



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



2025-1783

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 10180 Busenburg Rd.,
Howard, OH 43028, Knox County

Investigative Activity: Case Opening and Initial Response
Involves: Knox County Sheriff's Office (O), Lloyd Ray (S), O [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Laurretta Beltz (V)
Activity Date: 06/05/2025
Activity Location: Knox County Sheriff's Office, 11540 Upper Gilchrist
Road, Mount Vernon, OH 43050
Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Lamping #184

Narrative:

On Thursday, June 05, 2025, at approximately 0544 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Sheriff Daniel Weckesser of the Knox County Sheriff Office (KCSO) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident which occurred at 10180 Busenburg Road, Howard, Ohio 43028, Knox County. BCI Special Agent Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) responded to assist, arriving at approximately 0840 hours. Also responding from the BCI Special Investigations Unit were Special Agents Jack Shea (Shea), Stacey Fifer (Fifer), John Tingley (Tingley), Nick Valente (Valente), Jesse Bynum (Bynum), and Ryan Emahiser (Emahiser). Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence.

The shooting incident involved a subject, Lloyd Ray, and a member of the Knox County Sheriff's Department. The incident involved the death of Lloyd Ray and Laurretta Beltz.

Prior to the arrival of any agents, KCSO Detective Sergeant Brandon Minot obtained a search for 10180 Busenburg Road. The warrant was signed by the Honorable Judge John C. Thatcher, and a copy of the warrant was attached to this report.

SA Bynum responded to the Knox County Sheriff's Office and introduced himself to the involved deputy and witness deputies. The deputies declined to participate in formal interviews with BCI agents at that time. Refer to the investigative report detailing this activity for further information.

SA Lamping and SA Tingley conducted one witness interview with Jerrard Ray at the scene of the incident. SA Lamping and SA Valente also conducted an interview with

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Detective Zachary Miller from the Knox County Sheriff's Office in regard to the multi-jurisdictional SWAT team response to this incident while on scene. Refer to the investigative reports detailing these activities for further information.

SA Fifer and SA Tingley conducted a neighborhood canvas in the area immediately surrounding the residence. Refer to the investigative report detailing this activity for further information.

BCI Crime Scene Agents Aja Chung, Ed Lulla, and Lurna McClintock processed the crime scene. Refer to the investigative reports detailing the processing of the crime scene for further information on that activity.

At approximately 1710 hours, at BCI Richfield, SA Lamping took possession of all 32 evidence items collected relative to this investigation from SA McClintock who transported the items to BCI Richfield. SA Lamping logged the evidence at 1720 hours.

A copy of the evidence chain of custody form and Knox County request for assistance were attached to this report.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. Knox County Request for Assistance
2. CSU Evidence Chain of Custody
3. Knox County Sheriff's Office Search Warrant

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**OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
KNOX COUNTY**

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SHERIFF DANIEL J. WECKESSER



I, Sheriff Daniel J. Weckesser request BCI to investigate the incident that occurred at 10180 Busenburg Howard, Ohio 43028. Case number CFS2519236

Daniel J. Weckesser

Sheriff Daniel J. Weckesser 6/5/2025

Evidence Receipt for Case #: 2025-1783



Agency:
 Prepared By: McClintock
 Case Date: Jun 5, 2025
 Offense(s): Officer Involved Critical Incident
 Victim(s):
 Witness(es):
 Suspect(s):
 Scene #: 1
 Scene Address: 10180 Busenburg Road, Butler, OH 43028

