



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



2025-3488
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 371 SR 180, Chillicothe,
OH 45601 (L)

Investigative Activity: Civilian Witness Interview
Involves: Taryn Rothe
Activity Date: 10/26/2025
Activity Location: 371 SR 180, Chillicothe, Ohio, 45601
Authoring Agent: SA David Wieging

Narrative:

On Sunday, October 26, 2025, at approximately 1917 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) David Wieging (SA Wieging) interviewed Taryn Rothe (Taryn), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Sunday, October 26, 2025. The interview took place at 371 SR 180 Chillicothe, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

Taryn provided her social security number as [REDACTED] and her date of birth as 08/03/1994. She also provided her cell phone number as [REDACTED].

Taryn agreed to speak with SA Wieging. She said she just awoke around 1300 or 1400 hours. She stated her mother had seen people parked in the driveway of 393 SR 180, Chillicothe, which is a parcel connected to their residence at 371 SR 180, Chillicothe. Taryn and her mom, Tonya Rothe (Tonya), went up and told them to move their vehicle. They told Taryn and her mom that someone from A & S Towing, an adjacent business property, that it was okay to park there, which simply was not true. According to Taryn, they have never given anyone permission to park there. The two older ladies whose car was parked in their driveway explained why they were there, but Taryn and her mom explained it was private property and they needed to move their vehicle.

Taryn explained this has been an ongoing issue with the towing company telling people they can park in their driveway. Taryn explained her dad, Bryan Rothe (Bryan), approached them on his red tractor at which time a guy wearing a brown shirt and ballcap came over to them on their property "aggressively." This guy threw something on the ground before her brother, Wesley Rothe (Wesley), attempted to verbally de-escalate the situation. It appeared to Taryn that her brother and the guy in the brown shirt and ballcap were "nose-to-nose" and then she saw her dad physically fighting the guy in the brown shirt and ballcap.

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Next, it appeared to Taryn that the tow truck driver in the yellow shirt and blue shorts assaulted her dad and it was two against one. Taryn and her brother attempted to pull the tow-truck driver off of their dad and then she observed the tow truck driver slam Taryn's brother down on the ground. Taryn said she ran over to get the tow truck driver off of her brother as was her dad.

Taryn recalled a couple of people recording the fight with their phones. Once the fight was broken up, Taryn stated a younger woman wearing a light blue shirt came over screaming and saying she was calling the police. Once things calmed down, Taryn went back to the house to put the dogs away since they were in the yard. She stated her mom, dad and brother remained in the area where the fight took place. After putting the dogs away, Taryn went to the bathroom, and when she came out, her dad was already back in the house. He remained at the house while Taryn went back up front to see what was going on. She said she still heard "yelling." Taryn observed an older woman whom she believed owns part of A & S Towing, "yelling, threatening" and saying something to the effect, "I'm going to 'F' all of you up."

Next, two sheriff deputies arrived. Taryn did not know if the deputies arrived in separate vehicles. The deputies obtained everyone's information. One of the deputies asked Taryn where her dad was. She explained he was back at the house, and the deputy asked her to go get him and have him come up. Taryn went back to the house to get her dad, but he told Taryn to have the deputy come back to the house. Taryn returned up front and shared with the deputy, who was standing with her mom, what her dad said. The deputy and her mom then walked back toward the residence. The other deputy remained up front speaking with all parties. Taryn and her brother stayed up front with the deputy.

According to Taryn, the tow truck driver continued to taunt her and her brother, and they attempted to get the deputy to make him stop. Taryn then heard what she thought was one shot. She and her brother then ran to the back house. When she got to the end of the green trailer at 393 SR 180, she saw three deputies standing shoulder to shoulder shooting into the residence at 371 SR. 180. She could not see her dad. Her mom started screaming from behind the deputies in the yard near the big tree. Taryn believed her dad was inside the residence. Taryn entered the backyard through the big gate her mom and the deputies went through. She then heard her dad screaming in pain.

Taryn stated that one of the deputies handcuffed her mom and she understood why. Both Taryn and her brother were standing with her mom when she was handcuffed. The deputies were staggered together just off the sidewalk in front of the main

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entrance. At some point, the deputies went inside the residence. Taryn stated she was trying to keep her mom from seeing what happened. Taryn was unable to hear what the deputies were saying amongst themselves. She said that when the deputies were firing, they either emptied their magazines or were very close in emptying their magazines. She stated all three deputies were shooting at the same time. Taryn did not see her dad shooting.

After the shooting, Taryn assumed the deputies administered first aid to her dad. A couple of the deputies then ran up front while speaking on their radios. She did not know what they were communicating. The deputies subsequently returned to the residence just as the rescue squad arrived. Rothe stated she observed them begin CPR. Taryn stated they took her dad to Adena Medical Center.

Taryn shared that she was subsequently interviewed by a detective with the Ross County Sheriff's Office.

The interview concluded at approximately 1940 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

References:

None

Attachments:

Audio Interview with Taryn Rothe 10.26.2025

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