



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



2026-2005
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 905 Brady Ave.,
Steubenville, OH 43952, Jefferson County

Investigative Activity: Neighborhood Canvass Conducted
Involves: Cathryn Rench (W), Natalia Kay (W), Robert Sherretts (W)
Activity Date: 05/24/2026
Activity Location: Multiple – Steubenville, OH
Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente

Narrative:

On Sunday, May 24, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Nick Valente and Dave Lehrke (SA Valente) and (SA Lehrke) conducted a neighborhood canvass in the area of 905 Brady Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio. The purpose for the canvass was to identify and interview potential witnesses to the officer-involved critical incident that occurred at 905 Brady Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio, on Sunday, May 24, 2026. During the neighborhood canvass, Special Agents Valente and Lehrke made or attempted contact with the residents at the following addresses:

945 Brady Avenue:

No response was received at the door. No security cameras were observed at the home. A door hanger requesting a call back was left on the front door.

1634 Pershing Avenue:

This home is an up/down split duplex. No response was received at either unit. A door hanger requesting a call back was left on the front door.

1630 Pershing Avenue:

Cathryn Rench

Rench reported she lived alone and had no security cameras on her home. Rench was in her backyard when she heard what she described as a tight grouping of really loud “bopping” sounds. She estimated she heard six or seven of these bopping sounds in quick succession. Rench initially believed these sounds were the result of someone setting off fireworks. Rench walked towards the front of her home and saw emergency lights on police/fire vehicles parked near the scene of the shooting. She then believed there may have been a car crash that was responsible for the noises she heard and the emergency vehicle she saw. Rench never heard or saw the subject or any officers. Rench later learned from her neighbor, reportedly a retired police officer, that there

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had been an officer-involved shooting and that was the cause of the loud bopping sounds and explanation for the emergency vehicles she observed.

1628 Pershing Avenue:

No response was received at the door. No security cameras were observed at the home. A door hanger requesting a call back was left on the front door.

1626 Pershing Avenue:

No response was received at the door. No security cameras were observed at the home. A door hanger requesting a call back was left on the front door.

1624 Pershing Avenue:

Natalia Kay

Kay reported she heard approximately four or five gunshots all of which were fired in quick succession. She originally believed the sounds she heard may have been a car backfiring. She later learned from a neighbor there had been an officer-involved shooting. Kay did not see or hear the police or the involved subject at any point in time. Kay did not have any security cameras on her home.

919 Woodlawn Road:

Robert Sherretts

Sherretts' kitchen window faces out towards the parking lot where the subject parked his vehicle. Sherretts' home does have security cameras, but they face the front of the home and were not positioned in a way to capture any relevant video of the shooting incident. Sherretts did not create any video recordings of the incident with his cell phone or any other devices. However, he did report seeing a single police officer walking towards the Ford dealership behind his home and across the street. Sherretts recalled the officer was holding his firearm out and it was pointed in the general direction of the Ford dealership. Sherretts did not have a clear view of the officer but recalled he was dressed as one would expect of a typical uniformed police officer. Sherretts recalled hearing this officer loudly and clearly yell out verbal commands. Sherretts was unsure exactly what commands the officer was yelling out but believed they were something along the lines of, "Get on the ground. Put your hands up." Sherretts noted the officer repeated this verbal command two or three times.

Seconds later Sherretts heard the sound of gunfire. Sherretts estimated he heard approximately three or four shots, a brief pause, then one or two more shots. Sherretts

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estimated the officer was approximately 70 yards from him when he saw the officer. After the shooting, Sherretts briefly went outside and saw officers standing over/near the subject. He could not tell what the officers were doing but noted the subject was not moving at that time.

The interviews conducted were video recorded. The video recordings were saved to Axon Justice/Evidence.com as Reference Item D – Neighborhood Canvass Interviews.

References:

D – Neighborhood Canvass Interviews – stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

None

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