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## **Preface:**

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the November 11, 2024 officer-involved shooting in Medina 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.

## **Investigative Request**

On Monday, November 11, 2024, Lieutenant Todd Zieja of the Medina Township Police Department requested 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 November 11, 2024 in the area of 5081 Eastpointe Drive, Medina Township, Ohio and resulted in the death of Charles Alexander.

## **Investigative Team**

BCI Special Agent Jesse Bynum (SA Bynum) was assigned as the lead SIU case agent. SA Bynum received assistance in the investigation from SA Allison Fletcher (SA Fletcher), SA Joseph Goudy (SA Goudy), SA Nicholas Valente (SA Valente), SA Cory Momchilov (SA Momchilov), SA Andrew Harasimchuk (SA Harasimchuk), and SA William Conn (SA Conn). BCI Special Agents Daniel Boerner (SA Boerner), SA Lurna McClintock (SA McClintock), and Crime Scene Technician Michael Rostocil (CST Rostocil) of the Crime Scene Unit processed the scene of the incident, documenting, preserving, and

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collecting possible evidence. BCI Special Agent William Conn of the Cyber Crimes Unit conducted an extraction and analysis of the cellular telephone recovered from the U-Haul truck with Charles Alexander (Alexander). The investigation was supervised by Special Agent Supervisor Charles 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 one officer who discharged his weapon
- Recorded interview(s) of one officer who was involved in the incident, at the scene, or otherwise deemed to potentially have relevant information
- Canvass of the area surrounding the scene
- Interviews of two civilian witnesses to the incident
- Special agent attendance at post-mortem examination (autopsy) of the deceased
- 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 subject, to include criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.
- FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) checks on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine if reported stolen)
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) trace on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine ownership history)
- Review of all available dash cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available body cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available surveillance videos which captured any portion of the incident
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting)
- 3D scans / model of incident area
- Processing of involved vehicle(s) for potential evidence
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident
- Review of 911/phone communications related to the incident

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- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident
- Reviewed phone/text records obtained via search warrant from wireless service provider
- Reviewed message/log records obtained via search warrant from social media service provider
- 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
- Obtained search warrants for the subject's phone and performed an analysis of the data present
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
  1. Firearm identification testing of involved firearms, casings, and bullets
  2. Firearm operability testing
  3. DNA
- Reviewed data obtained from aforementioned items of electronic evidence
- 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
- Performed records checks, including LEADS, for the vehicle(s) involved in the incident
- Reviewed tips, social media posts, and pertinent statements made in the media regarding the incident

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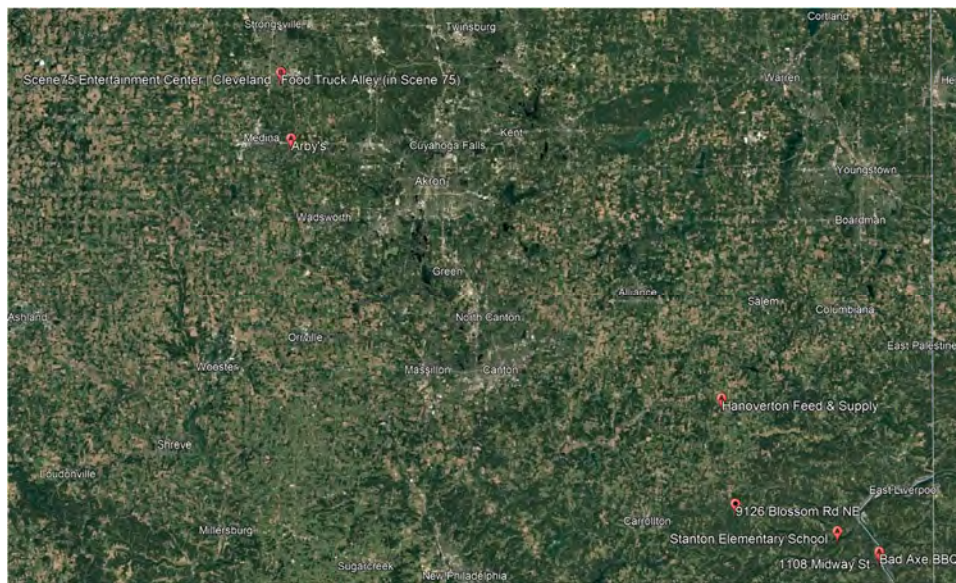
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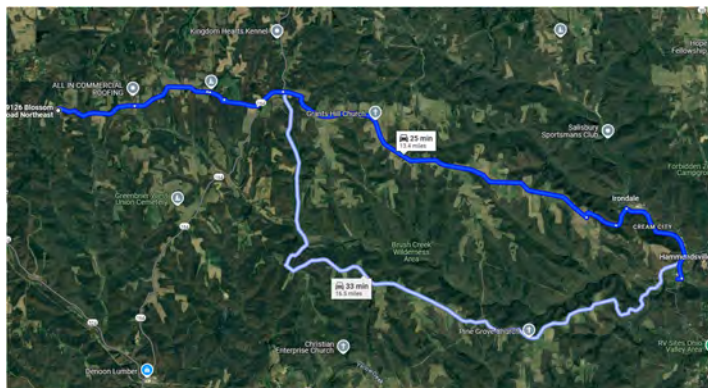
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## Overhead Map Images for Reference

Below is a snipping tool image of an overhead map from Google Earth and Google.com/maps for the locations involved in the incident to include. The maps do not show the exact route taken but are there to show the distance between locations. They were provided to assist the reviewer with an understanding of the area and location. See the image below:

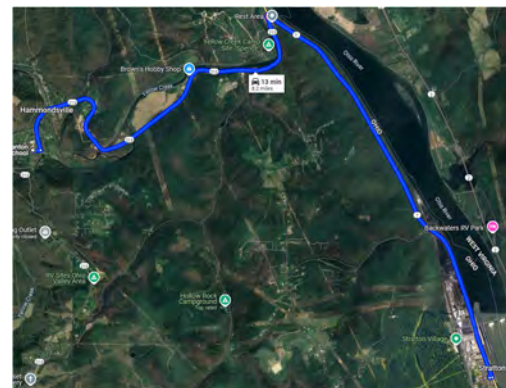


*Incident locations / Source: Google Earth using Snipping Tool*



*Residence to Stanton Elementary*

*Source: Google.com/maps using Snipping Tool*



*Stanton Elementary to Bad Axe BBQ*

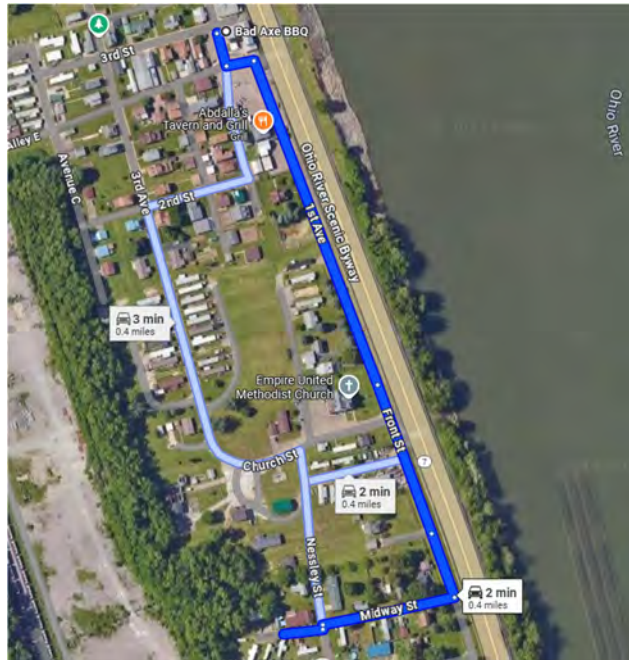
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*Bad Axe BBQ to Midway Street*

