



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



2025-1783
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 10180 Busenburg Rd.,
Howard, OH 43028, Knox County

Investigative Activity: Prior Law Enforcement Contacts, CCH, and Intel
Information Review

Involves: Stacey Miller (S)

Activity Date: 06/30/2025

Activity Location: BCI Richfield, 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH
44286

Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Lamping #184

Narrative:

On Monday, June 30, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) compiled background information on Lloyd Ray (Ray), a subject involved in the incident on June 5, 2025. The information included researching past police reports involving the subject, searching criminal history records, court records (if applicable), open/closed-source database inquiries, and social media posts. The information gathered was obtained from the BCI Criminal Intelligence Unit and the Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO).

SA Lamping reviewed the information and noted the following:

Prior Police Encounters:

The KCSO provided 27 reports that had to do with Ray, Laretta Beltz (Beltz), and Jerrad Ray (Jerrad). These reports were reviewed, and only reports involving Ray as a suspect, victim, or involved party were documented in the chart below.

Date of Report	Report Number	Offenses	Description of Incident
3/17/2013	KCSO-4-13-000656	Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle	Ray was the complainant in a report regarding the unauthorized use of another party's motor vehicle.
8/23/2015	KCSO-4-15-002308	Disturbance	Ray was involved in an argument at his residence. When deputies arrived, he became aggressive with them resulting in the deputies drawing their tasers and pointing them at Ray. Ray eventually cooperated with the deputies. Deputy Eppich wrote in his narrative that

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			dispatchers had advised him that Ray previously "pulled a gun on law enforcement." The incident was determined to be a verbal argument by the responding deputies; no arrests were made.
12/3/2015	KCSO-4-15-003333	Assault	Ray wished to report that he was the victim of an assault. While reporting the incident, he told the deputy that he is a former felon and had to remember his anger management classes to avoid becoming aggressive during the assault.
1/24/2017	KCSO-4-17-000219	Assault	Ray was present while his son was making an assault report at his residence. When the deputy arrived, Ray became upset with them being at the residence. Deputy Burgess reported that he had to point his taser at Ray, and at one point Ray took off his shirt and yelled for Deputy Burgess to shoot him.
8/3/2019	KCSO-4-19-002357	OVI/possession of marijuana	Ray was arrested for OVI and was cited for possession of marijuana. Deputy Guthrie reported that Ray became aggressive/argumentative during the arrest and processing.
10/28/2019	KCSO-4-19-003278	Domestic Violence	Ray reported that he was the victim of domestic violence when he was assaulted by his son, Jerrad.
6/5/2025	██████████	Domestic Violence	This report was filed regarding the Officer Involved Critical Incident. It was reviewed in a separate report.

Computerized Criminal History (CCH) and/or Court Records:

Various offenses were located on Ray's CCH, and they are documented in the chart below:



