



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



2024-3862

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 234 Mansfield Avenue,  
Shelby, Ohio 44875, Richland County

**Investigative Activity:** Case Closing  
**Involves:** Shelby Police Department (O), Sergeant Noah Kocher (S),  
Tyler Jacobs (S)  
**Activity Date:** 04/22/2025  
**Activity Location:** 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, Summit County,  
Ohio, 44286  
**Authoring Agent:** SA John P. Tingley #154

**Narrative:**

On April 21, 2025, Richland County Prosecutor Jodie Schumacher (Schumacher) completed her review of the Officer Involved Critical Incident (shooting) which occurred in Shelby, Ohio on December 7, 2024, and involved Shelby Police Department (SPD) Sergeant Noah Kocher (Kocher) and Tyler Jacobs (Jacobs) and resulted in the death of Jacobs.

Prosecutor Schumacher determined that Sergeant Kocher's actions in the officer involved critical incident were justified and the Richland County Prosecutor's Office was closing the investigation.

On April 22, 2025, at approximately 1200 hours, all evidence in this case was returned to the SPD and was signed for and received by SPD Officer Cody Baker. SA Tingley also provided a USB drive to SPD Chief Lance Combs which contained the BCI case file for the investigation with Chief Combs signing a receipt acknowledging receipt of the drive.

Special Agent John Tingley and Special Agent Supervisor Charles Moran reviewed this investigation and discussed the documentation. During this discussion, it was determined that the investigation was sufficiently pursued, and all investigative efforts and aspects of this case have been completed. Special agent assistance is no longer required by the requesting agency.

The documents received from the Richland County Prosecutor's Office, the EPD Return of Evidence Receipt and the EPD Case File Receipt are attached to this report. Please refer to those documents for further information.

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This case is closed.

**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

1. 2025-04-22 Richland County Prosecutor's Declination Letter
2. 2025-04-22 SPD Return of Evidence Receipt
3. 2025-04-22 SPD Case File Receipt

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April 21, 2025

Mr. Robert W. Sauter  
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225 East Broad Street  
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RE: Representation of Sgt. Kocher; BCI 2024-3862

Dear Attorney Sauter,

The Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) completed their investigation of the Critical Incident that occurred on December 7, 2024 at 234 Mansfield Avenue, Shelby, Ohio. Having completed their investigation and report Special Agents of BCI provided myself with a complete copy of the same. I have reviewed the entirety of the report and investigation, as well as the relevant case law applicable to these matters. Based on all of the above, I find that Sgt. Kocher's actions were justified. For this reason, I am closing the investigation into this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or any other concerns, please contact me at 419-774-5676.

Sincerely,

Jodie M. Schumacher  
Richland County Prosecutor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jodie Schumacher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CC: SA Tingley  
SPD Chief Combs