The camera view was angled downward, which showed the bottom portion of the doorway. An individual began to exit the apartment. An individual was heard saying, "don't, shoot...don't shoot me, man." More commands of, "drop the gun" were given.



(Image #9)

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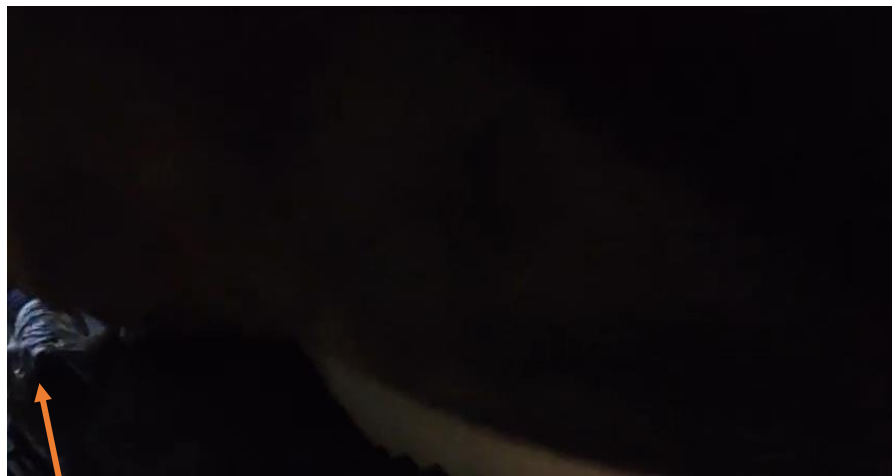
At the 01:39 mark, there was a sound believed to be gunfire.



(Ware)

(Image #10)

At the 01:41 mark, after more sounds believed to be gunfire, Ware fell to the ground in the middle of the hallway.



(Ware)

(Image #11)

For further details, please refer to the report titled, "2025-03-19: BWC Video Review (OICI-16 NonOCICVidRev-1)."

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Conclusion

This officer involved shooting involved Sergeant Cris Coy and Officer Brock Wise of the Ravenna Police Department. Based upon the physical evidence, video and audio recordings, statements from law enforcement officers, statements from witnesses and the totality of the investigation, it was concluded that the responding RPD officers were dispatched to 645 Hazen Avenue regarding a 911 call the RPD dispatch received. The 911 caller, identified as Terrance Conway, told dispatch that a male was inside his apartment with a gun. Dispatch radioed that a male with a "40" was inside his residence. The male was identified as Shawn Ware.

When Sergeant Coy and Officer Wise arrived at the apartment building, they entered through the main door and approached apartment #3. When Officer Wise knocked on the door, the 911 caller, Terrance Conway, opened the door. When the door opened, Ware was seen on body worn camera video lying on the floor with a handgun in his hand. As Ware began to stand up, he maintained possession of the handgun. Several commands were given by Officer Wise and Sergeant Coy to drop the gun in which Ware refused to comply. At one point, just before the door closed on the officers, the Body worn camera video showed Ware pointing the handgun in Officer Wise and Sergeant Coys direction.

After the door to the apartment closed, it re-opened immediately after. As the door opened, Ware was observed exiting the apartment while holding Conway close and in front of him while still holding a handgun. During this time, Officer Wise and Sergeant Coy were yelling for Ware to drop the gun, in which he refused to comply. Shortly after entering the hallway, Conway was able to get away from Ware. Ware continued to walk towards Sergeant Coy while still in possession of the handgun. More commands were given for Ware to drop the gun, to which he refused to comply.

When Ware raised the handgun in the direction of Sergeant Coy, Officer Wise and Sergeant Coy discharged their duty weapons and struck Ware. Sergeant Coy said he fired because Ware was pointing the handgun directly at him and he felt he had to act. Sergeant Coy fired three rounds. Officer Wise stated when he saw Ware move towards Sergeant Coy's position, he then heard a gunshot but was not sure whose gun it came from. It was at this time when Officer Wise fired 5 rounds. Shortly after Ware fell to the ground, Officers secured him and began emergency life saving measures. Ware eventually succumbed to his injuries while on scene.

The incident was visually and audibly captured on all the body worn cameras and dash cameras utilized by the responding officers. Sergeant Coy and Officer Wise's body worn camera visually captured the shooting portion of the incident. The number of

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shots fired by Sergeant Coy and Officer Wise was determined by the number of fired cartridge casings located at the scene along with the video footage.

This conclusion was based on the totality of the investigation. Throughout the investigative process, investigators continually evaluated the physical evidence, in conjunction with audio and video recordings, forensic findings, witness statements, involved officer statements and other information to ensure all relevant facts and circumstances surrounding this incident were obtained.

This investigation was focused on the officer involved shooting incident and the law enforcement use of force that led to the death of Shawn A. Ware.

Contact Information

The preceding information comprises only a portion of facts and circumstances collected during the investigation of the officer-involved critical incident. For further review of specific information or documentation collected during the investigation, please refer to the individual reports and documents from which this summary was derived. Any questions regarding the content or context of the information contained in this document can be directed to the attention of Special Agent Joseph Goudy. SA Goudy can be reached via email at joseph.goudy@OhioAGO.gov or by telephone, at 614-208-3009.

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