



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



2025-3711

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1363 State Route 534  
NW, Braceville Township, OH 44470, Trumbull County

**Investigative Activity:** Preliminary Crime Scene Processing

**Involves:** Trumbull County Sheriff's Office / Braceville Township  
Police Department

**Activity Date:** 11/14/2025

**Activity Location:** 1363 State Route 534, Braceville, Ohio 44470

**Authoring Agent:** S/A Chad Doran #177

**Narrative:**

On 11/14/2025 at approximately 1845 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Crime Scene Unit (CSU) Special Agent (S/A) Chad Doran was contacted by BCI CSU Crime Scene Technician (CST) Michael Rostocil regarding a request for assistance from the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office (TCSO). TCSO requested CSU and BCI Force Investigations Unit (FIU) investigate an officer-involved shooting at 1363 State Route 534, Braceville, Ohio 44470. BCI CSU S/A Edward Lulla responded to the scene as well.

Upon arrival at approximately 1930 hours, S/A Doran made contact with TCSO Major Doug Bobovnik. Maj. Bobovnik reported that this evening, TCSO received a report of a male, standing in the roadway, brandishing a firearm. Witnesses reported that the male fired at least two shots at an unknown target, prior to law enforcement arrival. Three TCSO deputies and one Braceville Township officer responded to the scene, the front entrance / parking lot of the business "Doll Lumber," and made contact with the male, later identified as involved person John P. Adams. During the encounter, one TCSO deputy discharged a taser, two officers discharged their handguns, and one officer discharged a rifle. The male was transported from the scene and was later pronounced deceased.

The scene was an outdoor parking lot on the West side of State Route 534. The business perimeter was secured with a chain link fence, with gates that were padlocked. The shooting incident occurred outside the fenced lot. Cameras were mounted to a light pole on the West side of the scene, though there were no wires running from them, and they appeared to be decoys.

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*Figure 1: Overall photograph of the scene. View is facing North.*

Agents conducted a preliminary scene walkthrough and photographed the crime scene as it was found. Items of evidence were identified, and evidence placards were placed in the scene. Additional photographs were taken with the evidence placards in place. S/A Doran deployed the Leica BLK360 scanner to further document the scene.

Four fired .40 S&W cartridge casings (**Items 1,2,5,6**) and two fired WIN .223 cartridge casings (**Items 3,4**) were found at the East edge of the lot, near the roadway. Nine fired WIN 9mm Luger cartridge casings (**Items 7-15**) and a Taser cartridge blast door (**Item 16**) were found under and to the immediate West of a red Braceville Fire Department SUV.

In the Southwest corner of the lot, near the business entrance South gate, four fired JAG 9mm Luger cartridge casings (**Items 17-20**), a fired Taser probe (**Item 21**), and a Glock model 43X 9mm handgun (serial number AKSC987, **Item 22**, containing one unfired JAG 9mm in the chamber and one unfired JAG 9mm in the magazine) were recovered. A large,

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reddish stain, best described as a "pool," was also found in this area. A ballistic impact (B.I. 1.0) was noted on the South gate frame, with a copper jacket embedded in a piece of rubber hanging over the gate lock (**Item 23**).

A gray Chevrolet Malibu bearing Ohio registration EPY8572 was parked near the middle of the lot. An additional Taser blast door (**Item 24**) and a copper jacket (**Item 25**) were found to the immediate West of the Chevrolet Malibu.

The involved officers' firearms were collected and documented as follows:

**Item 26:** Glock model 23 .40 pistol, S/N [REDACTED], one unfired cartridge in the chamber and five unfired in the magazine, plus two spare magazines with ammunition.

**Item 27:** Springfield Armory Echelon 9mm pistol, S/N [REDACTED], 1 unfired cartridge in the chamber and 12 unfired in the magazine, plus two spare magazines with ammunition.

**Item 28:** Aero Precision .223 rifle, S/N [REDACTED], 1 unfired cartridge in the chamber and 25 unfired in the magazine.

All evidence was packaged, and custody was released to BCI S/A John Saraya, for transport to BCI Richfield Temporary Evidence Storage. The scan data and crime scene photographs were uploaded to Axon Evidence Library.

**References:** Axon Evidence Library, Leica BLK360 Scan Data and Crime Scene Photographs

**Attachments:** None

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