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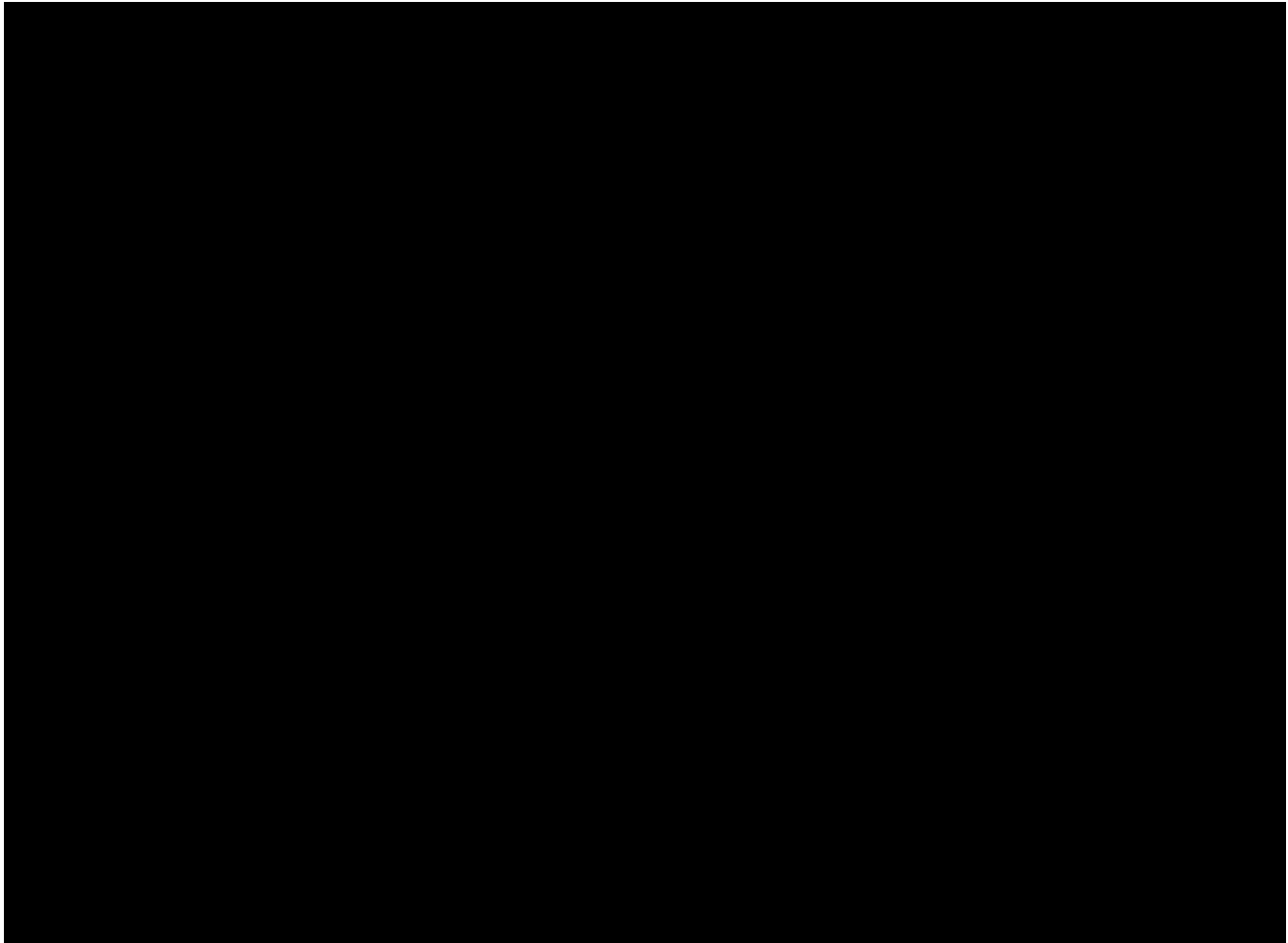


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Database Searches:

The Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) searched various databases for information pertaining to Ray. Information such as past addresses, phone numbers, and owned property were located on the databases. None of the information obtained was immediately relevant to this investigation.

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SA Lamping requested that the Criminal Intelligence Unit search for Ray on social media platforms while completing their workup. No social media accounts were located for Ray.

News Article Review:

Also located in the Criminal Intelligence Unit workup was a collection of news articles. Four news articles were included in the packet, none of which provided any information that was not already known to investigators. SA Lamping looked up the video segments of the news articles that were included in the workup; the segments did not contain any information that differed from the written reports.

The documents received from BCI CIU relative to Ray are attached to this report for further review, except for any prohibited LEADS/CCH reports which were disposed of according to applicable policies and procedures. The documents received from the KCSO are stored in the Axon Justice case file as Reference Item J.

References:

Reference Item J – Police Reports Regarding Involved Subjects – Stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

1. 2025-1783 Subject Workup

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Brenda Robinson

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Lloyd Joseph Ray Obituary

Lloyd Joseph Ray, age 63, of Howard, Ohio, passed away on Thursday, June 5, 2025. He was born on July 20, 1961, in Columbus, Ohio, the son of Victor and Rita (Baltzer) Ray Sr. Lloyd previously worked for TRW in Mount Vernon and was a member of the Bell Church of Christ.