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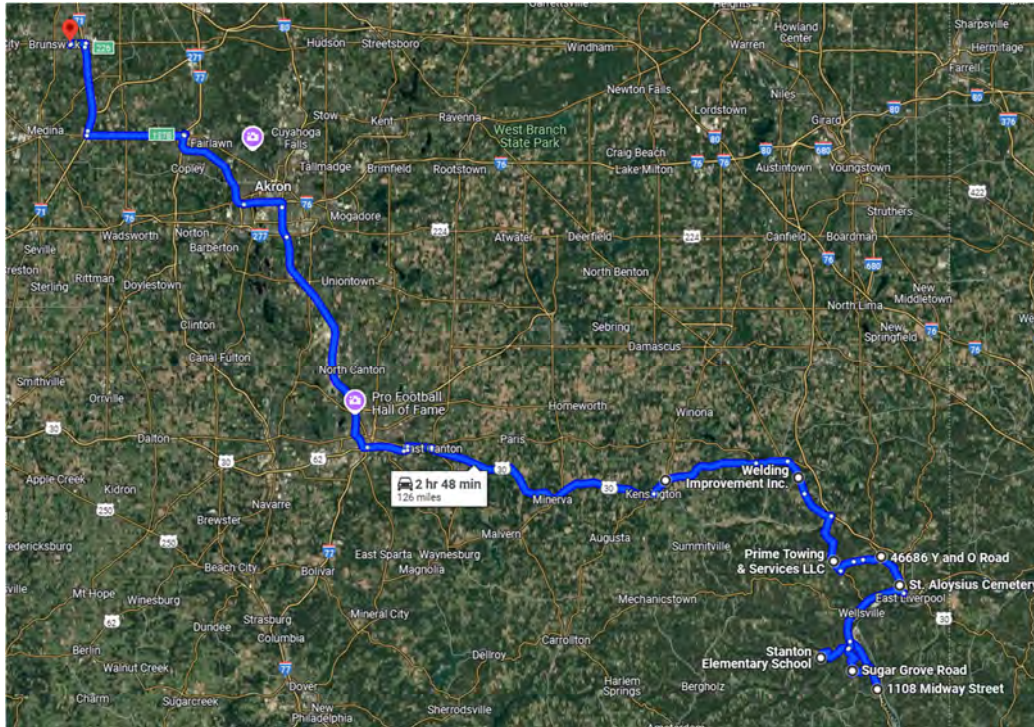




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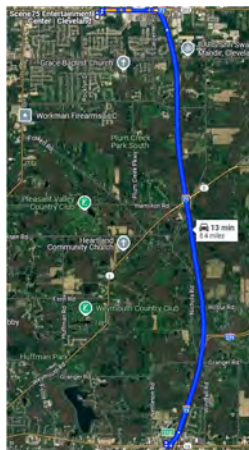


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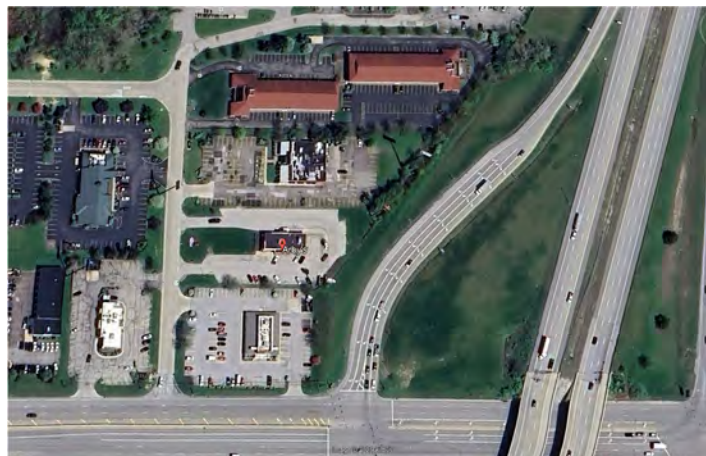


*Stanton Elementary to Midway Street to points between and to Scene 75 Brunswick*

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*Scene 75 to Arby's  
Source: Google.com/maps*



*Incident Location  
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## **Incident Summary/Overview**

On November 11, 2024, Charles Ryan Alexander (Alexander) packed luggage in the morning into his Ford F-150 at 9082 and 9126 Blossom Road NE, Mechanicstown, Ohio. Alexander then attended a Veterans Day school assembly at Stanton Elementary School that was attended by his minor daughter, Oaklynn Alexander (Oaklynn). After the assembly, Alexander drove to the area of Midway Street in Empire, Ohio, where his ex-wife's mother, Susan Matthews (Matthews), lives before parking at a nearby restaurant (Bad Axe BBQ). Matthews and her husband transported Oaklynn from Stanton Elementary to the Empire, Ohio house. When Matthews parked on Midway Street, Alexander exited his Ford F-150 and attempted to open the rear door of her vehicle where Oaklynn was seated. Matthews blocked Alexander until her husband drove away with Oaklynn. Matthews fell to the ground during this incident and Alexander entered his truck and followed the vehicle until it looped back onto Midway. When the vehicle stopped at another address on Midway to obtain assistance, Alexander was able to enter the vehicle, remove Oaklynn, and place her in his truck before leaving the area. An amber alert was issued by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office as Alexander did not have custody of Oaklynn.

Through vehicle, cellular data, and video evidence, it was determined that Alexander traveled to several remote areas in Jefferson County before being spotted by Ohio State Highway Patrol where they attempted to conduct a traffic stop. Alexander fled through fields in his truck and eventually eluded police. An amber Alert was issued. Alexander then began searching for U-Haul rental locations and was observed renting a U-Haul in Hanoverton, Ohio. Alexander then traveled North and took Oaklynn to Scene 75 Entertainment Center in Brunswick from 1932 hours until 2003 hours. Alexander and Oaklynn were observed walking around the business for a majority of the time and Oaklynn was then observed playing a video game. A message was sent to Alexander's phone with the updated Amber Alert showing that he was now in a U-Haul. At the time of that message, Alexander and Oaklynn were observed exiting the business and walking towards the parked U-Haul. A Brunswick City Police officer was on patrol in the area of Scene 75 and observed Alexander entering the U-Haul and activated his lights and siren. Alexander fled in the U-Haul and was observed striking a Brunswick cruiser before entering the onramp of Interstate 71 South, where Brunswick Officers were able to successfully deploy spike strips, causing the left rear tire to flatten. Ohio State Highway Patrol deployed spike strips on Interstate 71, causing another flat and the vehicle to slow. At 2011 hours, Alexander called 911 and then attempted to contact his ex-wife and mother several times. At 2020 hours, Alexander again called 911 and then attempted to call his ex-wife and mother.

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At 2024 hours, Alexander parked the U-Haul in the parking lot of Arby's located at 5081 Eastpointe Drive, Medina Township, Ohio. At 2034 hours, Alexander again called 911 and then attempted to call his ex-wife. At 2048 hours, Alexander again called 911 and then was connected to Medina Township Police Department Chief John Minek (Minek), who was attempting to negotiate a safe surrender of Alexander. Alexander was observed pointing his pistol at Oaklynn repeatedly during the time the U-Haul was parked in the Arby's parking lot. Alexander also shot his pistol twice while parked through the driver's side window with an unknown target. During one of the 911 calls, Oaklynn was heard saying that she "did not want to go to heaven today". Alexander was then heard telling Oaklynn that they were both going to heaven. Oaklynn was also heard saying "Don't shoot me". Alexander then stated "they" have 10-seconds or his is going to end it. The young female could be heard saying "no" in the background and asking for her mother. Alexander also repeatedly stated "there is no coming back from this." Chief Minek was unable to re-establish communication with Alexander.

