



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



2023-2812  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 16178 SR 160, Vinton 45686  
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**Investigative Activity:** Case Opening  
**Date of Activity:** 10/22/2023  
**Activity Location:** Camper – 16178 State Route 160, Vinton, OH 45686  
**Author:** SA Craig Call

**Narrative:**

On October 22, 2023, Gallia County Sheriff Matt Champlin (Sheriff Champlin) requested Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Crime Scene (CSU) and Special Investigations (SIU) units respond to the 16000 block of State Route 160, Vinton, Ohio, in reference to an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (shooting) involving Gallia County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) deputies and Roger Meade (Meade). The incident occurred in a pull behind style camper parked near the border of two properties identified on the Gallia County Auditor's website as parcel numbers 01500140501 and 01500140301. There does not appear to be a residential address associated with either parcel.

It was reported to BCI that GCSO Deputy ██████████ (Deputy ██████████) engaged in an exchange of gunfire with Meade near the front door threshold of a camper on the above property while Deputy ██████████ was attempting to serve an arrest warrant on an uninvolved subject believed to be staying in the camper. Deputy ██████████ was reportedly uninjured, however he was struck by possible ricochet or shrapnel from Meade's gunfire. Meade was struck by gunfire in the upper chest area and succumbed to his injuries on scene. Deputy ██████████ (Deputy ██████████ and Deputy ██████████) Deputy ██████████ were identified as two additional officers on scene during the incident.

Erin McMillin (McMillin) was reportedly inside the camper during the incident and had been transported from the scene. BCI was informed McMillin was facing no charges as a result of the incident and had verbally agreed to await BCI's arrival to provide a witness statement.

BCI Special Agent Mathew Austin (SA Austin) was designated the CSU lead agent and BCI Special Agent Craig Call (SA Call) was designated the SIU lead agent.

BCI CSU Special Sarah Taylor (SA Taylor) assisted SA Austin with the scene and BCI SIU Special Agents Andy Russell (SA Russell), Jimmy Poole (SA Poole), and Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) responded to assist with the investigation.

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Approved By SA James A. Mulford on  
10/30/2023

There is no video footage of the incident available.

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