



**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:** Case Opening  
**Involves:** RCSO Investigative Request; OICI  
**Activity Date:** 10/26/2025  
**Activity Location:** 371 SR 180, Chillicothe, OH 45601  
**Authoring Agent:** SAS Kevin Barbeau

**Narrative:**

On Sunday, October 26, 2025, at approximately 1615 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Sheriff George Lavender of the Ross County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident (shooting) which occurred in the area of 371 State Route 180, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601. BCI Special Agents Carrie Ryan, Josh Schlie, Amanda North, Dave Wieging, and Special Agent Supervisor Kevin Barbeau responded as requested. Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence.

BCI was informed deputies on-scene were investigating an assault that occurred earlier this date. During the arrest of 58 year old Bryan Rothe (assault suspect and OICI involved individual), he attempted to flee on foot where deputies attempted to tase him. This was unsuccessful and Rothe ran to his home with the deputies giving chase. Rothe was said to have brandished a firearm and two (2) deputies discharged their duty firearms, striking Rothe. Medical attention was rendered to Rothe, who was transported to the local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

A copy of the request for assistance letter is attached to this investigative report.

**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

RCSO Letter of Request

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## Office of Ross County Sheriff

**GEORGE W. LAVENDER, JR., SHERIFF**

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October 27, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

The Ross County Sheriff's Office is requesting the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) handle the investigation into the deputy involved shooting that occurred on October 26, 2025.

Sincerely,

Max Adair  
Captain