OSHP [REDACTED] arrived while Alexander was parked in the parking lot and was updated during his commute via radio. [REDACTED] took a position on the Route 71 South / SR 18 off ramp to be elevated and north of Alexander. Montville Township Police Officer Joel Eckstine (Eckstine) arrived shortly after and provided assistance in determining the distance from their location to Alexander. Requests were made to illuminate the cab of the U-Haul and then [REDACTED] fired one shot from the roof of his vehicle, striking Alexander in the head. Alexander's pistol was observed falling from his hand to the floor of the U-Haul and other officers moved in to remove Oaklynn from the vehicle. Officers were heard requesting an ambulance, and it was determined that Alexander was deceased.

Although the shooting occurred in Medina Township, the matter involved an Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper, a subject (who was the driver of a U-Haul truck), and the passenger was his minor child (minor child). The minor child was a passenger in the vehicle driven by Alexander and was pulled from the U-Haul after the incident by police on scene prior to BCI agents' arrival.

## Decedent

Charles Alexander

DOB 03/05/1981

## Prior Police Encounters:

There were no documented prior police encounters with the OSHP.

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Computerized Criminal History (CCH) and/or Court Records:

Alexander was [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Database Searches:

An Accurant report was obtained and reviewed. Nothing relevant to the investigation was observed.

Social Media:

Two social media accounts were located for Alexander, and they have been listed below:

- TikTok – alex828cra
- Facebook – ID 1114291338 – “Charlie Alexander”

Alexander’s TikTok and Facebook appeared to have photos and videos of him and his daughter, Oaklynn Alexander (Charles Alexander TikTok and Charlie Alexander FB).

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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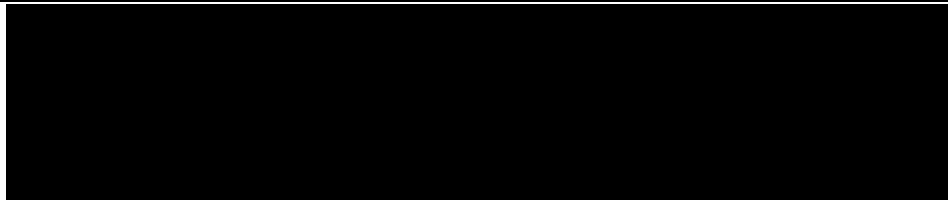
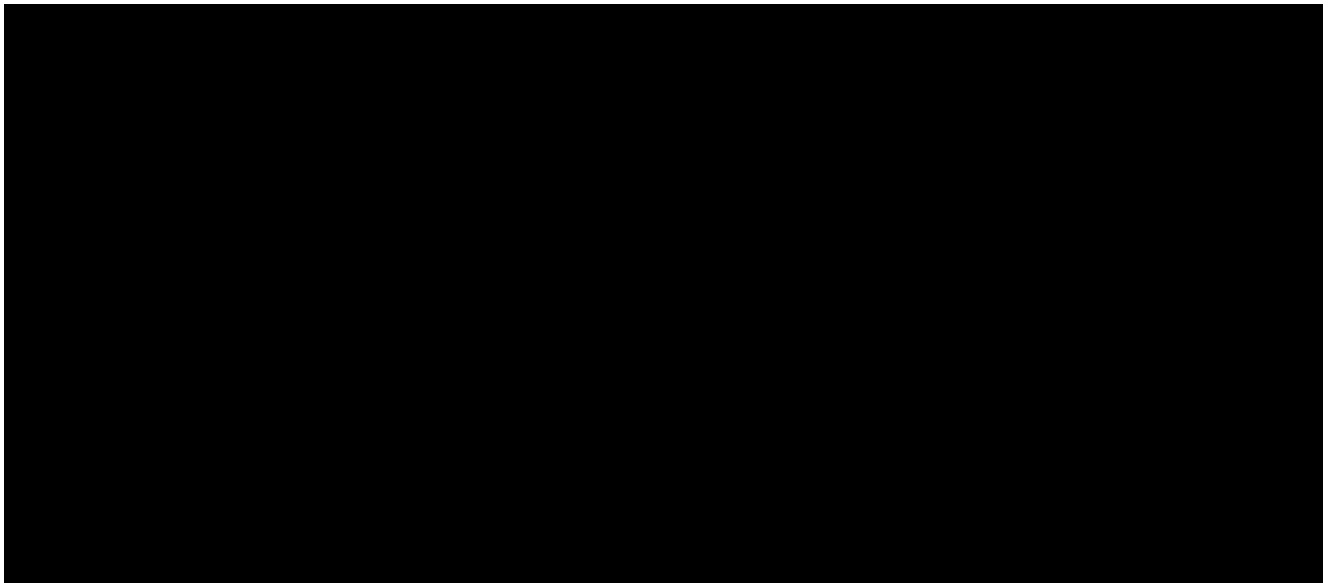
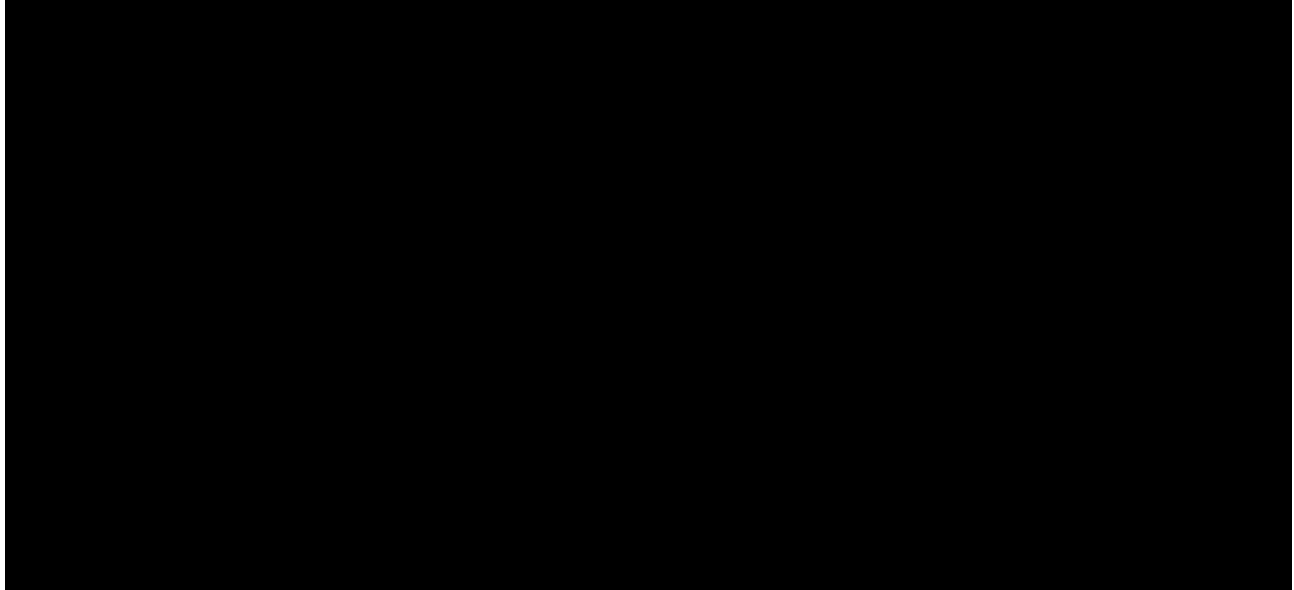