Lloyd enjoyed nature and liked to hunt and fish and was a historian primarily focusing on the "wild west" and Native America history. He was an avid fan of the Cincinnati Bengals and The Ohio State University Buckeyes. Lloyd also liked the solace of working in his flower and vegetable gardens.

He is survived by his sons, Jesse Ray and Jerrad Ray, his grandchildren, Carter Ray, Colson Ray, Cooper Ray, and Olive Marie Ray, two brothers, Victor (Rita) Ray Jr. of Johnstown, and Mark Ray of Mount Vernon, and a sister, Pamela (Robert) Cline of Gambier.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will observe a private service with a burial in Bell Church Cemetery. The Dowds-Snyder Funeral Home is handling services for the Lloyd Joseph Ray family.

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by WSYX Staff

Thu, June 5th 2025 at 4:57 PM

Updated Thu, June 5th 2025 at 4:59 PM



FILE- Lights on a police cruiser. (WSYX)

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The Knox County Sheriff's Office said deputies went to a home in the 11540s of Upper Gilchrist Road in Howard, Ohio, around 1:21 a.m. to investigate an open 911 call for a woman, Laurretta Beltz-Frazee, who said Lloyd J. Ray injured her.

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SHERIFF DANIEL J. WECKESSER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**June 5th, 2025****SWAT Stand-off / Barricaded****Knox County Ohio June 5th, 2025 – At 0121 hours Deputies were called to 10:00 hours on June 5th, 2025 to respond to a call for service regarding a woman who was injured by a man who was barricaded in a home. The situation quickly escalated into gunfire between Ray and a deputy who released an unknown chemical, forcing the deputy to retreat from the scene. At deputies and their cruisers, the sheriff's office said.**

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The situation "quickly escalated" into gunfire between Ray and a deputy who released an unknown chemical, forcing the deputy to retreat from the scene. At deputies and their cruisers, the sheriff's office said.

Tactical units from the Knox County Sheriff's Office and Mount Vernon as well as units from the Fredericktown Police Department, Ohio State Highway Patrol aviation unit.

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The standoff lasted until 5:30 a.m., when law enforcement entered and found Ray dead inside. Two others were safely removed.

"This is an active and ongoing investigation, and there are no further comments at this time," the sheriff wrote. "We commend our Deputies and partner agencies for their professionalism and dedication to protecting the community."

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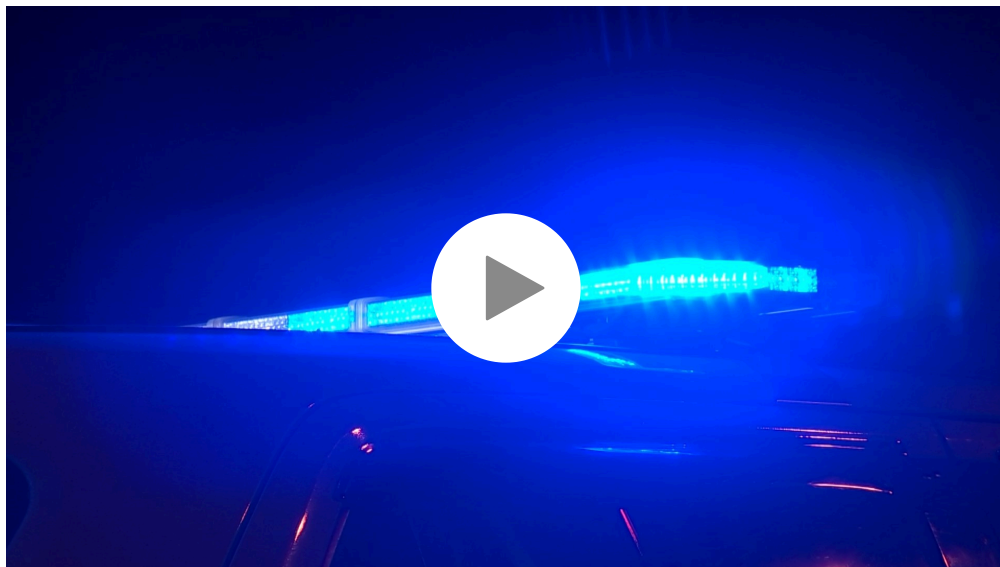


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2 found dead after shootout, standoff with deputies in Knox County

According to the sheriff's office, the situation escalated quickly resulting in the male and a deputy exchanging gunfire.



