



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



2024-3052

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 10300 block Silvercreek  
Road, Doylestown, Ohio 44230, Medina County

**Investigative Activity:** Search Warrant obtained Ford F-150  
**Involves:** David Septer (S)  
**Activity Date:** 10/07/2024  
**Activity Location:** Medina County Court of Common Pleas  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Jon Lieber #50

**Narrative:**

**Search Warrant Obtained**

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) drafted a search warrant for the 2014 Ford F-150, gray in color, bearing Ohio license plate KHN 9669, registered to David Septer (DOB: 11/07/1979) with damage to the driver side door relative to the officer-involved critical incident which occurred on October 5, 2024.

On Monday, October 07, 2024, SA Lieber met with Medina County Court of Common Pleas Judge Joyce Kimbler (Judge Kimbler). Judge Kimbler reviewed the search warrant and search warrant affidavit. On October 7, 2024, at approximately 1100 hours, Judge Kimbler signed / authorized the search warrant.

**Search Warrant Executed**

On Tuesday, October 08, 2024, at approximately 1000 hours, SA Larry Hootman and SA Chad Doran executed / served the aforementioned search warrant by searching the vehicle located at the Montville Police Department, 6665 Wadsworth Road, Medina, OH 44256.

During the search, the following items of potential evidence were seized:

See attached inventory.

An inventory of the items seized was prepared with a copy left inside of the vehicle as well as a copy provided to the Medina County Court of Common Pleas.

**Search Warrant Returned**

On Wednesday, October 09, 2024, SA Lieber met with Magistrate Derek Hale (Magistrate Hale). Magistrate Hale reviewed and signed the search warrant return. On

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October 9, 2024, SA Lieber filed the original search warrant, search warrant affidavit, inventory, and search warrant return with the Medina County Clerk of Courts.

A copy of the search warrant documents and search inventory are attached to this investigative report.

**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

1. 2024-10-07 Search Warrant Ford F-150 signed
2. 2024-10-09 Search Warrant - Clerked Return

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STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF MEDINA

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SEARCH WARRANT

**TO: OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVE YOST, SPECIAL AGENT JON LIEBER, BADGE #50, AND ANY BCI AGENTS, OF THE OHIO BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, AND ANY OFFICERS AS AUTHORIZED.**

**WHEREAS** there has been filed with me an affidavit, a copy of which is attached hereto, designated as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein, wherein the Affiant avers that he has probable cause to believe, and does believe, that evidence of violations of Ohio Revised Code: Felonious assault in violation of ORC 2903.11; will be found within the vehicle located at Montville Police Department, 6665 Wadsworth Road, Medina, OH 44256, Medina County, its curtilage, more particularly described as a 2014 Ford F-150, gray in color, bearing Ohio license plate KHN 9669, registered to David Septer (DOB: 11/07/1979) with damage to the driver side door (photos of the vehicle incorporated in the attached affidavit). There is known to be kept, concealed and possessed the following:

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media, any number(s) allowing access to the above-described cell phone so that it may be searched; all subscriber information; all electronic data tending to establish the identity of the person(s) in control of the cell phone and/or ownership of the cell phones including incoming and outgoing call logs, records and content of text messages sent to and from the device as well as cell phone tower locations of phone calls made to and from the device and/or use of the phone number provided; all electronic data tending to establish the identity of the person(s) in control of the cell phone related to purchase use of the phone; the system passwords; any and all electronic data and/or digital evidence and communications including but not limited to text messages, email messages, instant messages, phone and contact logs, photographs, videos, notes, internet records, voice recordings, short messaging service (SMS), multimedia messaging service (MMS), social media, and any other electronic records, documents, correspondence stored and/or exchanged in electronic form to and from the cell phone including any contact or digital transmissions between this cell phone and others, and/or the physical memory whether volatile or non-volatile. The above based evidence is stored in electronic and machine-readable media which is not readable by this Affiant in its present state. Authorization is requested by searching officers to seize, search, listen to, read, review, copy, operate, and/or maintain the above-described property and to convert it to human-readable form as necessary. Authorization is requested to make human-readable copies or recordings of this data at the search location in order to preserve and protect the information and to thereafter seize, search, read, listen to, copy, and/or maintain the described property.

- Any and all evidence of the offenses of Ohio Revised Code (ORC): Felonious assault in violation of ORC 2903.11.

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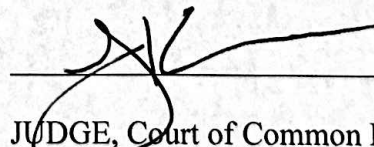
I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that the above described items are within the above-described premises, and that grounds for issuance of this search warrant exist.