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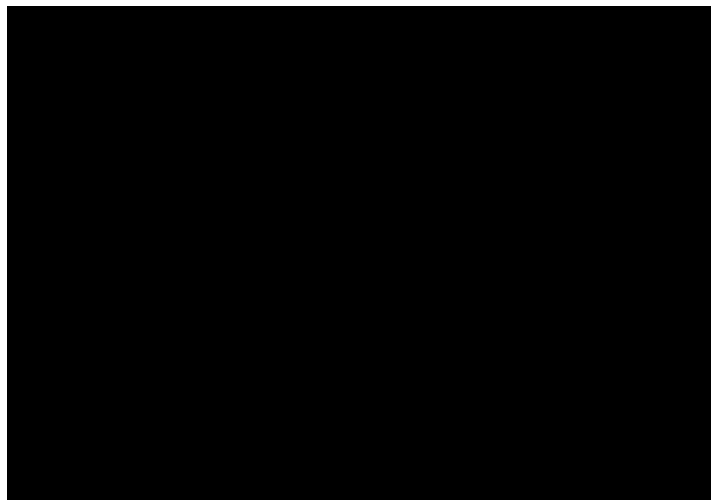
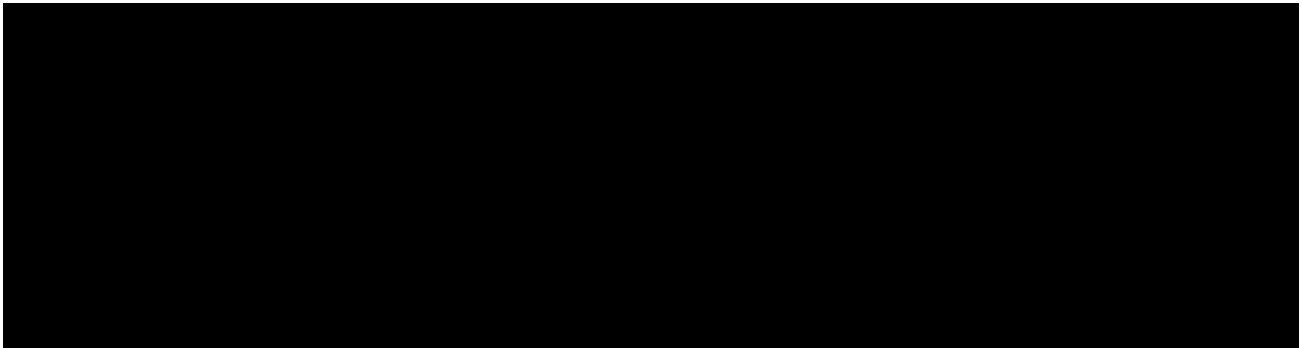
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## Witnesses

### Crystal Gullian

Ms. Gullian stated she was the Bob Evans Restaurant On-Duty Manager at the time of the incident. Ms. Gullian stated that at approximately 8:30pm she saw numerous police cars driving around the area with their emergency lights flashing on and shortly thereafter an Ohio State Trooper entered the restaurant advising everyone to shelter in place and stay away from the east side of the building. Ms. Gullian further stated that approximately fifteen minutes later another Ohio State Trooper entered the restaurant, advising them to evacuate the building, which they did. Ms. Gullian stated that she moved to the parking lot at 5050 Eastpointe Dr., which is directly across the street from the OICI scene. Ms. Gullian stated she saw numerous police officers on top of buildings and around the buildings in the area and a short time later she heard one muffled shot and saw the police officers storm a U-Haul truck that was parked in the back of the Arby's parking lot. Ms. Gullian stated that she only heard one shot.

### Oaklynn Alexander

Oaklynn was interviewed by Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and then a copy of the interview was provided to BCI. Oaklynn stated that her dad was at the Veterans Day assembly at her school. Oaklynn said that after the assembly her grandmother, Susan, and her grandmother's husband, Doug Mathews, took her home from school to their house in Empire. Oaklynn said that she did not go to her grandmother's house because her dad took her from the car when Susan went into the house. Oaklynn said her dad put her in his truck. Later on in the interview she said that she saw a black suitcase in the truck. Oaklynn said that she and her father went to the arcade in Cleveland. When asked what they were driving, Oaklynn said that he got a U-Haul from "a place" and that they were going to go to a camper in Cleveland. Oaklynn said that she was scared when her father broke the driver's side window of the U-Haul with a gun. When asked about her father using the gun to scare her, Oaklynn said, "I forget".

## Officer Interviews

The following paragraphs are an abbreviated version of the involved and witness officer's account of his actions pertaining to this incident and/or discharging their weapon. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of the interview.

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Montville Twp Officer Joel Eckstine

Officer Joel Eckstine (Eckstine) was interviewed at the Montville Township Police Department. Officer Eckstine was requested to come to Arby's in the capacity as a Medina County SWAT Sniper. Officer Eckstine learned of the incident through reading an amber alert and through his request for service. Additional details came via radio traffic he heard on the way to the scene.

Officer Eckstine wanted to go to high ground, so he entered the exit ramp from Route 18 and blacked out his vehicle. Ofc Eckstine said "I saw a black SUV, which I thought was a Medina Township cruiser. As Officer Eckstine approached, he saw [REDACTED] requested a light on the car as it was dark out. Officer Eckstine moved his cruiser and then assisted [REDACTED] by obtaining the distance to Charles Alexander. Officer Eckstine used a range finder and was able to determine it was 69 yards away.

Officer Eckstine said that when he used his binoculars, he was able to realize that the driver's side window was broken and would not be the factor he had previously thought. Officer Eckstine used his radio to tell the other SWAT members to have the assault team prepared. Officer Eckstine said he saw the back of Charles' head, and when his head went back, [REDACTED] made the shot. Officer Eckstine stated he was fearful for Oaklynn's safety because Charles had fired two rounds already. While he didn't know what or who Charles was shooting at, Officer Eckstine feared for the safety of other closer officers and people in Bob Evans and Arby's.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] provided and read aloud a five-page typed statement prepared by him prior to this interview. The statement is included below as read and written. included demographic information noted above and an account of the incident. For the purposes of brevity, the following is only the part which relates to the incident on November 11, 2024.

***On the day of this incident, I was at home when I received a SRT call out at 8:25 p.m. Earlier in the day there was an Amber Alert for a 7-year-old girl taking by a non-custodial parent in Jefferson County, Ohio. The call out notification stated that the Amber Alert suspect was southbound on I-71 at milepost 219. According to the notification, the suspect had called 911 and advised that he had the child and that it's not going to end well. During the pursuit, the tires were down to nothing, so it was going at a slow speed. It gave the location as 5050 Eastpoint Drive, Medina, 71/SR18 southbound.***

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*I put on my tactical gear and grabbed my heavy tactical vest and drove in my unmarked OSHP Durango, with my lights and sirens activated, to the location. As I was driving there, I learned that the little girl had been taken by force and the suspect had pointed the gun at her and had threatened to kill her. I was also in contact with the OSP helicopter (which was already overhead) to locate a good tactical position.*

*I arrived in the area a little before 9:00 p.m. I took the Medina Road exit from I-71- S. I stopped my Durango on the exit ramp, approximately 70 yards from Arby's (5081 Eastpoint Drive). It was dark outside but the Arby's and surrounding businesses had their lights on and there were numerous cruisers, forming a perimeter around the suspect, with their headlights on and pointed toward the UHaul. The U-Haul was in Arby's parking lot. It was parked east, with the front towards I-71S and the driver's side door was to the north. Prior to my arrival, law enforcement officers had evacuated the Arby's and surrounding businesses. The OSP helicopter stated that the little girl was on or near the suspect's right thigh and possibly sitting on his lap. I believe they also stated that the gun was in his hand or on his lap. I exited my vehicle and grabbed my rifle. I got on the roof of my SUV and rested the stock of my rifle on a sandbag and used the bipod to stabilize the front. I got off the roof and took off my heavy tactical vest because I was going to need to lay flat against the roof, in a prone position.*