Evidence #	Item Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
1	Gun/Firearm Cardboard Box containing Rifle -- Serial Number: TG 97022A104883; RIA - TM 22 A 18; .22; 11 Cartridges	South Bedroom: Floor	A. Chung	Jun 5, 2025
2	Envelope containing Less lethal Sponge Round --	Living room : Floor	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
3	Envelope containing Less lethal Sponge Round --	Living room : Floor	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
4	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Hornady 9 mm Luger	Living room : Floor	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
5	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Hornady 9 mm Luger	Kitchen: Floor	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
6	Envelope containing Live Bullet -- Aguila .22	Laundry room: Floor	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
7	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Aguila .22	Bathroom: Floor	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
8	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Aguila .22	North Bedroom: Floor	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
9	Envelope containing Less lethal Sponge Round --	North Bedroom: Floor	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
10	Envelope containing Ammo Box -- .22 Aguila box w/ 6 cartridges	North Bedroom: Floor	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
12	Gun/Firearm Cardboard Box containing Rifle -- Serial Number: 2843154; Savage - 64; .22; One in chamber, four in mag (Aguila .22)	North Bedroom: Floor	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
13	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Aguila .22	North Bedroom: Floor	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
14	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Aguila .22	North Bedroom: Floor	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
15	Envelope containing Less lethal Sponge Round --	North Bedroom: Floor	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
16	Envelope containing Wallet --	North Bedroom: Dresser	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
17	Envelope containing Less lethal tear gas projectile --	North Bedroom: On plastic tote	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
18	Paper Bag containing Purse --	Woods:	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
19	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Aguila .22	North Bedroom: Floor	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
20	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Aguila .22	North Bedroom: Floor	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
21	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Aguila .22	North Bedroom: Floor	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
22	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Aguila .22	North Bedroom: Floor	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
23	Envelope containing Cell Phone -- Nokia; Flip phone	Kitchen: Top of cabinet	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
24	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing --	Living room :	Laurina McClintock	Jun 5, 2025

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	Aguila .22			
25	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Aguila .22	Living room : Floor	Laurna McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
27	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Aguila .22	North Bedroom: Behind dresser	Laurna McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
28	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Aguila .22	North Bedroom: Under female	Laurna McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
29	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Aguila .22	North Bedroom: Under female	Laurna McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
30	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Aguila .22	North Bedroom: Under male	Laurna McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
31	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- Aguila .22	North Bedroom: Under male	Laurna McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
32	Gun/Firearm Cardboard Box containing Handgun (Pistol or Revolver) -- Serial Number: [REDACTED] Glock - 17; 9 mm; Received from Dep. Rich Miller, Dep. [REDACTED] 1 in chamber, 15 in mag 2 spare mags w/17	Dep. William Cottrell:	Laurna McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
33	Envelope containing Less lethal fired cartridges -- Quantity: 6; Turned over from a deputy	Knox Co SO:	Laurna McClintock	Jun 5, 2025
34	Envelope containing Fired Projectile --	Laundry room: In cabinet	Laurna McClintock	Jun 5, 2025

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SEARCH WARRANT

STATE OF OHIO)
) SS.
COUNTY OF KNOX)

To: The Knox County Sheriff:

Greetings:

Whereas, there has been filed with me an Affidavit showing that grounds exist for the issuance of this Search Warrant, to wit: probable cause

*TO ENTER AND SEARCH THE PROPERTY OF LLOYD J. RAY AT 10180
BUSENBURG ROAD, BUTLER TOWNSHIP, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO; BEING
PARCEL NO. 08-00082.216, INCLUDING A 1989 SINGLE-WIDE MOBILE
HOME, CREAM & WHITE IN COLOR AND WHILE POLE BUILDING
DETACHED GARAGE*

where there is probable cause to believe is located certain evidence and trace evidence including a weapon or other things by means of which a crime has been committed, to wit: fingerprints, blood evidence, clothing, firearms, shell casings, DNA evidence, cell phones and documents;

All of this is for the purposes of obtaining certain evidence and trace evidence including the weapon or other things by means of which a crime has been committed, to wit: felonious assault and/or murder of Laretta Beltz and/or Lloyd Ray in violation of Sections 2903.11 and 2903.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Whereas, the undersigned is a duly elected, qualified and acting Judge of a Court of record in and for Knox County, Ohio;

These are, therefore, to command you, in the name of the State of Ohio, with all necessary and proper assistance,

*TO ENTER AND SEARCH THE PROPERTY OF LLOYD J. RAY AT 10180
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For certain evidence and trace evidence including a fingerprints, blood evidence, clothing, firearms, shell casings, DNA evidence, and documents: showing that a crime has been committed, to wit: felonious assault and/or murder of Laretta Beltz and/or Lloyd Ray in violation of Sections 2903.11 and 2903.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.