THEREFORE: You are hereby commanded in the name of the State of Ohio, with the necessary and proper assistance, to serve this warrant and search the above-described vehicle located at Montville Police Department, 6665 Wadsworth Road, Medina, OH 44256, Medina County, its curtilage, forthwith for the property specified. If the named property or any part thereof be found within this premises, you are commanded to seize

it, leaving a copy of this warrant and a receipt for the property taken, to prepare a written inventory of the property seized, to return this warrant to the undersigned or any Judge of the Medina County Court of Common Pleas, and to bring the property found on such search forthwith before said Judge, or some other judge or magistrate of the county having cognizance thereof.

With regard to electronic evidence you are commanded to make a true and accurate copy that is a representation of the original evidence, also known as a forensic copy, and that once said copy is made, that affiant and/or other investigation officer/agents are authorized to search said forensic copy for the above described information. The Court makes a further order for good cause shown that the three (3) day rule for execution of the said warrant is extended, to allow agents to execute and thoroughly search the seized property. Said extension is based on the logistical and technical difficulties confronting law enforcement. If any of the above-described property or any part thereof be found there, you are commanded to seize it, prepare a written inventory of the property seized, return this warrant to the undersigned or any Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and to bring the property found on such search forthwith before said Judge, or some other judge or magistrate of the county having cognizance thereof.

Given my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock AM.

  
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JUDGE, Court of Common Pleas  
Medina County, Ohio



**EXHIBIT A**

<b>STATE OF OHIO</b>	)	<b>COURT OF COMMON PLEAS</b>
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<b>COUNTY OF MEDINA</b>	)	<b><u>SEARCH WARRANT</u></b>

Before me a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, personally appeared the undersigned, Special Agent Jon Lieber, Badge #50, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a member of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Major Crimes Division, Special Investigations Unit, and that his training and experience include the following: Affiant states that he is a Special Agent in the Major Crimes Division, Special Investigations Unit of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, acting under a request for assistance from the Medina County Sheriff's Office. Affiant has been a law enforcement officer in the State of Ohio since 2002. The Affiant has successfully completed the Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training Academy where an intensive program of training was conducted regarding criminal investigations, interrogation techniques, crime scene investigations, as well as investigations of violations of other criminal laws in the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). Affiant has been trained and certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA). Affiant holds a Bachelor's Degree and Juris Doctor Degree. Affiant is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Ohio. Additionally, affiant has received in excess of 1,000 hours of training composed of topics such as criminal investigations, interviewing and interrogating suspects, instructor development, and general law enforcement operations.



Affiant has also completed advanced training related to officer-involved critical incident investigations.

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The facts upon which affiant bases such beliefs are as follows:

1. On October 5, 2024, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation was requested to investigate an officer-involved shooting that occurred in the 10300 block of Silvercreek Road, Doylestown, OH, Medina County.
2. David Septer (David) has been married to Heather Septer (Heather) since 2005. David has had an alcohol addiction since he was in high school. After serving with the United States Marine Corps, David developed an addiction to drugs, including pain killers, heroin, and cocaine.
3. In recent years, when David would be kicked out of his marital home by Heather for arguments related to his alcohol and drug use, David would make threats related to him committing suicide. When this occurred Heather would tell David to come back home and they would work things out.
4. Recently, Heather decided to separate from David and ultimately served dissolution papers on him on approximately September 26, 2024. Heather told



David that she needed the signed papers back by Friday, October 4, 2024. On approximately Thursday, October 3, 2024, David stated that he would not sign the papers.


5. On October 5, 2024, David and Heather were attending a baseball game being played by their son. At the game they got into an argument over the dissolution. After the baseball game, David, Heather, and their two children were taking pictures for the school homecoming. After pictures and while in the parking lot, David threw the dissolution papers into Heathers vehicle and said that he was not going to give her anything.
6. David and their son then left. The daughter of David and Heather later began to text Heather telling her that David kept calling her and telling her that he loves her and that he wanted her to know that. Heather said that ultimately, her daughter was so upset that she went to pick up her from dinner and take her to the homecoming dance.
7. At approximately 1920 hours, David sent a text message to Heather which according to Heather, alluded to suicide. Heather then informed the law enforcement of the text message. Heather then sent a text message to David telling him that police were on their way to help him. David then called Heather. During this conversation Heather told David that this isn't the way to handle things and that the police were on their way to help him. David responded by saying that he was prepared for them (police). David confirmed that he did have weapons on him. Heather then called the police back and told them that David had weapons on him and that he said that he was prepared for the police.
8. Heather stated that she was later informed by police that they had pinged David's phone near the Wadsworth High School. Heather informed police that her daughter was at the homecoming dance at the high school. The school was then put on lockdown. At some point, law enforcement was informed that if David was confronted by police he may try to commit suicide-by-cop.
9. While law enforcement officers were at the Wadsworth High School, they observed a vehicle matching the description of the vehicle driven by David. Medina County Sheriff's Office deputies and an Ohio State Highway Patrol Sergeant followed the vehicle and attempted to make a traffic stop on the vehicle while on Silvercreek Road.
10. David stopped the vehicle in the 10300 block of Silvercreek Road. David then exited the vehicle while holding a semi-automatic rifle. Verbal commands were given and ultimately, deputies fired several shots striking David. David died as a result of his injuries.
11. BCI Agents recovered a loaded semi-automatic rifle from the area where David was believed to be at the time of the altercation with police.