*Another officer, I believe it was Medina SWAT Officer Eckstine, came to my location. I asked him to shine his spotlight towards the U-Haul. I believe he also had another officer, who was on the south side of the suspect, point their spotlight onto the U-Haul. I got back onto the roof of my SUV. I put my body camera next to me, as well as the radio. I took a prone position and I looked through my scope. The exit ramp was elevated in comparison to the suspect's location. I had a good view of the suspect's silhouette in the driver's seat, as well as the little girl's head to his right. The driver's side window was broken, I believe due to the rounds he had fired at officers prior to my arrival. I asked Officer Eckstine to check my distance and I believe he stated I was 69 yards from the suspect. I watched the suspect through my scope for a couple of minutes to familiarize myself with his movements.*

*The suspect would lean his head back into the seat and then move it forward. When he would move, there would be times I would have a full view of his head and then it would be blocked by the A pillar as he moved. After about 3-4 minutes, the suspect leaned his head back and left it there for a second or two. While his head was back, I saw the little girl's head and she was not behind his head. I put*

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*my target directly towards his left eye so that if the round penetrated all the way through, it would go into the cab of the U-Haul and I pulled the trigger. I saw the round strike the suspect. As soon as I fired, I tried to air "shots fired" but I could not get the ready. I heard someone, I believe the helicopter, erroneously air that it was self-inflicted. I was yelling from my SUV for the assault team to go get the little girl as I could hear her crying. After several seconds, officers ran up to the UHaul and took the little girl to safety. There were numerous law enforcement officers on scene and they assessed the suspect.*

*I left my rifle at the scene, on top of my SUV in the custody of other law enforcement, and I left the scene. I returned to the OSHP Medina Post and waited for BCI agents to arrive. This ended my involvement in this incident.*

*At the time I fired my weapon at the suspect, I did not believe I had any other reasonable alternative to protect the life of the little girl, who I now know to be Oaklynn Alexander. The suspect had kidnapped his daughter, lead police on a pursuit, fired at officers and repeatedly made threats to kill himself and his daughter. While on the phone with dispatch he repeatedly told his daughter she was going to go to heaven. He was given multiple opportunities to surrender and refused. I believe that had I not shot the suspect, he would have shot and seriously injured or killed his daughter. I do not believe I had any other choice to protect her life at the time I fired my weapon.*

When asked what the call or text was that [REDACTED] received, he was able to locate the text message and read it aloud. He recited "Amber Alert suspect 71 southbound milepost 219. The suspect called 911 during the pursuit, tires were down to nothing, so it's slow speed. He advised he has the child and it's not going to end well." Through additional information obtained from dispatch, [REDACTED] stated he believed that Oaklynn Alexander's life was in jeopardy and the only way to end the situation peacefully was for him to fire the shot at Charles.

## Physical Evidence

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.

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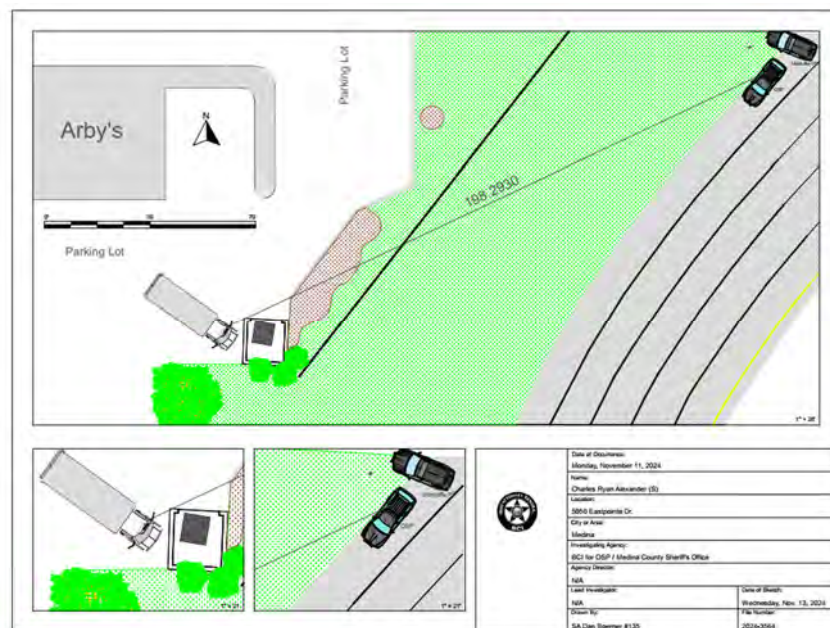
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On arrival, investigators learned there was an Amber Alert that was issued for 7-year-old Oaklyn Alexander who had been taken by her father, Charles Alexander, from Jefferson County, Ohio. The alert indicated Charles Alexander was driving a stolen U-Haul truck and officers in Medina County had located it and engaged in pursuit of the truck. The truck came to rest in the parking lot of the crime scene location (Arby's) where the subject could be seen inside the cab of the truck with his daughter and a pistol. Det. Sgt. Covey indicated potentially 2 shots were fired by the subject out the window. The Ohio Highway Patrol SRT had set up a sniper position on the Interstate-71 South exit ramp (Exit 218 for Route 18) adjacent to the Arby's parking lot where OSHP [REDACTED] had taken a shot at the subject, striking him in the head.

The image below was created with the use of the scanner and is of the overall scene (Figure 1). Also below are photos from the scene to show perspective (Image 2-3).



*Figure #1 – Overhead Diagram*

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(Image 2)

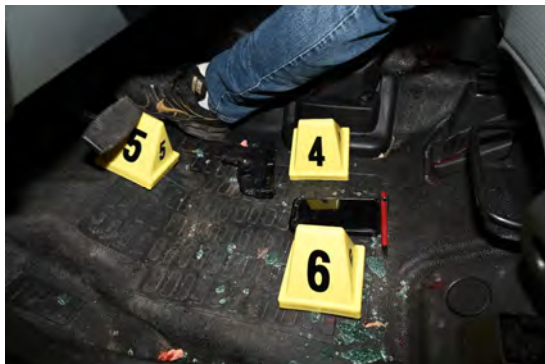


(Image 3)

Image 4 is the rear of the U-Haul, showing a suitcase, rifle, and generator. Image 5 is from the floorboard of the U-Haul, showing a pistol, phone, and ammunition casings.



(Image 4)



(Image 5)

## Lab Analysis

Various items of potential evidence were submitted to the BCI Laboratory for analysis. The actual reports should be consulted as the following synopsis does not include many of the details from the full reports.

## Items submitted

Matrix Item/ Lab Item #	Description
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Matrix Item 4/ Lab Item 3	9mm Firearm - Smith and Wesson 9mm Luger pistol, serial # HLN5815
Matrix Item 5/ Lab Item 4	Cartridge casing
Matrix Item 7/Lab item 5	Cartridge casing
Matrix Item 10/Lab Item 6	Firearm - Smith and Wesson 5.56 x 45mm rifle, serial #TT93874
Matrix Item 15/ Lab Item 7	Blood standard card of Charles Alexander

The items listed above were all the items submitted to the lab for testing. It should be noted that not all items were tested within each section of the lab. Only the items relevant to each unique section of the lab were tested and analyzed. The summary below will indicate which items were tested by each section.

