



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



2026-1831

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 905 E. Warren St.,
Bucyrus, OH 44820, Crawford County

Investigative Activity: Witness Officer Statement Review
Involves: Sergeant Nicholas Stevens (W)
Activity Date: 07/02/2026
Activity Location: BCI – Bowling Green
Authoring Agent: SA David Hammond

Narrative:

On June 30, 2026, Special Agent David Hammond (SA Hammond) received an email from Fraternal Order of Police Union Attorney Jessica Franken (Atty. Franken). The email contained a written statement as an attachment from Sergeant Nicholas Stevens (Sgt. Stevens) of the Mansfield Police Department (MPD).

Sgt. Stevens was deployed as a member of the ASORT Tactical Team during the May 11, 2026, Officer Involved Critical Incident that took place at 905 E. Warren St. in Bucyrus, Ohio.

On July 2, 2026, SA Hammond reviewed the statement from Sgt. Stevens. The following portions of Sgt. Stevens' statement were deemed notable to this investigation. Some of the written statements have been compressed for ease of reading. Sgt. Stevens' statement was attached to this report, in its entirety.

The heading of the document read:

Sergeant Nicholas Stevens, Mansfield Police Department, Statement Regarding Incident on May 11, 2026

Upon our arrival, [REDACTED] took a position in the front of the residence, and I remained with it there.

Team members who were in the rear of the residence with Bearcat #182 were heard/known to be launching gas into the residence from their position. It was during this time that I heard a shot being fired from the residence. The shot sounded to me as if coming from a rifle and was clearly distinguishable from the sound of the gas launchers.

Myself and MPD Officer B. Edwards escorted MPD Officer H. Underwood (the drone operator) to Crawford County SWAT's position behind [REDACTED] as

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OSP's Rook began contacting the residence to place gas directly inside. Another round from an apparent rifle was heard during that time.

It should be noted that throughout my time on this scene, I heard a continuous and an inestimable number of orders/announcements, by numerous LEOs, for the barricaded subject to exit the residence with nothing in his hands (or variations of such). Every one of these, however, were met with negative results.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. Sergeant N. Stevens Statement Bucyrus OIS.051126

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Sergeant Nicholas Stevens, Mansfield Police Department,
Statement Regarding Incident on May 11, 2026

I received a "SWAT Callout" for this incident at approximately 0130 hrs. Shortly following, I responded to the Mansfield Police Department where I entered [REDACTED] and traveled to the scene in Bucyrus. I was not wearing a BWC. Upon our arrival, [REDACTED] took a position in the front of the residence and I remained with it there. A short time later, team members who were also present at [REDACTED] launched gas into the residence. Team members who were in the rear of the residence with Bearcat #182 were simultaneously heard/known to be launching gas into the residence from their position as well. It was during this time that I heard a shot being fired from the residence. The shot sounded to me as if coming from a rifle and was clearly distinguishable from the sound of the gas launchers. Other team members in [REDACTED] immediately recognized hearing the shot as well. We differed, however, on how many shots we each believed to have heard. I then heard, via the radio, MPD Sgt. P. Williams advise that they were being fired upon in the rear of the residence.

I stayed in my position at [REDACTED] for some time following. A Team member, who was positioned in the turret, periodically advised of movement in the bedroom of the second story, left side front window. At one point, I was able to see the door within the same room suddenly closing, through the window, from my position in the bearcat. I believe it was during this time that we also had information, from a drone operator who was operating a drone within the residence, that a subject was likely within that same room as the inner door to the room was observed by the drone being pushed closed.

After several hours in that position, myself and other Richland County SWAT/ASORT members were relieved by Crawford County SWAT. Shortly following, however, myself and MPD officer B. Edwards escorted MPD Officer H. Underwood (the drone operator) to Crawford County SWAT's position at [REDACTED]. Myself, Off. Edwards, and Off. Underwood stayed in our position behind [REDACTED] as OSP's Rook began contacting the residence to place gas directly inside. Another round from an apparent rifle was heard during that time. Shortly following, several other members of the Richland County SWAT/ASORT arrived to [REDACTED] to relieve Crawford County SWAT. We then stood by as the OSP Rook was observed making further attempts to directly place gas inside the residence, damage the above stated second story window (so as to give us a better view inside), and move a van that was parked on the road directly in between our position and the residence (all at different times).

Myself and several other team members eventually took [REDACTED] back to the Command Center so that Crawford County SWAT could relieve us/use it for another objective. When Crawford County SWAT returned, I assisted in readying the Bearcat as other Richland County SWAT/ASORT team members placed the ram at its front. Myself and the team then returned to the front of the residence, while inside [REDACTED] where we eventually began ramming the front of the residence with the now ram mounted Bearcat. I was sitting in the

back compartment of the Bearcat during that time. Numerous announcements for the barricaded subject inside to exit were made before and during this, all with negative results. We stopped ramming the residence upon hearing radio traffic that the team in the rear of the residence, where the OSP's Rook had been simultaneously ramming the backside of the residence, could hear the barricaded subject yelling toward them.

We were advised that the subject was refusing to exit and team members at [REDACTED] launched more gas into the second story of the residence some time later. Such attempts were also negative in forcing the barricaded subject to exit. We continued to standby in our position longer as further attempts to communicate and urge the barricaded subject to exit were being made in the rear. Sometime later, I heard via the radio, that the subject was down inside. This ended my involvement.

It should be noted that throughout my time on this scene, I heard a continuous and an inestimable number of orders/announcements, by numerous LEOs, for the barricaded subject to exit the residence with nothing in his hands (or variations of such). Every one of these, however, were met with negative results.

This statement is made to the best of my recollection as to the incident that occurred on May, 11, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgt. N. Stevens #291
Sergeant Nicholas Stevens #291
Mansfield Police Department

6/30/26
Date