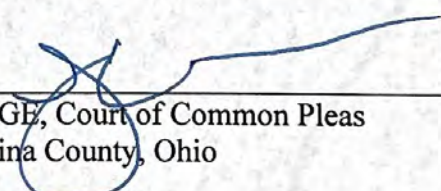
12. David's vehicle was towed from the scene to the Montville Police Department located at 6665 Wadsworth Road, Medina, OH 44256, Medina County and secured.

Based on the information contained in the affidavit, Affiant's training and experience as a law enforcement officer, participation in the investigation relative to this affidavit, conversations with participating law enforcement officers, corroborated facts and information supplied by named sources and any oral testimony incorporated herein, Affiant avers that based on the above, he has probable cause to believe, and does believe that additional evidence of the offenses of Ohio Revised Code: Felonious assault in violation of ORC 2903.11 will be found within the above-described vehicle, and that it is therefore necessary to search the items and recover said evidence.

**FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.**

  
AFFIANT, Special Agent Jon Lieber #50  
Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

  
JUDGE, Court of Common Pleas  
Medina County, Ohio

STATE OF OHIO

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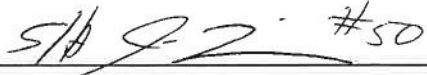
**IN THE MATTER OF SEARCH OF:**

TO: Judge Joyce Kimbler of the Common Pleas Court, Medina County, Ohio.

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On October 7, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber received this warrant and on October 8, 2024, BCI agents served a copy of the warrant and executed the search on the 2014 Ford F-150, gray in color, bearing Ohio license plate KHN 9669, registered to David Septer (DOB: 11/07/1979) with damage to the driver side door, located at Montville Police Department, 6665 Wadsworth Road, Medina, OH 44256, Medina County. As a result of the search, agents did receive the following item of evidence as listed on the attached inventory report.

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Jon Lieber, Special Agent  
Ohio Attorney General's Office  
Bureau of Criminal Investigation

The warrant, affidavit, and inventory was returned to the Court on this 9 day of October, 2024.

  
Judge Joyce Kimbler  
Medina County Court of Common Pleas





Agency:

Prepared By: Special Agent Doran (#177)

Case Date: Oct 6, 2024

Offense(s): Officer Involved Critical Incident

Victim(s):

Witness(es):

Suspect(s):

Scene #: 2

Scene Address: 6665 Wadsworth Road, Montville, OH 44256

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Exhibit #	Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
24	Envelope containing Handwritten Document -- Quantity: 1; Letter to "Heather" found in back seat	Subject vehicle 2014/Ford - F-150/KHN9669 (Rear seat)	Chad Doran	Oct 8, 2024
25	Envelope containing Court Document -- Quantity: 1; Court documents for David Septer	Subject vehicle 2014/Ford - F-150/KHN9669 (Rear seat)	Chad Doran	Oct 8, 2024
26	Paper Bag containing Various Ammunition Related -- Quantity: 1; Cardboard box containing 7 unfired cartridges and 4 projectiles	Subject vehicle 2014/Ford - F-150/KHN9669 (Rear seat)	Chad Doran	Oct 8, 2024
27	Envelope containing Various Ammunition Related - - Quantity: 1; Three unfired rifle cartridges	Subject vehicle 2014/Ford - F-150/KHN9669 (Front cupholder)	Chad Doran	Oct 8, 2024
28	Envelope containing Wallet -- Value in \$: 284; How to Value Money: Total Value; Brown leather Wallet containing David Septer ID, misc. credit and reward cards, \$284 cash	Subject vehicle 2014/Ford - F-150/KHN9669 (Front driver side visor)	Chad Doran	Oct 8, 2024
29	Envelope containing Powder -- Clear baggie containing unknown white powder. Sealed in plastic container inside envelope.	Subject vehicle 2014/Ford - F-150/KHN9669 (Wallet (item 28))	Chad Doran	Oct 8, 2024
30	Envelope containing Court Document -- Quantity: 1; Probation documents for David Septer	Subject vehicle 2014/Ford - F-150/KHN9669 (Center console)	Chad Doran	Oct 8, 2024
31	Envelope containing Fired Projectile -- Quantity: 1; Fired projectile found on rear bench seat	Subject vehicle 2014/Ford - F-150/KHN9669 (Rear seat)	Chad Doran	Oct 8, 2024
32	Envelope containing Cell Phone -- Quantity: 1; Apple; iPhone; Black Apple iPhone in protective case <i>Put in temp</i>	Subject vehicle 2014/Ford - F-150/KHN9669 (Center console)	Chad Doran	Oct 8, 2024
A	Envelope containing Swab of Suspected Blood -- Quantity: 1; Swab of stain A from driver door jamb	Subject vehicle 2014/Ford - F-150/KHN9669 (Driver's door jamb)	Chad Doran	Oct 8, 2024