**DNA**

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Conclusions</b>
Item #3 (Matrix Item #4): Firearm - Smith and Wesson 9mm Luger pistol, serial # HLN5815	Presumptive positive for blood
Item #3.1 - Swab of trigger/interior of trigger guard	DNA profile consistent with Charles Alexander
Item #3.2 - Swab of grip	DNA profile consistent with Charles Alexander
Item #3.3 - Swab of back slide area	Mixture (1 major contributor) - Major contributor consistent with DNA profile of Charles Alexander
Item #3.4 - Swab of textured buttons	No DNA analysis
Item #3.5 - Swab of front sight area and laser sight attachment	No DNA analysis

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Item #3.6 - Swab of base of magazine	No DNA analysis
Item #3.7 - Swab of body of magazine	No DNA analysis
Item #3.8 - Swab of five (5) 9mm cartridges	No DNA analysis
Item #3.9 - Swab of stain on top of back slide	DNA profile consistent with Charles Alexander
Item #3.10 - Swab of stain on top of back slide	DNA profile consistent with Charles Alexander
Item #4 (Matrix Item #5) - Cartridge casing	----
Item #4.1 - Swab of one (1) 9mm cartridge case	DNA profile is not of sufficient quality for comparison due to insufficient data
Item #5 (Matrix Item #7)- Cartridge casing	----
Item #5.1 - Swab of one (1) 9mm cartridge case	DNA profile consistent with Charles Alexander
Item #6 (Matrix Item #10) - Firearm - Smith and Wesson 5.56 x 45mm rifle, serial #TT93874	----
Item #6.1 - Swab of trigger/interior of trigger guard	Mixture (1 major contributor) - Major contributor consistent with DNA profile of Charles Alexander
Item #6.2 - Swab of grip	Mixture (1 major contributor) - Major contributor consistent with DNA profile of Charles Alexander
Item #6.3 - Swab of fore end	Mixture (1 major contributor) - Major contributor consistent with DNA profile of Charles Alexander

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Item #6.4 - Swab of textured buttons/levers	No DNA analysis
Item #6.5 - Swab of barrel	No DNA analysis
Item #6.6 - Swab of stock	No DNA analysis
Item #6.7 - Swab of entire magazine	No DNA analysis
Item #6.8 Swab of eight (8) 223 cartridges	No DNA analysis
Item #6.9 - Swab of scope	No DNA analysis
Item #7 (Matrix Item #15) - DNA standard from Charles Alexander	----
Item #7.1 - DNA standard from Charles Alexander	Profile used for comparison purposes

According to the lab report, a DNA profile matching Charles Alexander (Alexander) was located on the Smith and Wesson 9mm pistol, serial #HLN5815 (Matrix Evidence Item #4), one of the recovered cartridge casings (Matrix Evidence Item #7), and the Smith and Wesson rifle, serial #TT93874 (Matrix Evidence Item #10).

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:

[Firearms - Operability](#)

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #3 (Matrix Item #4): One (1) Smith and Wesson 9mm Luger Pistol	N/A	Operable

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Item #6 (Matrix Item #10): One (1) Smith and Wesson 5.56 x 45mm rifle	N/A	Operable
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### Firearms - Outsourced NIBIN Cases

The items submitted for testing were:

- Lab Item #3 – Matrix Item #4: One (1) Smith and Wesson 9mm Luger Pistol
- Lab Item #4 – Matrix Item #5: Cartridge casing
- Lab Item #5 – Matrix Item #7: Cartridge casing
- Lab Item #6 – Matrix Item # 10: One (1) Smith and Wesson 5.56 x 45mm rifle

All items were examined and Items #3 and #6 were entered and searched in the NIBIN database. There were no investigatory leads produced from the analysis at the time of this report.

### ATF e-Trace

The ATF Trace Summary report # [REDACTED] provided details about the Smith & Wesson, model M&P 15, serial number TT93874, including that it was purchased by Alexander on January 21, 2022.

The ATF Trace Summary report # [REDACTED] provided details about the Smith & Wesson, model M&P 9 Sheild, serail number HLN5815, including that it was purchased by Alexander on April 9, 2016.

Additionally, an FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) check of the weapon was conducted by the BCI Criminal Intelligence Unit to determine if the weapon was reported as being stolen. According to the report, the weapon was not stolen.

### Dispatch-Related Information

#### Radio Traffic 808p-830p

Timestamp	Radio Transmission
0:00	Dispatch: Eastbound 303, still approaching 71, 26-foot U-Haul, it's the suspect from the amber alert.

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0:34	Dispatch: The juvenile is in the vehicle, and it did make intentional contact with a Brunswick cruiser.
0:47	Dispatch: He is threatening 64 by law enforcement.
01:02	Dispatch: intentionally swerving to hit cruisers.
4:01	Unknown Female: Suspect is on 911 with Brunswick threatening 64
6:30	Dispatch: Units be advised, suspect male is threatening to kill the 34 and himself.
16:30	Dispatch: Shots fired from OSP or the subject?
16:31	Officer: The truck, one shot was fired from inside the truck
17:36	Officer: shots fired again, shots fired again.
17:40	Officer: 922, Cleveland, second shot fired. We can still see movement inside the vehicle.
17:55	Officer: That last round went out the window

[Radio Traffic 831p-9p](#)

Timestamp	Radio Transmission
22:42	OSHP Helicopter: Okay, the gun is in his left hand, the gun is in his left hand. And that's the hand he's using to scroll on his phone. The gun is in his left hand, he will scroll on the phone, and he will then point the gun at the female.
23:07	OSHP Helicopter: He's going up to scroll on the phone about every 3 to 5 seconds with the gun in his hand and then he will bring the gun back and point it at the female.

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Radio Traffic 901p-930p

Timestamp	Radio Transmission
0:21	Officer: Was that just [unintelligible] or was that another shot fired?
0:27	OSHP Helicopter: Air to ground, I believe that was another shot fired, and it looks self-inflicted. The females freaking out right now covering her ears.
0:57	Officer: we got the child extracted.

911 Calls:

The recording was 12 minutes and 26 seconds, and the time of the call was 20:34:47 hours. The recording began with a female dispatcher answering the phone stating, “911 what is the address of your emergency?” A male responded and said his name was Charlie Alexander (Alexander).

Alexander said, “we tried to reach her mother, and we can’t.” He continued by stating all he wanted to do was speak “to her mother”. Alexander also gave orders for “them” (likely officers on scene) to not approach his vehicle. He then said “we are prepared to end it” [00:41].

Alexander could be heard in the background yelling at someone. The dispatcher instructs him to “drop the gun out of the window” to which he responded “no” and repeated that he wanted to talk to the mother. A young female’s voice could be heard faintly in the background.

Alexander then stated “they” have 10-seconds or he is going to end it. The young female could be heard saying “no” in the background and asking for her mother. The dispatcher continued to speak with Alexander and relay Alexander’s instructions to officers.

Alexander blamed Jefferson County and “their crooked ways.” He also blamed the mother for not properly co-parenting, and “the system” causing him so many issues.

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The dispatcher asked Alexander if he was “keeping her safe,” referring to his daughter, Oaklynn. Alexander responded with “for now.” Oaklynn could faintly be heard in the background speaking.

At 05:21 Oaklynn could be heard in the background asking about going to heaven. Alexander then proceeds to explain to her that they both will go to heaven that night.

The dispatcher continued to speak to Alexander. Alexander became upset and stated, “it was too late”.

At 06:30 Oaklynn could be heard in the background speaking. She sounded upset and continued to say that she didn’t want to go to heaven today. Alexander said he was sorry to her and said they were both going to heaven.

09:53 Oaklynn could be heard in the background stating, “don’t shoot me.”

As the dispatcher spoke with Alexander, he would calm down and then become irate again, naming all the reasons he was upset with the system and why he had to do what he was planning to do. Alexander repeatedly said, “there is no coming back from this.”

The remainder of the phone call involved the dispatcher telling Alexander that the “Chief” wanted to speak with him, and she was attempting to transfer the phone call.

The call ended with Alexander stating he was going to make a video, and he would call back when he finished. He then stated, “don’t come to this door” and the call disconnected.

The recording was 4 minutes and 38 seconds, and the time of the call was 20:48:15 hours. The recording began with a female dispatcher answering the phone and stating, “911.” A male responded and said it was Charlie Alexander again. The dispatcher said she was going to connect him on the phone with the chief.

Alexander could be heard telling his daughter Oaklynn to “lean back.” The dispatcher stated she was trying to connect Alexander with the Chief, but she was having difficulty.