Author: 10TV Web Staff

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Updated: 5:33 PM EDT June 5, 2025



COLUMBUS, Ohio — Two people were found dead inside a Knox County home after a male subject allegedly exchanged gunfire with deputies, leading to a standoff early Thursday morning.

Deputies with the Knox County Sheriff's Office were called to the home in the 10100 block of [Busenburg Road](#) in Howard around 1:20 a.m. for an "open 911 call," the sheriff's office said.

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Upon arrival, deputies encountered a female, identified as Laretta Beltz-Frazee, who claimed to have been injured by Lloyd Ray.

According to the sheriff's office, the situation escalated quickly resulting in Ray and a deputy exchanging gunfire. Ray then reportedly released an unknown type of chemical which caused deputies to evacuate the area.

As the deputies were leaving, Ray fired at them and their patrol vehicles, resulting in a standoff, the sheriff's office said.

Tactical units from the Knox County Sheriff's Office and Mount Vernon Police Department were activated as well as assistance from the Fredericktown Police Department, Ohio State Highway Patrol and the OSHP aviation unit.

Authorities said the standoff continued until around 5:30 a.m. when both Ray and Beltz-Frazee were found dead inside the home.

Two additional people were safely removed from the house during the incident, according to the sheriff's office.

The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation was called and the incident remains under investigation.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUES INTO SHOOTING IN HOWARD THURSDAY INVOLVING POLICE

Knox County Ohio June 5th, 2025 – At 0121 hours Deputies were called to 10180 Busenburg Rd. Howard, Ohio in reference to an “open 911 call”. During the investigation, Deputies encountered a female; Laretta Beltz-Fraze, claiming to have been injured by the male subject; Lloyd J Ray. The situation escalated quickly resulting in an exchange of gunfire between the male subject and a Deputy. The subject then released an unknown type of chemical causing the Deputies to evacuate the premises. Upon leaving the residence, the subject fired at Deputies and their patrol vehicles, resulting in a stand- off. Tactical units from the Knox County Sheriff’s Office and Mount Vernon City Police were activated as well as assistance from the Fredericktown Police Department, Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Ohio State Highway Patrol aviation unit. The stand-off continued until approximately 0530 hours at which time both the male and female subjects were discovered deceased inside the residence.

Two additional occupants were safely removed from the residence during the incident.

The Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was called to process and investigate the scene. This is an active and ongoing investigation and there are no further details available at this time.

We commend our Deputies and partner agencies for their professionalism and dedication to protecting the community.

NEWS

Two found dead after four-hour standoff with Knox County Sheriff's Office



by Grant Ritchey
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BUTLER TOWNSHIP — Two people are dead after a four-hour standoff with county law enforcement Thursday morning.

A Knox County Sheriff's news release states that deputies from the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded to an "open 911 call" at 10180 Busenburg Road in Howard at 1:21 a.m.

Upon arriving at the residence, deputies spoke with Laretta Beltz-Frazee, who claimed that Lloyd J. Ray had injured her.

According to the release, the situation escalated quickly, and Ray and an unnamed sheriff's deputy exchanged gunfire.

Ray then released an unknown chemical, causing the deputies to evacuate the premises.

The release states that after leaving the residence, Ray fired at deputies and their patrol vehicles, which led to a four-hour standoff that lasted until 5:30 a.m., when deputies found Ray and Beltz-Frazee deceased inside the residence.

The release states that deputies safely removed two additional occupants from the residence.

The Knox County Sheriff's Office and Mount Vernon Police Department deployed tactical units, with additional support from the Fredericktown Police Department, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and the OSHP aviation unit.

The Bureau of Criminal Investigation began processing and investigating the scene, according to the release. The investigation is ongoing, and no further details are available at this time.