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Execution of this warrant will be during daytime hours.

The facts upon which affiant bases such beliefs are as follows:

1. On October 5, 2024, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation was requested to investigate an officer-involved shooting that occurred in the 10300 block of Silvercreek Road, Doylestown, OH, Medina County.
2. David Septer (David) has been married to Heather Septer (Heather) since 2005. David has had an alcohol addiction since he was in high school. After serving with the United States Marine Corps, David developed an addiction to drugs, including pain killers, heroin, and cocaine.
3. In recent years, when David would be kicked out of his marital home by Heather for arguments related to his alcohol and drug use, David would make threats related to him committing suicide. When this occurred Heather would tell David to come back home and they would work things out.
4. Recently, Heather decided to separate from David and ultimately served dissolution papers on him on approximately September 26, 2024. Heather told



David that she needed the signed papers back by Friday, October 4, 2024. On approximately Thursday, October 3, 2024, David stated that he would not sign the papers.

5. On October 5, 2024, David and Heather were attending a baseball game being played by their son. At the game they got into an argument over the dissolution. After the baseball game, David, Heather, and their two children were taking pictures for the school homecoming. After pictures and while in the parking lot, David threw the dissolution papers into Heather's vehicle and said that he was not going to give her anything.
6. David and their son then left. The daughter of David and Heather later began to text Heather telling her that David kept calling her and telling her that he loves her and that he wanted her to know that. Heather said that ultimately, her daughter was so upset that she went to pick up her from dinner and take her to the homecoming dance.
7. At approximately 1920 hours, David sent a text message to Heather which according to Heather, alluded to suicide. Heather then informed the law enforcement of the text message. Heather then sent a text message to David telling him that police were on their way to help him. David then called Heather. During this conversation Heather told David that this isn't the way to handle things and that the police were on their way to help him. David responded by saying that he was prepared for them (police). David confirmed that he did have weapons on him. Heather then called the police back and told them that David had weapons on him and that he said that he was prepared for the police.
8. Heather stated that she was later informed by police that they had pinged David's phone near the Wadsworth High School. Heather informed police that her daughter was at the homecoming dance at the high school. The school was then put on lockdown. At some point, law enforcement was informed that if David was confronted by police he may try to commit suicide-by-cop.
9. While law enforcement officers were at the Wadsworth High School, they observed a vehicle matching the description of the vehicle driven by David. Medina County Sheriff's Office deputies and an Ohio State Highway Patrol Sergeant followed the vehicle and attempted to make a traffic stop on the vehicle while on Silvercreek Road.
10. David stopped the vehicle in the 10300 block of Silvercreek Road. David then exited the vehicle while holding a semi-automatic rifle. Verbal commands were given and ultimately, deputies fired several shots striking David. David died as a result of his injuries.
11. BCI Agents recovered a loaded semi-automatic rifle from the area where David was believed to be at the time of the altercation with police.

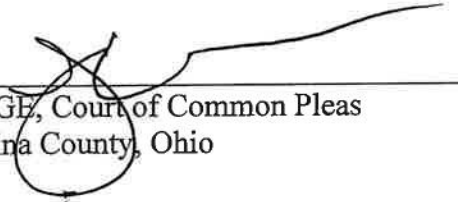
12. David's vehicle was towed from the scene to the Montville Police Department located at 6665 Wadsworth Road, Medina, OH 44256, Medina County and secured.

Based on the information contained in the affidavit, Affiant's training and experience as a law enforcement officer, participation in the investigation relative to this affidavit, conversations with participating law enforcement officers, corroborated facts and information supplied by named sources and any oral testimony incorporated herein, Affiant avers that based on the above, he has probable cause to believe, and does believe that additional evidence of the offenses of Ohio Revised Code: Felonious assault in violation of ORC 2903.11 will be found within the above-described vehicle, and that it is therefore necessary to search the items and recover said evidence.

**FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.**

  
AFFIANT, Special Agent Jon Lieber #50  
Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

  
JUDGE, Court of Common Pleas  
Medina County, Ohio