Alexander then stopped responding to the dispatcher and could be heard speaking with Oaklynn. The conversation was mostly unintelligible. Alexander then returned to the phone and appeared irate. The dispatcher continued stating the Chief was attempting to call him.

Oaklynn could faintly be heard in the background.

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At 03:25 Alexander said, “we are going to go to a better place.” Oaklynn then responded “why?” and “where?”

Alexander became frustrated and said he would hang up so the Chief could call him. He then told the dispatcher her “games were over” and the call disconnected.

### Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) Communications:

There were no MDT records associated with the incident.

### Amber Alert

The Amber Alert issuance and cancellation documents were obtained from the BCI Special Investigations Unit Case File 2024-3563.

The Amber Alert was issued on November 11, 2024, at 1814 hours. It provided information on Alexander, including a physical description, his last known location, vehicle description, and a description of the juvenile victim, Oaklynn Alexander (Oaklynn).

A cancellation was later issued on November 11, 2024, at 2118 hours after Alexander and Oaklynn were located.

Each of the documents had a “poster attached” with photos and descriptive information. The poster was released to the general public to aid in locating Alexander and Oaklynn.

### Caution Ohio Police (COP) Alert

A COP Alert that was issued on November 11, 2024 at 19:53:30 hours on November 11, 2024. Within the teletype, it listed the information for Alexander. It also listed the originating incident location as 1108 Midway Street, Empire, Ohio 43926. The alert stated Alexander was “threatening suicide by cop” and that he was also in possession of a handgun. The alert also mentioned an Amber Alert was previously issued listing Alexander as an involved subject.

### Video Recordings

Video recordings were obtained from residential CCTV camera systems, business CCTV camera systems, highway traffic camera systems, and police department dash, body, aviation, and drone camera systems. The video files from John Hartline’s residence, Hanoverton Feed and Supply, Scene 75 Entertainment Center, ODOT, and Bob Evans

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were reviewed, and a detailed account is contained in the investigative report labeled **"2024-12-31: Video Review CCTV"**. The video files from the Ohio State Highway Patrol were reviewed, and a detailed account is contained in the investigative report labeled **"2024-12-12: Video Review OSHP Dash BWC and Aviation"**. The video files from the Brunswick City Division of Police were reviewed, and a detailed account is contained in the investigative report labeled **"2024-12-12: Video Review Brunswick Dash and BWC"**. The video files from Medina County Sheriff's Office were reviewed, and a detailed account is contained in the investigative report labeled **"2024-12-12: Video Review MCSO Dash and BWC"**. The video files from Montville Township Police Department were reviewed, and a detailed account is contained in the investigative report labeled **"2024-12-12: Video Review Montville Dash and BWC"**. For sake of brevity, only a portion of the videos will be shown in this summary.

**187 Midway Street**

On CCTV from 187 Midway Street, Empire, Ohio, at the 01:32 mark of the video, Alexander was observed attempting to push past Oaklynn's grandmother Susan Matthews (Matthews) (Image 6).



(Image 6)



(Image 6 Zoomed)

At the 01:42 mark of the video, Matthews was observed falling as the SUV was being driven away and Alexander was being prevented from opening the rear door (Image 7).

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(Image 7)



(Image 7 Zoomed)

At the 03:34 mark of the video, Alexander was observed removing Oaklynn from the silver SUV before putting her in the truck (Image 8).



(Image 8)



(Image 8 Zoomed)

### OSHP Lisbon

The video from an OSHP cruiser in Lisbon, Ohio contained images significant to the investigation. At the 01:17 mark of the video, Charles Alexander's truck was observed turning onto a gravel drive (Image 9).

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At the 01:39 mark of the video, the OSHP Trooper calls out the license plate HPP3057 to dispatch. At the 01:58 mark of the video, the siren was operated and the truck turned off of the gravel drive into the grass (Image 10).



(Image 10)

At the 02:04 mark of the video, Charles Alexander's truck was stopped and verbal commands to stop the vehicle and put his hands out of the window were given (Image 11), before Charles Alexander drove off through the field.



(Image 11)

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At the 04:22 mark of the video, Charles Alexander's truck was observed exiting the field onto a driveway (Image 12) and then it was not observed on video after that point.



(Image 12)

[CCTV from Hanoverton Feed and Supply](#)

Charles and Oaklynn Alexander were observed walking from a parking lot where his F-150 was later recovered (Image 13) and then entering the Hanoverton Feed and Supply (Images 14 and 15).



(Image 13)



(Image 14)



(Image 15)

[CCTV from Scene 75 Entertainment Center](#)

Charles and Oaklynn Alexander were observed entering the business from the parking lot (Image 16) and Oaklynn was observed sitting at a game for approximately 5 minutes (Image 17) when the Amber Alert message is sent to Alexander and they leave the business (Image 18 and 19). While inside the business they were mainly observed walking around with Oaklynn only sitting at one game.

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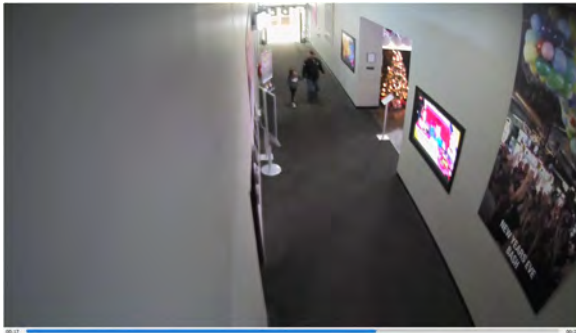




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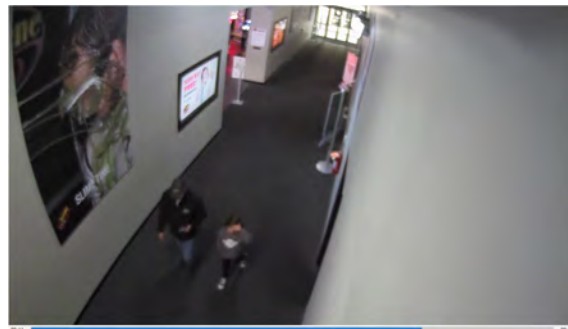
(Image 16)



(Image 17)



(Image 18)



(Image 19)

**Brunswick Division of Police**

At approximately 2006 hours, Officer Dugan located the U-Haul in the Scene 75 parking lot located at 3688 Center Rd, Brunswick, Ohio 44212 (Image 20).



(Image 20)

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At approximately 2008 hours, the U-Haul crashed into another Brunswick Unit 24 (Image 21).



(Image 21)

On dash camera video from Brunswick Division of Police Unit 24 being driven by Sergeant Kevin Scullin (Scullin), the U-Haul was observed striking the front right of Sergeant Scullin's cruiser (Image 22).



(Image 22)

At approximately 2009 hours, on the body camera of Officer Kyle Flagg of Brunswick, the U-Haul was observed hitting the first set of spikes at Center Road and 71 South (Image 23).



(Image 23)

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Ohio State Highway Patrol

At approximately 2017 hours, on the body camera of OSHP Trooper 1274, the U-Haul was observed traveling over the spikes, causing the attached line to pull through the weeds (Image 24).



(Image 24)

At approximately 2020 hours, OSHP cruiser 1274 was observed passing the U-Haul to set up south of Route 18. The U-Haul's left front tire was flat, with the rim sparking and the left rear tire was flat (Image 25).



(Image 25)

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CCTV from ODOT

At approximately 2020 hours, the U-Haul was observed traveling on Interstate 71 South with a large amount of sparks coming from the front left wheel (Image 26).



(Image 26)

Brunswick Division of Police

On the dash camera of Sergeant Scullin of Brunswick, Sergeant Scullin was observed deploying spikes as the U-Haul exited the parking lot of Buffalo Wild Wings onto Eastpointe Drive. The U-Haul driver's side window appeared to be intact due to the glare present (Image 27).