You shall make prompt return of this Warrant, accompanied by an inventory of what was taken into evidence, to the undersigned Judge.

Given under my hand this 5th day of June 2025.



Judge John C. Thatcher
Mount Vernon Municipal Court

AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

STATE OF OHIO)
) **SS.**
COUNTY OF KNOX)

Before me personally appeared Det. Sgt. Brandon Minot of the Mount Vernon Police Department who, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he has good and reasonable cause to believe that Laretta Beltz and/or Lloyd J. Ray, residents of Butler Township, Knox County, Ohio, are the victim of a felonious assault or of murder, and that evidence of those crimes will be located at:

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BEING PARCEL NO. 08-00082.216, INCLUDING A 1989 SINGLE-WIDE
MOBILE HOME, CREAM & WHITE IN COLOR AND WHILE POLE
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The facts upon such belief is based are as follows:

1. Affiant, Brandon Minot, is a Detective Sergeant in good standing with the Knox County Sheriff's Office.
2. Affiant received his police certification in 2007 at the Central Ohio Technical College.
3. Affiant received his Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement from Central Ohio Technical College in 2008.
4. Affiant has been a member of the Knox County Sheriff's Office with continual service of 17 years.
5. Affiant was employed by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections from October, 2007 to February, 2008.
6. Based upon your Affiant's training, experience and participation in this investigation, and based upon the knowledge derived from other officers with whom your Affiant is associated, your Affiant knows that:
7. On June 5, 2025, at approximately 1:21 a.m. Knox County Dispatch received a 911 hang up call from a caller located at 10180 Busenburg Road, Butler Township, Knox County, Ohio. After attempting to call back, a Knox County Sheriff's Deputy was dispatched to the location.

8. The residence is owned by Lloyd J. Ray, who has a history of domestic violence complaints.
9. [REDACTED] marked on scene at 1:43 a.m. and advised that he was speaking with individuals at the scene. There were four occupants of the mobile home present. Two other deputies arrived at 1:51 a.m.: Deputies Queen and Snodgrass.
10. At 1:51 a.m., [REDACTED] reported to Dispatch that shots had been fired. The deputies reported that they had entered the mobile home to speak to the occupants when they heard a woman saying "he shot me in the stomach." An adult male came from the rear bedroom and had opened fire on the deputies. Deputies returned fire.
11. The deputies retreated from the mobile home under fire to their cruisers. Several shots hit the cruisers. Deputies reported shots fired from the mobile home at 1:55 a.m., 2:01 a.m., and 2:03 a.m. An adult male and a female child escaped from the mobile home and were sheltered in a KCSO cruiser.
12. Deputies requested assistance and the Tactical Team was activated and units from MVPD, Fredericktown PD and OSP arrived to assist.
13. At 2:27 a.m. Deputies reported lights being turned on and off in the residence. The Tactical Team arrived on scene and was supported by OSP Aviation. No contact was made with the shooter.
14. At 4:14 a.m. a drone was deployed in the mobile home, and at 4:16 the drone pilot reported observing a deceased female with a gunshot wound, and at 4:21 the drone pilot reported that an adult male was down in the back bedroom with a rifle in his hand.
15. At 5:20 a.m. Deputies cleared the residence and were able to confirm that the deceased female was Laurretta Beltz and the deceased male was Lloyd J. Ray.
16. A search in the nighttime (8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) IS NOT REQUESTED.

Det. Sgt. B. Minot 48
Det. Sgt. Brandon Minot
Knox County Sheriff's Office

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this 5th day of June 2025.

Allen T. McConville

Notary Public



CHARLES T. McCONVILLE
Attorney At Law
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF OHIO
My commission has no expiration date
Sec. 147.03 R.C.