(Image 27)



(Image 27 Zoomed)

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On Officer Dugan's dash camera at approximately 2024 hours, the U-Haul parked in the Arby's parking lot (Image 28).



(Image 28)

Ohio State Highway Patrol

On an OSHP Dash camera from the file

“CHARLES\_ALEXANDER\_RTR\_Shooting\_Front\_Camera\_Video\_2024-11-11\_2008- 2” at approximately 2024 hours, a shot was heard, but nothing could be observed on the video. On the same video at approximately 2026 hours, a second shot was heard, but nothing could be observed on the video. At approximately 2034 hours, a public address system was heard telling Charles to “put the gun down”, “Let us help you”, and “Throw the gun out of the window and let us help you guys”.

At approximately 2034 hours, via the OSHP helicopter, Charles Alexander was observed in the U-Haul truck with a pistol in his left hand (Image 29).



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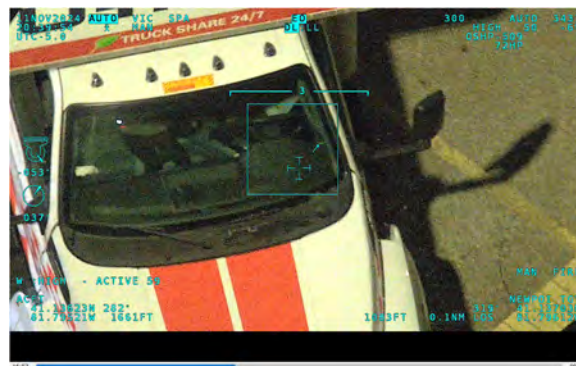
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At approximately 2035 hours, a police officer in the background was heard stating that he (Alexander) was pointing the gun at himself and the juvenile (Oaklynn). Unit 922 advised dispatch that he was attempting to make contact with Charles over the PA. Additional requests were given over the PA for Charles to let his daughter go and to throw the gun out of the window.

At approximately 2039 hours, Oaklynn was observed sitting on the lap of Charles Alexander (Image 30).



(Image 30)

At approximately 2059 hours, [REDACTED]'s vehicle was observed on the 71-exit ramp (Image 31).



(Image 31)

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At approximately 2100 hours, Charles Alexander's left hand was observed holding a pistol and scrolling on his phone (Image 32) and then he pointed it at Oaklynn (Image 33 and 34).



(Image 32)



(Image 33)



(Image 34)

At the 33:24 mark of the video, an officer is heard in the background updating other officers that "He is starting to lose it", "He told the little girl that she is going to go to heaven", and "We need to do something".

On Officer Dugan's dash camera, at approximately 2024 hours, a gunshot was heard and police officers on scene identified it as coming from the U-Haul. At approximately 2026 hours, a second gunshot was heard and police officers on scene identified it as coming from the U-Haul.

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The file “Amber\_Alert\_OIS\_-\_P24111100002120” was a video that was 35:12 in length and was from OSHP and assigned to [REDACTED] the day of the incident. On the upper right portion of the video is the date and time, beginning at 2024-11-11 20:57:49 -0500 and Axon Body 4 D01A6712C. At the 00:15 mark of the video and shown in Image 16, [REDACTED] was shown on the video along with his rifle sitting on top of his Dodge Durango. Then [REDACTED] placed the body camera on top of the vehicle next to his rifle. Audio is not present in the video until 00:18 mark of the video.



(Image 16)

At the 00:35 mark of the video, [REDACTED] requested a light on the U-Haul cab. At the 01:20 mark of the video, [REDACTED] was observed exiting the top of his vehicle until the 02:02 mark of the video, when [REDACTED] returned. The body camera was pointed towards the sky during the incident. At the 02:12 mark of the video, [REDACTED] was heard speaking to Montville Township Police Officer Joel Eckstine about the distance and location of Oaklynn Alexander. At the 02:40 mark of the video, [REDACTED] was heard requesting the “Assault team” be ready to go. At the 03:13 mark of the video, a single gunshot was heard, followed by the sound of a bolt action rifle being opened. After the shot, [REDACTED] was heard and observed on the video advising the police officers near the truck to approach by yelling the word “Assault”. At the 06:23 mark of the video, the body camera was removed from the roof of [REDACTED]’s vehicle and secured it to his chest mount. At the 20:23 mark of the video, [REDACTED] turned off the audio portion of the video to make a personal telephone call and the audio does not come back on for the duration of the video. Nothing of evidentiary value was noted in the remaining portion of the video.

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On Officer Dugan's dash camera, at approximately 2101 hours, a light (possibly [REDACTED] rifle muzzle flash) was observed from the roof of his vehicle (Image 21).



(Image 21)



(Image 21 Zoomed)

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In the video files from the drone used during the incident there was a significant moment captured at the 2:20 mark of the video. Alexander's left hand was observed holding a dark object consistent with the size and shape of a pistol pointing toward Oaklynn (Image 23).



(Image 23)

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On Officer Percy's body camera at the 18:00 mark of the video, Officer Percy was heard speaking to Medina Township Police Department Chief John Minek (Minek) about Charles Alexander requesting to speak with his ex-wife. Chief Minek advised Officer Percy to tell dispatch to not let Charles talk to her, as it could provide closure to him. At the 20:55 mark of the video, Chief Minek was observed making a telephone call to dispatch in order to be connected to Charles Alexander. At the 22:58 mark of the video, Chief Minek was connected to Charles and was heard leaving a message to call him back on his cell phone. At the 30:43 mark of the video, Chief Minek was heard stating that an attempt to contact Charles but the phone call went to voicemail again.

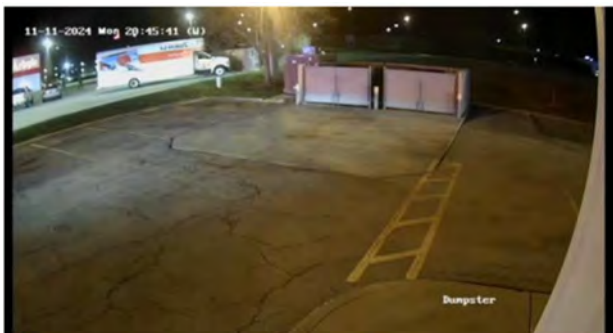
At the 33:00 mark of the video, Chief Minek was heard on the phone with Charles. At the 37:21 mark, the call was disconnected. Chief Minek asked if Charles called back into dispatch and then was observed attempting to call Charles again with it appearing to go to voicemail.

CCTV from Bob Evans

At the 32:20 mark of the video, Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) [REDACTED] was observed arriving and parking on the Interstate 71 and Route 18 off-ramp (Image 31) and SWAT was observed approaching at the 40:18 mark (Image 32).



(Image 31)



(Image 32)

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## **Conclusion**

Based upon the physical evidence, video and audio recordings, statements made by [REDACTED], Officer Eckstine, witnessing parties, and the totality of the investigation, it is concluded that Charles Alexander pointed a loaded and operable pistol at his non-custodial daughter, Oaklynn, and made several statements over video and to dispatchers that he was going to shoot his daughter and then himself. Communications between Alexander and a negotiator stopped and as soon as [REDACTED] had a clear shot, he fired one round from his rifle as Alexander was holding a pistol pointed at Oaklynn. This shot struck Alexander in the head and incapacitated him.

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 actual shooting of Alexander and the use of force related thereto. Evidence related to other crimes and the investigation of those crimes was handled by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

## **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 Jesse Bynum. SA Bynum can be reached via email at [Jesse.Bynum@OhioAGO.gov](mailto:Jesse.Bynum@OhioAGO.gov) or by telephone, at 234-400-3604.